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Commissioner's Message

Dear Association Members

It has been an exciting time for our Clan since our last Newsletter, but I'm sorry to say finishing on a sad note right at the end.

The good news first, was our High Commissioner Bruce Finlay, Chieftain of the Day at Bundanoon. We were really proud of the good turn-out of members, some coming from a long way away. A full report is "A Look from the Inside" by Bruce himself in the Newsletter.

I am delighted to announce that we now have members in every State and Territory of Australia. From the inception of the first Association in Victoria in 1996, the aim was for Australia-wide coverage. The Victorian Branch closed in 2004, so the present NSW Branch took over. We are now looking to make necessary changes so that it will become the Australia-wide Association.

In the meantime, we hope you will see it that way, and our Editor will be pleased to receive articles from our distant members reporting their local events. Help is needed from people on the ground to achieve this.

The sad news we have to report is the passing away of foundation and Committee member Margaret Rowan, and right at the end of June, the loss of Gwenda Blanche, wife of long-standing member Paul. They will be sadly missed.

Until next time hope to see you somewhere proudly wearing the mighty Farquharson Tartan!

Syd Finlay

Commissioner for NSW & ACT

PS: *Enclosed are renewal forms for Members whose memberships have recently expired or will expire in the next couple of months. Please use the form, as this will avoid unnecessary expense and follow-up by the Secretary-Treasurer.*

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to new members of the Association:

Julie DOPSON of RENMARK SA;
Susan FINLAY of EPPING NSW;
Tricia FINLAY of YASS NSW;
George & Suzanne LYON of NOWENDOC NSW;
and Leonie LYON of LAKE CATHIE NSW, (who has rejoined after a break).

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VALE MARGARET ROWAN – FOUNDATION MEMBER and COMMITTEE MEMBER

It is with great sadness we record the passing away in June of our Committee Member, Margaret Rowan, a dear friend and universally liked original member. Margaret was always there for us and all our members at Gatherings we attended, and elsewhere. Younger sister of member Elizabeth Forsyth, Margaret was also a highly respected member of local Rotary and former member at a senior level of the nursing profession. We will miss you Margaret. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Margaret's son Paul and Family and especially our member Elizabeth, her "big sister".

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VALE GWEN BLANCHE

We record the sad loss, also late in June, of Gwenda Blanche, dear wife of member Paul Blanche. Gwenda, or "Gwen" as we knew her, and Paul have been long-standing members and staunch supporters of the NSW Branch of the Association, and over many years made sure they made it to as many of our events as were within reach. Our sincere sympathies are extended to Paul and to Gwen and Paul's Family.

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NEWS FROM SCOTLAND and ENGLAND

From the Winter/Spring 2012 Edition of the "Lion's Face" the Newsletter of the Clan Farquharson UK:

Petition to repeal the effects of 17th and 18th Century Acts of Attainder The Chief has written an article on the efforts of the Council of Clan Chiefs to seek Her Majesty's clemency in reversing what amounts to a historical stain and continuing stigma cast upon the present day descendants of a number of Scottish families 'attainted' following the Jacobite Rebellions of 1689, 1715 and 1745.

Some, by individual petition to the Crown, having the personal means to do so, were able to overturn the 'attaint', receiving a Royal pardon and having their titles restored. Others, many of them 'commoners', did not have the personal means of achieving this,

and the 'attaint' remains to this day, an outcome that is manifestly inequitable and unjust.

The Clan Chiefs have prepared a Petition to Her Majesty "...to pardon and repeal the effects of the judgements of the courts, the said Acts of Attainder and any decret of the forfeiture of the pre-Union Scottish Parliament to relieve those families still disadvantaged by the said decret of forfeiture and attainders". It is hoped to do this by 2015, the 300th anniversary of the majority of the extant 'attaints'.

Grant to assist in Restoration Work at Braemar 'Historic Scotland' has made a grant of £144,000 to assist with repair and restoration work on the Castle...but only on condition it is matched by the Community Association which operates the Castle as a tourist attraction. It is proposed to seek help from the Clan Associations world-wide.

Restored Marital Banner presented for display at Braemar Castle (See article in "Càrn-na-cuimhne" Vol. 11, No. 3, March 2011). In 2010 what appeared a fortuitous purchase was made at auction of a historic Piper's Banner in Edinburgh. It turned out to be a "Marital Banner" worn by the personal piper to James Farquharson, 12th Laird of Invercauld. It was in poor condition and almost £2,500 was spent to achieve its painstaking restoration.

In August 2011, at Braemar Castle the Chief presented the restored Banner to Simon Blackett, factor of the Invercauld Estate, for safe-keeping and permanent display in the Farquharson Room of the Castle.

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ASSOCIATION NOTICES

THE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Clan Farquharson Association Australia (NSW Branch) expects to hold its 2012 AGM at a time and place to be advised. We expect this will happen in October or November at a place and time to be announced where members are likely to be going.

All the elected officers and Committee members will stand down at this meeting. Members wishing to stand for election or to raise items of business should notify the Secretary/Treasurer at P O Box 414, BUNDANOON NSW 2578.

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HONORARY CHAPLAIN for ASSOCIATION

Our WA member Rev Wes Hartley has very kindly offered to serve as Honorary Chaplain for the Association. The Association's Committee is most grateful for this offer. Wes Hartley who is now retired, served for many years as Minister of the Uniting Church of Australia, and up until his retirement was Minister at Busselton WA. He still serves as a locum, travelling to distant places in WA, and when he was in Scotland last year, he served at Aberdeen.

Chaplaincy provides counsel and guidance for members who may have the need, particularly at times of personal and family stress such as bereavement.

Rev Wes has told us he will make himself available for contact by phone at 08 9752 3040, or 0412 425 058, Email: whh@westnet.com.au, or Snailmail P O Box 1304, BUSSELTON WA 6280. We believe that members will benefit from knowing there is a helping hand there in a time of need.

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THE LOUISE BROWN MEMORIAL AWARD

Louise Odette Brown, the niece of members Jeff and Helen Robinson, was an academically gifted young woman studying Law/International Studies at UNSW. Having excelled in her first three years of study at UNSW, she was on exchange at the selective Po Sciences University in Paris, when, tragically, she died in an apartment fire in Paris in 2011.

To remember Louise her family have set up through the UNSW a Scholarship Award scheme to support one UNSW law student each year in undertaking an internship outside Australia with an organisation actively supporting human rights. The family seeks donations to establish the Award.

Members interested in making a donation may do so online at www.law.unsw.edu.au/louisebrown, or by contacting Hilary Blackman at 02 9385 1538 or by Email : hilary.blackman@unsw.edu.au. Donations are tax deductible.

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YOUNG MAN LOOKING TO BUY A KILT

The Editor has been approached by the mother of a young member of the NZ Manawatu Pipe Band who is keen to buy a Farquharson kilt second hand. He's a Farquharson, of course, but at 16 still on the grow, so they prefer to get something pre-loved. Ancient Tartan is preferred, but Modern or Weathered would be considered. Measurement details are: waist 30in (76cm); hip to knee 23in (59cm).

So, if any member has a kilt meeting the spec. or knows of someone who has one, and wishing to sell, please let us know or contact direct Debbie Benton, mother of Finlay Benton, at: deb.durry@xtra.co.nz.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – WHERE WE'VE BEEN

BUNDANOON – Saturday 21st April A very proud day for our Clan, with High Commissioner Bruce Finlay as the Chieftain of the Day! On the day, no rain fell. And the crowds came in their thousands especially after lunch when the sun came out.

Our people did us proud – 18 members and family were led in the parade by John Dillon serving as banner-bearer, immediately following the Chieftain's

Vintage car. It was busy in the Clan tent, but we were helped out by members John, Rev Wes Hartley, and Margaret Rowan who came along with her family.

Of our visitors three are now new members, one all the way from SA! Welcome to the fold. I missed the Chieftain's visit, but I gather he gave the award for best turned-out Clan to another Clan!! Best to keep the peace! Good to meet up again with interstate Clan reps Norman McDonald, Clan Donald and Ron Marshall, Clan Keith both from Vic.

The Commercial Stalls and Clan Tents reported a fair to good day despite the weather. The day came to a climax in bright afternoon sunshine with the heavy events. Then it was the Massed Bands and, all too soon, it was all over for another year.

In the evening family and members attended the Ceilidh where the Chieftain was guest of honour. It was a lively night with band-leader Greg Newton very skilled in getting people up and dancing. From personal experience, I can say you needed a good level of fitness to stay the distance!

On Sunday Clan members attended the Kirkin' at the local Anglican Church. I am grateful to our member Rev Wes Hartley for his help getting a piper. We were especially pleased he and wife Beverley were able to join us for lunch with the family. They planned to see some of the highlands and south coast before flying back to WA.

GLEN INNES – Friday 5th May to Sunday 7th May

We had decided to make this a relaxing weekend and left the Clan tent behind. Bruce and Pauline were away in Germany, so Brenda's friend Lyn came along. Glen Innes is a Celtic Festival - 2012 was the year of Galicia and Brittany. 2013 is the year of the Scots – please note your calendars.

Nearly all the members who joined us in the Street were Armidaliens, Elizabeth, and sister Margaret, Nanette Jemmeson and Jenny Johnson. Up at the Standing Stones the main programme was devoted to traditional music and dance of Galicia, and Brittany.

In the evening, we attended the Heritage Council Dinner which honoured three appointments to be publicly recognised on the Sunday, Wally Kerr D Ua, appointed as High Commissioner for Australia, Bill Kerr Commissioner NSW, and Andrew Kerr Commissioner Queensland. After the Sunday Kirkin' of the Celtic Nations, which took place in the Standing Stones, the Clans paraded to Tynwald Hill for the Ceremonies of Recognition. The Tynwald Hill ceremonies were marred by a disruption, which we hope will not recur at future Festivals.

BONNIE WINGHAM SCOTTISH FESTIVAL – Saturday 2nd June

Friday evening, with High Commissioner Bruce, his wife Pauline and Committee member Dawn Watson, we attended the Mayoral Reception in the Town Library, meeting the Mayor and Chieftain of the Day, Andrew Fraser MP.

Luckily, the rain held off for most of the Saturday. The Parade down Isabella Street was led by mounted troopers in the uniform of the famous Australian Light Horse. We welcomed back Leonie Lyon as a member, and new members George and Suzanne Lyon of Nowendoc. A highlight of field events was the dance display by local primary school children in full highland dress, the result of an intensive teaching effort by Elma Cee from Newcastle. She also trained schoolchildren for a similar display at the Aberdeen Gathering.

The Bonnie Wingham Ball was held that night in the Services Club with music by "Company B". This was an opportunity to relax and enjoy ourselves with a full programme of dance and entertainment.

ABERDEEN HIGHLAND GATHERING, Saturday 7th July We've been every year since this Gathering kicked-off in the year 2000. It gets bigger and better every year.

The Saturday was a perfect sunny day. Special guest was Her Excellency the Governor of NSW, Prof Marie Bashir. 18 bands participated in the Massed Bands Parade. The ADF Federation Guard gave an excellent display of precision marching and rifle drill.

Members Nanette Jemmeson and Jenny Johnson down from Armidale, and Max Johnson from Ashtonfield with his youngest brother Howard, visited our Clan tent. We also met George Finlay (no, not a relative this time) and his father Donald who I'd met many years before.

The afternoon's Heavy Events produced a couple of dramatic climaxes - the Hay Toss reached the previous record of 29 ft, but no-one could go 1 inch more. The Caber Toss produced one near perfect toss of 12.01. Then the caber spectacularly snapped in half – end of contest!! A great ending to a good day out, and the last of our Autumn/Winter Gatherings.

Syd Finlay
Commissioner NSW & ACT

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High Commissioner's Diary
A SPECIAL FUTURE EVENT – OCTOBER 6th 2012
PUBLIC RECOGNITION of SYD FINLAY CLAN
COMMISSIONER for NSW & ACT

Foundation President and Committeeman, Syd Finlay will be publicly recognised by the Scottish Community at a ceremony conducted by the Scottish Australian Heritage Council at the Canberra Gathering on Saturday 6th October 2012. The ceremony recognises Syd's appointment as Commissioner by our Chief Captain Alwyne Compton Farquharson MC, of Invercauld.

We'd love to see as many members as possible present on the day wearing their Clan Tartan, to support Syd and witness this important event in our Calendar.

April - CHIEFTAIN FOR A DAY at BUNDANOON – A LOOK FROM THE INSIDE, Saturday 21st It was a great honour accorded our Clan and me personally to have been invited to be Chieftain at "Bundanoon is Brigadoon". Largest of Australia's Scottish Gatherings it is also our Clan Association's "home" Gathering.

I have nothing but admiration for the people running the event. There are a million things going on at once, a big programme and a tight timetable. A lot of planning goes into "Brigadoon"!

The Gathering In the mist on Saturday morning my wife, Pauline, and I were driven in a Vintage 1926 Dodge Tourer to Bundanoon to head the Street Parade. Many of our members and family were there to greet us. I thank all for their efforts to support the Clan and me - some travelled from as far away as WA and Queensland to be there.

It was a great parade. Local primary schoolchildren who had built their own "train" were deserved winners of the Best Float award. There were lots of smiles on faces in the crowd, and the weather held off all morning until lunch-time when the sun came out.

Main events of the morning were the Review of the Massed Bands, and the Opening Ceremony. Following the Anthems and the speeches of Mayor Ken Halstead and President Warren Glase, I spoke about the theme of the day: **Bundanoon is one of the great community events in Australia, not just a Scottish event.** This was a message I repeated in later press interviews for News and Television.

Pauline judged the Bonnie Bairns, and the Kilted Dash and presented awards. With my personal armed escort from the 92nd Regiment of Foot, and President Warren Glase, I visited the Clans and presented the award for Best Clan to Clan Gordon. Pauline ably deputized for me in presenting the award for Best Commercial Stall to Highland Woodcrafts.

In afternoon sunshine the Heavy Events reached a crescendo. Watching things happening from up-close was special - an uninterrupted view of the unfolding drama of the Big Caber, the Tossing of the Heavy Weights, massive men lifting the Stones, and the grandeur of the Massed Bands. It was my happy duty to present Medallions to event winners, and Grand Champion Shields. Following the Lone Piper playing the Lament, it was my duty, with a tinge of sadness, to declare the 2012 "Bundanoon is Brigadoon" closed at 4.30 pm.

The Ceilidh In the evening Pauline and I were piped into the Memorial Hall for a night of song and dance, hosted by Helene Jessep. What a night! Bandleader Greg Newton kept the dancers going at a thundering rate most of the night. Gary Barnsley and helpers did the job on an appealing Haggis, and the Junior Dance squad displayed rare talent.

The Kirkin' – Sunday 22nd At 9.30am Pauline and I were piped into Holy Trinity Anglican Church Bundanoon. The Service was conducted by Rev Jeremy Tonks. Our member Rev Wes Hartley gave the Old Testament Reading from Jeremiah 20:7-13.

Sunday Luncheon Over a very pleasant family lunch at brother Syd's place, where we were joined by Rev Wes and Beverley Hartley, we learned that almost 12,000 people attended the Gathering. An excellent outcome for an event so threatened by weather.

May - WARRINGAH TARTAN NIGHT, Saturday 5th
A somewhat subdued Tartan Night at Warringah as we had to leave early to fly out next day to Europe. The Manly Warringah Pipe Band performed well, in advance of their journey later this year to perform by invitation at the Edinburgh Tattoo.

June - BONNIE WINGHAM SCOTTISH FESTIVAL, Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd A Gathering we really enjoy. As members will see from the report of Commissioner Syd Finlay it was a very pleasant weekend. In addition to Saturday's events, Pauline and I attended the Thanksgiving Service and Breakfast at Wingham Brush by the river. We also attended the Colloquium chaired by Colonel (Retd.) Eric Richardson OAM.

I have been greatly honoured by the invitation of the Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival Organising Committee to serve as the Festival Chieftain of the Day in 2013, which I have gratefully accepted.

SCOTTISH WEEK IN SYDNEY June 23rd to 1st July Saturday 23rd – at Scots Kirk

Lecture by Dr David Caldwell – "The Lost Kingdom of the Isles" Finlaggan on Islay came closest to what might have been a united Kingdom, but in the view of the speaker it was a failed state by 1240, permanently ended by the Battle of Largs and subsequent Treaty of Perth in 1266.

Tuesday 26th – at History House

Lecture by Dr David Caldwell – "The Lewis Chessmen" Found at Uig on the Isle of Lewis in 1831, the 93 ivory pieces each 75-100mm tall, carved from walrus tusk, are an archeological enigma. Dr Caldwell's research suggests the pieces were of Scandinavian origin thought to be "diplomatic gifts" to persons of power in the Kingdom of the Isles.

Wednesday 27th - Cairn Inspection Rawson Park Mosman

The Scottish-Australian Cairn, Bi-Centennial Gift from the children of Scotland is annually inspected for report back to the Scottish Parliament. The 2012 inspection was carried out by the Rt Hon the Earl of Dunmore, Malcolm Murray. Dr David Caldwell will report on his return to Scotland.

July - ABERDEEN HIGHLAND GATHERING, Saturday 7th

Aberdeen is also a Gathering we greatly enjoy attending, a community event where all the local people join the celebration of their heritage. Chieftain of the Day was Torquil Donald Macleod of Lewes, Chief of Clan Macleod of Lewes, who we had the pleasure of meeting with his wife Heather. Good to see the Armidale crew too. The Caber Toss and its spectacular ending provided a dramatic climax to the day's events.

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A Wee Bit of Clan History

THE FARQUHARSONS

Member John Farquharson suggested it was time to write an article about our Clan Chief and the Clan Estates. With many recent new members this is timely. We have drawn on Geoffrey Farquharson's "Clan Farquharson A History"; and the Journal of the Clan Chattan Association, of which our Chief is a Vice President, for this article and also for the following series of articles about "Famous Farquharsons", which we first published in 2009.

Editor.

OUR CHIEF – ALWYNE ARTHUR COMPTON FARQUHARSON (Born 1919)

Captain Alwyne Arthur Compton Farquharson MC, of Invercauld, has been our Clan Chief for a period (seventy years) that exceeds many of our lifetimes, and this longevity of tenure has given all of us a great sense of security and comfort in our Clan relationships. There has always been a steady guiding hand with good and friendly advice. Even after such a long time our Chief remains deeply interested and involved in Clan matters – he makes a big effort to be there for his people, and welcomes visitors from down under when he is free from official duties. Yes, official duties still press well beyond ordinary retirement age for a Clan Chief!

Alwyne Arthur Compton (the Farquharson came later) was born 1st May 1919, the first son of Major Edward Compton of Ripon, Yorkshire and Torloisk, Isle of Mull, and Sylvia (nee Farquharson), younger daughter of Colonel Alexander Haldane Farquharson of Invercauld. He had a twin sister Mary, and his younger brother, Robert, was born in 1922. Alwyne was educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford. Following the outbreak of the Second World War Alwyne joined the Royal Scots Greys in 1940, serving in the Middle East, Africa, Italy and France, attaining the rank of Captain before he was severely wounded in France in 1944. He was awarded the Military Cross for "gallant and distinguished service in action" in France.

16th Laird of Invercauld In 1941 Myrtle Farquharson of Invercauld, who was Sylvia's older sister and then Chief of Clan Farquharson, was killed in an air raid on London. The Invercauld Estate passed via her sister Sylvia, to her nephew Alwyne Compton who adopted the name of Farquharson and in 1949 was confirmed by warrant of the Lord Lyon King of Arms for Scotland as 16th Laird of Invercauld and Chief of the name and Clan of Farquharson.

After convalescence from war wounds, in 1949 the Chief married, and entered into Clan and civilian life with enthusiasm and a strong sense of duty. His new wife, Frances, was born in 1903 in Seattle USA, descended on her mother's side from an old-established Boston family. She was an energetic and vibrant woman who had successfully

carved out her own career as a journalist and Fashion editor for *Vogue UK*, and later for *Harper's Bazaar UK*.

Together Alwyne and Frances worked hard on Clan matters, which included a project to promote the arts in upper Deeside, especially Scottish music, dance and art, converting the Auld Kirk in Braemar into a centre for the arts and a theatre. The community interest generated by the Chief and his wife led to the establishment of a Scottish Festival in Braemar in 1953. Frances Farquharson also established a Gallery selling handicrafts from all over Scotland, and at one stage ran two shops in Braemar selling men's and women's fashion. Over the period of years she and Alwyne were in residence at Invercauld, they cemented a place in the hearts of the Community and Clan, and the many people they met. It was a blow to all when Frances passed away on the Isle of Mull in 1991.

In 1993 Alwyne married again, to Patricia de Winton, daughter of Henry Simms-Adams of Brancaster, Norfolk. A charming, warm and friendly person Patricia is part French on her mother's side, hence is bi-lingual. She can also speak German and Portuguese. A capable businesswoman, for some years Patricia ran her own business in interior decorating.

Alwyne and Patricia are mainly resident on a small farm in Norfolk on the Brancaster Estate. Duty calls them to Invercauld over the August/September period when the Clan has its Gathering, and the Ballater and Royal Braemar Games are held. The General Meeting of the Clan Chattan Association and the Moy (Clan Chattan) Field Sports Fair are also held in August. Our Chief has been the Vice Patron of the Braemar Royal Highland Society, Chieftain of the Ballater Games, and Vice President of the Clan Chattan Association since 1948. Following the Braemar Games, he and Patricia often spend some weeks in France, usually visiting family. Christmas and other holiday periods are very busy with a large extended family of nephews and nieces, stepchildren and grandchildren. Alwyne and Patricia also spend time with family in Wales and at Torloisk on the Isle of Mull. Alwyne's younger nephew, Richard Compton MacLean, the second son of his brother Robert, is the Laird of Torloisk.

Apart from his Clan and Royal duties, Captain Alwyne Farquharson, over the lengthy span of his life, devoted himself to public service. He was a County Councillor for Aberdeenshire, and a District Councillor for Kincardine and Deeside for over 25 years. He served on many Community and Public Committees, often as Chairperson, and was a Justice of the Peace for Scotland for almost 50 years from 1951. At the same time, for most of this period, he was responsible for managing a quite large farming and hunting estate, probably one of the largest estates in Scotland.

Somewhere between all of these activities, Alwyne Farquharson found time to oversee a Clan structure

that extends across the world with Clan Associations in USA, Canada, Australia and Argentina. Even to the present day he maintains a busy correspondence with individuals across the world. Before moving from Invercauld to Brancaster, he was closely engaged, with the approval of the National Register of Archives of Scotland, in the rearrangement of the substantial family archives then held at Invercauld.

The Invercauld Estate Invercauld stretches almost 125,000 acres (in metric terms 50,000 hectares or 500 square kms) Deeside and into the Cairngorms. The Finzean Farquharsons, a major Clan Branch, also hold lands Deeside of almost 8,000 acres.

The Estate is largely given over to grouse shooting, deer stalking and salmon fishing. But there is also, some farming by tenants, and forestry. As many as 30 staff are permanently employed – this increases in the summer when many come to the area for tourism, and hunting season is in full swing. Invercauld rises in altitude to almost 4,000ft (1,200m), so not surprisingly, there are two ski fields on the estate, at Glenshee, fairly active in the last 3 years, and at Lecht. The estate is environmentally important and various programs have been implemented especially to protect the red deer and Scottish wild cat, native to the area, as well as site specific forest and flora species.

In the 1990's a major review of the Estate and its potential was undertaken. This resulted in the creation of a trust, and the division of the land into separately managed, and leased parcels. There are two castles on the Estate, Braemar and Invercauld, the baronial residence. Braemar is leased by the Braemar community and open to the public. Much of the original furnishings are maintained in situ, and there is a gradual restoration program. Invercauld is separately leased privately.

Historically, the remarkable thing about this vast estate is that it came into being by the astute management of the Invercauld Lairds and has been preserved in Farquharson hands virtually intact to the present, again, by astute, careful management. There are today in Scotland few other Chiefly estates still in the hands of the original families.

Succession Captain Alwyne Compton Farquharson has no children of his own. In order to secure the future of the Clan and the Estates, family trusts were set up to benefit those in direct line of inheritance, Alwyne's two nephews, sons of his brother Robert. Heir to the Invercauld Estate is James the older son of Robert.

Late in July 2008, the Chief gave us the most welcome news of the confirmation and recognition by the Lord Lyon of the Chief's nephew Dr James Alwyne Compton Farquharson of Invercauld, Younger, as his Tanister and Heir. Dr James Alwyne Compton Farquharson will be the next Chief of Clan Farquharson, a most important development for the Clan's future, and accordingly well received by all loyal Clansmen and Clanswomen.

CLAN FARQUHARSON'S HEROES – TWO OTHER GREAT FARQUHARSON CHIEFS

FINLAY MOR FARQUHARSON (c1480-1547)

Finlay Mor occupies a special place in the psyche of the Farquharsons being recognised as the first Chief of the Farquharson Clan, called Clann Fhionnlaidh in Gaelic. Descended from John Shaw of Rothiemurchus (Sgorfhiacloth), he was the second son of Donald Farquharson and grandson of Farquhar Shaw. Born around 1480, Finlay Mor was a man of great size, strength and bravery, hence the honorific *Mor*. Having nine sons and twenty-nine grandsons the family of Finlay Mor aggressively pursued the establishment of a 'dynasty' through the acquisition and cultivation of land in the area of the Deeside and the Braes of Mar.

In the late 1400's the Deeside lands of the Earldom of Mar were held by the Crown. Finlay Mor was appointed Baillie to the Earl of Huntly who served as Crown administrator of these lands at the time, and by 1539 had become joint or sole tenant of large areas of land including occupancy of its substantial and fortified residence at Invercauld. This part of Scotland at the time was substantially lawless. It took a strong man inured to wielding authority and prepared to carry out summary justice to succeed.

Apart from defending the lands against the raids of other Clans and 'caterans' (cattle thieves), Finlay Mor had to contend with unruly and lawless neighbours known as the 'bonnet lairds'. The Earl of Mar, granted him the lands of Aberarder in recognition of his services in pacifying the area.

King James V appointed Finlay Mor Royal Standard Bearer for Scotland. In this capacity Finlay Mor accompanied the Earl of Huntly on an expedition to repel the English led by Lord Protector Somerset in 1547. On 10th September 1547, acting in defence of the Royal Standard at the battle of Pinkie near Musselburgh, he was killed by fire from an English ship in the Firth of Forth. He was buried in the churchyard at Inveresk, the spot now lost, long known as 'The Lang Highlandman's Grave'.

Finlay Mor's great contribution to the Clan, apart from being its first Chief, was that he put his large family and all the other people associated with the family on a sound footing as a landed and powerful family group. As Baillie on behalf of the Earl of Huntly and tenant of the Earl of Mar, his superior, Finlay Mor established himself as a strong land manager. He enforced the peace and at the same time managed the land and made it productive.

JOHN FARQUHARSON of INVERCAULD (1673-1750)

It was the fate of John Farquharson to lead the Clan during a period when it was faced with difficult property and succession issues and the turbulent era of the Jacobite uprisings. John's father Alexander, the Laird of Invercauld, died in 1681, leaving 4 children under age – the eldest,

William, who eventually became Laird, died unmarried in 1694. John, succeeded him as Laird.

As the new Laird, John successfully fought in Court irregularities in the trusteeship governing the estates during his and his siblings' minorities, and in the administration of the family estate of his first wife, Isabella (nee Burnett).

John Farquharson earned a reputation as a skilled manager and negotiator in estate matters in the absence of his superior the Earl of Mar who was seldom in Scotland. As protection against spurious adverse claims by powerful neighbours, he surveyed and mapped the whole of the estates, undertaking years of litigation and legal wrangling.

Following the unsuccessful 1689 rebellion, John did not support any new military adventure. However, there was still a widespread loyalty for the house of Stuart in the Highlands. The Earl of Mar, John Erskine, from whom Farquharson held in charter most of the Earl's lands in Aberdeenshire, was a fervent Jacobite. John Farquharson was thus placed in a very difficult position – fight for the Jacobites or forfeit all his landed rights.

On the accession of King George I, the Earl of Mar left London secretly, planning rebellion, and returned Deeside to call out the Clans. John Farquharson removed all the arms from Invercauld and secreted the "Charter Chest" in a remote cleft overlooking Invercauld on the face of Creag Clunie. The calling out of the Jacobites on 26th August 1715 was done under the guise of one of the great annual hunts in the Forest of Mar. On 6th September the banner of insurrection was raised on the site of the present-day Invercauld Arms Hotel at Braemar. John Farquharson was ordered to help recruit an army. By October the Jacobite army in Perth was 12,000 strong and John Farquharson was Lt Colonel of the Mackintosh Regiment.

Led by John Farquharson the Regiment took part in a number of early skirmishes into Fife and Argyll and in a daring raid on Edinburgh. John Farquharson and the Mackintosh of Borlam were captured at Preston and imprisoned to await trial and hanging for treason. After 275 days in prison John Farquharson successfully petitioned the Parliament and the King. He was released and presented to the Prince and Princess of Wales at Hampton Court.

The rebellion crushed, the Earl of Mar's estates were forfeited to the Crown and sold with the superiorities. John Farquharson purchased the ruined Braemar Castle and part of the Mar estates. He also pursued commercial interests in Aberdeen, becoming a burgher of Inverness, and of Stirling and Queensferry, making himself and family financially independent.

By 1745, however, civil war loomed once more. John's nephew Francis Farquharson of Monaltrie, factor of Invercauld, called out the clansmen for the Prince, and his own daughter

Anne was to achieve lasting fame in raising the Mackintosh Regiment.

In 1750, John Farquharson died aged 76, having lived through one of the most tumultuous periods of Scottish history. He had survived, courageously, the threat of execution, and the terrible trials of civil war when families are split in their allegiances. Despite these hardships, he continued the work of Clan consolidation, and of building the family estate.

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STICKS 'n BAG

ARMIDALE PIPE BAND This issue, continuing our series on Pipe Bands, we write about the Armidale Pipe Band, which recently celebrated its 110th anniversary. The New England area, which includes Armidale, was mainly settled by Scottish pioneers, so it is no surprise to find that there is a pipe band in the area, in fact more than one. Several of our members were also members of the Pipe Band.

The band was formed in 1901 which makes it the second oldest band in the New England area. The strong local Scottish influence led to the establishment of the Armidale Caledonian Society in 1896 and the holding of a Highland Gathering on New Year's Day in 1897. Pipers were drawn for the event mainly from Brisbane. The Gathering grew over the years and by 1901 it was decided to form the Armidale Caledonian Pipe Band. Influential in the push to form the Pipe Band was Pipe Major H MacKenzie from Brisbane who led the invitation Pipe Band in 1897. First Pipe Major was Donald Marshall, and first Drum Major, M. Rogerson.

It is through the Mackenzie connection that the Band came to adopt the tartan of Seaforth Mackenzie which it has worn from inception. As well as Pipe Major MacKenzie, several other pipers from Brisbane also wore the MacKenzie tartan in the 1897 parade, and in the 1898 and 1899 events the Armidale Caledonian Society contingent also wore the MacKenzie military tartan of the 78th Regiment (later known as the Seaforth Highlanders).

Following the Band's 1902 debut, it was the expectation of the Caledonian Society that the band would play at their AGM, plus other events both in Armidale and elsewhere and would also take part in competitions. In 1909, the Caledonian Society suffered its first financial loss attributed to a general apathy among the members. The Pipe Band decided to split from the Caledonian Society renaming itself the **Armidale Highland Pipe Band**.

Charles Cooper, an original band member became Pipe Major and honed his own individual skills and those of the band to the highest level, remaining Pipe Major for over thirty years. At the same time the Drum Major for a period of 15 years was H Godfrey. This longevity of tenure ensured stability and consistency in the band's performances at

towns and Gatherings throughout the New England region and southern Queensland.

Through this period right up to 1973 the band was highly successful winning many competitions for both the band and its individual members. Like most voluntary organisations, though, this period saw a fluctuation in the number of members and the number of engagements attended as interest waxed and waned, and there were, historically, several major upheavals that would have affected the whole local population: **war and depression**.

However, in the period from 1977 to 1986 the band found itself in what it called its "Restless Years". Over the ten years, there were 4 Pipe Majors and the establishment of an Armidale Police Pipe Band, which, while now defunct, reduced the band numbers to such an extent that at the 1983 St Andrews Day function at the UNE Staff Club, the Haggis was piped in by a piper from Tenterfield! By 1986, lack of numbers saw the band go into recess.

By 1993, however, the Armidale Scottish Ball Committee held a meeting to revive the band. The first year after its reformation the band played at several major town events and shows at Armidale, Glen Innes, and Guyra. While the band still had its ups and downs, it was strong enough to join the NSW Pipe Band Association, enabling it to compete in competitions across the State and inter-State.

The current band has a mixture of youth and experience. Pipe Major, Tim McLaren, who is in his early 20's, was awarded a Big Brother Movement Scholarship by the NSW Pipe Band Association, allowing him to study at the Scottish College of Piping at Glasgow in 2009. In 2009, Robb College of the New England University awarded a piping scholarship for a resident student to be a member of the Band.

Today the Band serves as a nursery for young players to be trained to move onto higher performance level bands. Each year at the Armidale Autumn Festival, the Armidale Pipe Band, resplendent in their Mackenzie Seaforth tartan, the pipers with their green jackets, the drummers in their red jackets, leads the large parade, which is watched by most of the city. The people of Armidale are very proud and supportive of this this Pipe Band that they see as an important part of their City's rich Scottish heritage.

Editor acknowledges the source of this article "Armidale Pipe Band's History" by Darrell Fisher, Pipe Sergeant, and thanks member Elizabeth Forsyth for her efforts in obtaining a copy.

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STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

Just received from Rev Wes Hartley in WA breaking news of the success of the Bunbury "MacAussies" Ceilidh held on 7th July. Unfortunately, we're just about to go to press and out of space, so can't fully report till next issue.

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EVENTS CALENDAR to December 2012

As we have a number of interstate members we've included some of the more of prominent interstate events.

Saturday 14 th July 2012	MANLY W'GAH PIPE BAND BALL International College Manly NSW.
Saturday 4 th August 2012	WARRINGAH SCOTTISH Dinner Dance Collaroy Bch NSW.
Saturday 4 th August 2012	CALLUM'S CEILIDH At West Ryde, Sydney NSW.
Fri 17 to Sun 19 August 2012	BOONDOOMA CELTIC FESTIVAL Boondooma QLD.
Sunday 19 th August 2012	BEECHWORTH H'LAND GAMES Amulet Vineyard Beechworth VIC.
Saturday 25 th August 2012	TOUKLEY CLAN GATHERING Norah Head Toukley NSW.
Saturday 25 th August 2012	TOOWOOMBA HIGHLAND GATHERING Toowoomba QLD.
Fri 14 to Sat 15 Sept'mber 2012	CLANS on the COAST Nelson Bay Port Stephens NSW
Saturday 6 th October 2012	CANBERRA H'LAND GATHERING Kambah Oval ACT.
Sunday 4 th November 2012	COMBINED SOCIETIES H'LAND GATHERING Castle Hill NSW.
Sunday 18 th November 2012	ARMADALE H'LAND GATHERING Minnawarra Pk Armadale WA.
Saturday 24 th November 2012	ST ANDREW'S DINNER Clarence Snr Cit'z'ns H'bart TAS.
Sunday 25 th November 2012	SCOTTISH DAY OUT Police Academy Joondalup WA.
Saturday 1 st December 2012	ST ANDREW'S DAY BALL St Andrew's Society Perth WA.
Sunday 2 nd December 2012	ST ANDREW'S DAY KIRKIN' St Stephens Sydney NSW.
Sunday 2 nd December 2012	ST ANDREW'S NIGHT Kensington Pk RSL SA.
Saturday 8 th December 2012	DAYLESFORD GATHERING Victoria Park Daylesford VIC.

WHERE WE'LL BE: Weather and other contingencies permitting, we'll be at: Warringah Scottish, Canberra and St Andrew's Day Kirkin, Sydney.

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Margaret Rowan – Director of Nursing, Rotarian, Clanswoman, Committee Member, Friend and Confidante: Vale.



The Chief, Capt. Alwyne Compton Farquharson MC, and wife Patricia.



Chieftain of the Day at Bundanoon, Bruce Finlay and wife Pauline.



Left – Rev Wes Hartley and wife Beverley at Bundanoon.

Right – Commissioner Syd leading the Clan at Glen Innes.



Below Left – Piping at Marksburg Castle, Germany.

Below Right – Armidale Pipe Band, Anzac Day 2011.

