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President's Message

Dear Association Members

We have undergone a name change! At the recent Annual General Meeting the motion to remove the qualification of "(NSW Branch)" was carried. We are now an Australia-wide Association that reflects the fact our membership resides in all States and Territories of Australia. I believe we can all be proud that we have grown and matured in profile over the years and are worthy of this status.

As 2012 draws to a close, regrettably, we mourn the passing of four long-standing members. They will be in our thoughts as we reflect on the year.

On a more cheerful note we now approach the time of year we gather together with our families and celebrate Christmas and the New Year! For those of us fortunate to have young grandchildren, it is always wonderful to experience with them their excitement and expectation. With the coming of a New Year, luckily we live in a country where we can be confident of the prospects of a happy and healthy year ahead.

In 2013 your Association has plans to seek ways we can better meet your expectations, ways we can get together and get to know each other. Drop me a line with your ideas!

Remember to keep wearing the great Farquharson Tartan whenever you get the opportunity.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Syd Finlay

President

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 member of the Association:

Mr Robert PATTERSON of BEROWRA HEIGHTS New South Wales.

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VALE CALLUM CURRIE

We regret to record the unexpected passing away in August of Callum Currie, the NSW Commissioner for Clan Donald. Callum suffered from leukemia, but was thought to be in remission. He was a strong leader of his people in NSW and was an inspiration to all Clanspeople who knew him – he will be sadly missed. On behalf of our members we send our commiserations to Callum’s family and to all our Clan Donald colleagues.

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VALE KEITH FARQUHAR

We were saddened to learn of the loss in August of our member and colleague, Keith Farquhar from Launceston, Tasmania, dear husband of Mary and brother of our member Dorothy Leayr. Keith was a long-time supporter of the Clan and member of the Clan Association in Victoria. He and Mary joined us in NSW when Victoria closed. Our sincere sympathies are extended on behalf of all members to Mary and to Dorothy and families in their sad loss.

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VALE DAVID TRANTER

The Association has suffered a further loss on 4th November in the passing away of long-term member and colleague, David Tranter from Orange NSW. David is survived by son Phillip and daughter Catherine and their families. A long-time supporter of the Clan, David, with brother Peter, helped run the Farquhar Family Gathering at Grafton in 2004. Our sincere sympathies are extended on behalf of all members to David’s family in their sad loss.

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NEWS FROM SCOTLAND and ENGLAND

UK 10TH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING 2011 - VISIT TO INVERCAULD, and BALLATER GAMES – Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th August 2011

With UK Clan Association’s kind permission we reproduce parts of an article in the Clan’s UK Newsletter, “The Lion’s Face” by member Roxana Vuskalns covering some of the action.

“Andris and I didn’t arrive until 8th, so missed [some earlier events, including] the presentation of the Piper’s Banner to Braemar Castle for safe-keeping.

“Wearrived there [Ballater] late Monday afternoon.....and prepared for the visit to Invercauld House the next day. The weather was perfect for this experience, and shortly after we arrived, the Chief and Madame Farquharson arrived.....tracked by the efficient but unobtrusive ARTE TV film crew. We entered the house for refreshments, and the Chief regaled us with some experiences and stories from the past. The one about hauling the buckets of water up the stairs to the one functioning toilet during a particularly harsh winter was a good one.

“We started looking at the house with the lovely drawing room, followed by the impressive dining room. We heard from the Chief at each stop. He then left, and we were at liberty to roam through this magnificent house for the next two hours. Andris and I wandered from the cellars, the oldest part of the structure, to the attics. I even went out onto the roof...fantastic views!! We saw each of the fourteen bedrooms and 16 bathrooms. I felt privileged to be associated with this gem of a house.”

“Wednesday was raining, sadly, the day of our 4x4 excursion to Loch Callater with a BBQ lunch at the hunting *bothy*. Taking photos proved to be a real challenge, and when we arrived at the far end of the loch, few were tempted out of the vehicles for more than a few minutes. Use of imagination was necessary to appreciate the view. Neil Bain and Simon Blackett [the Factors at Invercauld] were there to talk to us about the history of the area and the building.

“Back at Ballater by 3 pm we went to the Games field to erect the Clan tent, still in the pouring rain. By the end of the day, we were all thoroughly wet. Some of us met up that evening at the Glenaden for a meal.

“Everyone feared the Ballater Games might be cancelled due to the rain, but fortunately this didn’t happen although the ground was extremely wet under foot. Many gathered in our Clan tent and enjoyed the conviviality, the excellent buffet including local strawberries, and a wee dram for those who wished. David Irvine of Drum was present with his Lady, a guest of our President Alistair Farquharson. Our Chief and Madame Farquharson arrived later in the afternoon after completing his duties as Chieftain of the Games. We were very proud to see our German friend Ansgar Boehmer march and play his pipes in the Massed Band. After most had left, we helped to clear the tent away after a most satisfactory day.

“On Friday [evening was held]... our formal dinner in the Albert Hall, Ballater ...Sir Angus and Lady Alison’s grandsons, Archie and Rory, played the pipes outside the venue, and piped in the Chief and Madame Farquharson. I first heard them play at Finzean House in 2007, I think. What fine pipers these young men have become! The delight of the formal dinner is the company. The group photo was taken, including the Laird of Drum and his Lady. It is always sad to say farewell, but we can always look forward to next time.”

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CONGRATULATIONS TO Rev Wes Hartley

On behalf of all members we send our sincere and hearty congratulations to Rev Wes Hartley on his recent elevation to the senior post in the Uniting Church of Presbytery Officer for the (NSW) Hunter Valley region. He will be responsible for an area that includes Greater Newcastle, and extends west and north to take in areas around Scone – some 80 individual congregations.

It's going to be a big job that Wes takes up in January 2013, and a juggling act for his family, as wife, Beverley Biggs, will remain in Busselton where she is responsible for the church Welfare/Outreach Ministry, and where her parents live. We wish Wes and Beverley well in this new venture, knowing they have the energy and capacity to succeed.

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ASSOCIATION NOTICES

THE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING Castle Hill, Sunday 4th November 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Castle Hill Gathering.

There being no person serving as President the meeting was conducted by Vice President Bruce Finlay. Reports were received from Bruce Finlay in his capacity as High Commissioner, and from State Commissioner Syd Finlay.

Secretary Treasurer Brenda Finlay reported on the Association's finances, which are sound. There are sufficient funds available to make possible purchase and upgrading of display material subject of Notices of Motion considered at this meeting.

Notices of Motion. The following Notices of Motion of which due notice was given, were passed by the members in attendance and in accordance with proxies exercised by the Chairman of the Meeting:

1. That the Association change its name to *Clan Farquharson Association Australia*.
2. That the Association update its Gathering display by purchase of an *Exhibition Display Banner*.
3. That the Association price and purchase a new display banner identifying the Clan displayed on the front of the tent.
4. That the Association adopt the use of internet banking for the convenience of members.

A further Notice of Motion of which due notice was given, "That membership fees be reviewed", was considered and deferred pending further investigation and report.

Election of Officers and Committee. The new Committee is:

- Sydney Finlay - President
- Bruce Finlay – Vice President
- Brenda Finlay – Secretary/Treasurer
- Committee: John Dillon
- Pauline Finlay

John Tate
Dawn Watson

Pauline Finlay will continue as Newsletter Editor, and Bruce Finlay will serve as Delegate to the Combined Scottish Societies.

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NEWS FROM THE WEST

MacAUSSIE'S CEILIDH BUNBURY – Saturday 7th July 2012 On Saturday 7th July we had a great evening with the Bunbury-based "MacAussie" group set up last year by Ellen Reid in order to foster interest in things Scottish, particularly in the South West region, as so many things in WA seem to be "Perth-centric".

Supported by a large contingent from the St Andrew Society of Western Australia who travelled 200kms down from Perth for the evening, in addition to Beverley, myself and five of our friends travelling 50 kms up from Busselton, we totalled nearly 100 for a rollicking good night of Scottish dancing, and excellent food. The pipers and drummers from the South West Highlanders (www.SouthWestHighlanders.com) did us proud, assisted by a dram or three of the golden liquid.

The good folk from the St Andrew Society, for whom traditional Scottish dancing is a highlight of their activities, led the experienced and the completely uninitiated through a number of dances. It was great that so many were traditionally dressed, or at least found a tad of tartan to add to their clothing.

From our own experience holding Robbie Burns nights over the last few years, it is clear the people around Busselton have a hankering for quality Scottish entertainment. "MacAussies" was a welcome local initiative deserving of the strong support it received. Whilst the name might not be everyone's taste, the enjoyment experienced by so many from a variety of Scottish backgrounds was great to see.

The St Andrew Society of Western Australia describes itself as the "Premier Scottish Society In Perth". Members of our Association might be interested to look up their web-site at: <http://saintandrew.org.au> which offers a variety of links back to Scotland. The Society held its Winter Ceilidh in Scarborough (Perth) on 11th August and usually holds their Annual St Andrew's Ball on 1st Saturday in December.

This brief note may serve as a snap-shot of things on the West Coast – and of course, the tartan of Clan Farquharson, along with our Clan name-bars, were well evident. I was also able to print off and distribute some of our own Clan's "flyers".

Wes Hartley
Busselton WA

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NEWS FROM THE EAST

CANBERRA HIGHLAND GATHERING – KAMBAH Saturday 6th October In 2012 Canberra's annual Scottish Gathering, re-established just last year after a

30 year break, was a special occasion for our Clan. Following the official opening by the Chieftain of the Day, His Excellency Michael Bryce AM AE, Sydney John Finlay was publicly recognized as NSW and ACT Commissioner for Clan Farquharson. It was all a splendid occasion – despite the decidedly inclement weather.

Clan representatives and Banner bearers joined with the Massed bands in parading to the official dais where the official party was waiting – including Gathering Convenor Athol Chalmers, SAHC President Malcolm Buchanan and our Clan Farquharson High Commissioner for Australia, Bruce Finlay. Each Clan's Banner bearer announced their Clan's presence, and the Recognition Ceremony then followed. Bruce Finlay read out the Clan's antecedents and the Proclamation of Appointment. The ceremonial proceedings were concluded by the parade of Clans and the Massed bands marching from the arena.

Fourteen Clans had information/hospitality tents and there was the usual happy inter-Clan visiting. Unfortunately, because of the unfavourable weather, public attendance was well down and the numerous stalls of all descriptions didn't do so well. During the afternoon we welcomed a visit from members of the widespread Christie family who joined our Association following the Canberra Gathering last year – they hail from NT, Canberra and Glenorie in NSW.

The bands undaunted by the weather, would, nonetheless, have been grateful for their Inverness capes. They entertained the visitors and took part in competition throughout the day. The Federation Guard, a group of combined services personnel who perform intricate marching displays, also managed to carry on regardless. The Highland dancers and concert bands were fortunate to have set up shop on a raised platform under a large marquee, so their well appreciated performances went ahead uninterrupted by the all too frequent showers.

In a late afternoon break in the weather, the Farquharson contingent packed up hastily to prepare for the next of the day's appointments – a hearty and welcome dinner at nearby Narabundah, to celebrate Syd Finlay's Public Recognition. Fourteen of us, Farquharsons and friends from other Clans, had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. We look forward to the next Gathering at which we can proudly display the Farquharson tartan (and hope for better weather!)

*John Dillon
Canberra Correspondent*

COMBINED SOCIETIES' GATHERING – CASTLE HILL – Sunday 4th November On a day that turned out bright and sunny, the Clans gathered at Castle Hill to witness the Pipe Bands and Dancers in a day of competition for the NSW Championships. Bruce Finlay, acting as marshal for the ten Clans present got them into shape for the brief parade to the dais where, following the singing of the National Anthem, the

Gathering was declared open by George Milton, President of the Combined Societies.

John Dillon was present to lend a hand throughout the day, and later, members Ron and Lynne Christie, and Dawn Watson joined us for the General Meeting. Once again we missed out on the major raffle prizes. Farquharson luck? We met Ian MacArthur, new High Commissioner for Clan MacArthur. We saw a few Farquharsons and we welcome new member Robert Patterson from Berowra Heights.

We made a mess of programming the GPS on the way home and spent a little while checking-out the back-streets of Castle Hill – but we got home in time for the evening News!

*Association Reporter
Sydney Region*

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HIGH COMMISSIONER'S DIARY

WARRINGAH SCOTTISH Dinner-Dance – Saturday 4th August

A busy afternoon setting up and decorating the hall with a big roll-up expected. In the evening it was a good party with over 80 to enjoy Warringah's big night. The dance programme compered by Michael Nolan was measured and varied to suit all, with music by the full Col Walton Trio of Keyboard, Drummer and Accordionist.

Entertainment was provided by Tony Lee violinist, Vivien Teeo traditional Scottish vocalist, and the Mcleod Pipe Band standing in for Manly-Warringah who were off in Edinburgh performing at the Tattoo. The food was good, and we won prizes on the dance floor – so we went home well satisfied with a good evening's entertainment.

CANBERRA - PUBLIC RECOGNITION of APPOINTMENT of SYDNEY FINLAY – Saturday 6th October

This was a special day for our Clan and especially for Syd Finlay. Details of the Gathering are recorded in the Regional Report by John Dillon.

Despite the weather, I was privileged, together with John Dillon serving as Banner-bearer, to play a part in the Public Recognition Ceremony for Syd Finlay's appointment as the new Commissioner of our Clan for NSW & ACT. When our Clan was called to the dais, I was invited by Malcolm Buchanan, President of the Heritage Council to address the Gathering and read out the Proclamation of Appointment:

PROCLAMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CLAN FARQUHARSON COMMISSIONER FOR THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

I, Alwyne Arthur Compton Farquharson MC, of Invercauld, by virtue of the powers, authorities, duties and functions vested in me as Chief of the Clan Farquharson, do by this, my Proclamation, announce the appointment of Sydney John Finlay Commissioner for Clan Farquharson for the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, with effect from the 15th day of March, 2011.

Dated at Brancaster Staithe, Norfolk, England, this Twenty-Fifth day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven.

(signed) Alwyne Farquharson of Invercauld

Chieftain of the Day, His Excellency Michael Bryce AM AE, husband of Australia's Governor General and patron of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council, congratulated Syd Finlay, and the Recognition Party was piped from the dais. The Clans were then paraded from before the dais followed by the Massed Bands.

That evening, the Clan Farquharson Dinner at d'Broue's in nearby Narabundah, attended by Farquharson Association members and friends from other Clans, celebrated the occasion. Syd Finlay, in acknowledging those present, spoke warmly of the special bond of friendship between the Clans.

COMBINED SOCIETIES' GATHERING – CASTLE HILL – Sunday 4th November A bitter-sweet occasion, for what may be the last Gathering at the Castle Hill Ground. The ground has been slated to serve as an equipment depot for the building of the proposed north-west suburban railway, and eventually will become a railway station.

As our roving reporter has said, the day was given over to Pipe Band and Dancing Competition. There was not a great crowd, and both Pipe Band and Clan attendance was down. The organisers have not succeeded in engaging the local community at Castle Hill and they have been let-down on more than one occasion by a disinterested local council. Over the last three years, as a consequence, they have run the Gathering at a financial loss. In some ways there is relief if this is the last at Castle Hill. It will, however, also be a sad ending, for this is the last major Scottish Gathering in Sydney, an unthinkable outcome for a City of its size – without a premier Scottish event!

ST ANDREW'S DAY KIRKIN' 'O THE TARTAN – St Stephens Church Macquarie Street Sydney, Sunday 2nd December 2012 Rev Dr Ockert Meyer, now confirmed as Rector of St Stephen's, led the congregation in the Kirkin' service and Communion. The Kirkin' Prayer was given by Malcolm Nicholson, Chief's Lieutenant to The Hon John MacNeacail of Scorrybreac, Chief of Clan MacNeacail. The Lessons were read by Elizabeth Munro, from Jeremiah Ch 33: Verses 14-16, and by Malcolm Buchanan President of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council, from Luke Ch 21: Verses 25-36. Piper, our own Clansman Sam Young, led the Clans in the Processional and Postlude.

Following Morning Tea, the Clans adjourned to Hyde Park where we were privileged to witness a spirited dancing performance by some of Sydney's skilled young Scottish dancers. We also met the young performers' teachers and a parent, who had some innovative ideas for the promotion of teaching opportunities and conduct of Gatherings.

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A Wee Bit of Clan History

THE FARQUHARSONS

CLAN FARQUHARSON'S HEROES – "THE FIGHTING FARQUHARSONS"

Surviving in a hostile environment often threatened by war over several centuries, the Clan became known as "The Fighting Farquharsons". The Clan were staunch supporters of the Stuart dynasty. Drawing on Geoffrey Farquharson's *Clan Farquharson – A History*, below are the stories of some of the Clan's best known fighting men.

DONALD "OG" FARQUHARSON (c1595-1645)

Donald 'Og' Farquharson became a great legendary fighting-man of the Clan figuring prominently in the bitter struggles of the Civil War between the Royalists and Covenanters. He was descended from the first Laird of the Castleton/Tillygarmond First Monaltrie branch of the Clan. This branch played a significant role in the Clan's consolidation of land holdings, which largely came to fruition with the acquisition of the feu of the Monaltrie estate during Donald Og's lairdship.

A great-grandson of Finlay Mor, Donald Og was, appointed Baillie by the Marquis of Huntly. In this role, he acquired further property interests on his own behalf and in managing land on behalf of the Marquis; he also was responsible for leading the vassals of Huntly, as well as the Farquharson Clan, in their support of King Charles I.

In 1639, Donald Og played a significant role in action against the Earl of Marischal, a Covenanter, and led a substantial number of men from Deeside to Aberdeen in various skirmishes against the Covenanters. By 1644, he came to occupy senior rank in the Marquis of Montrose's Royalist army, commanding a regiment at Fyvie. He played a pivotal role in the Royalist victory at Fyvie over the Covenanters' army led by the Marquis of Argyll.

Donald Og, an outstanding strategist, became one of Montrose's finest commanders. Following Fyvie he accompanied Montrose on a winter campaign in Lochaber, culminating in the Royalist victory at Inverlochy.

Approaching the end of winter in 1645, Montrose was just north of Aberdeen, but at the behest of the burgesses, forbore to enter the city. A number of senior officers including Donald Og paid a friendly visit, but unfortunately, were caught in a raid by Sir John Hurry, commander of the Covenanters' cavalry. Lord Graham, Montrose's son was taken prisoner, and among the dead was Donald Og.

The loss of Donald Og was severely felt by Montrose, contributing to the eventual defeat of his army. 250 years after Donald Og's death, Andrew Farquharson of Whitehouse dedicated a plaque to his honour in St Nicholas's Church Aberdeen.

According to legend, the honorific 'Og' was accorded to Donald Og following a visit to London in

1640, when, on the winning of a duel with a celebrated Italian swordsman, he was referred to as *Domhnall Og na h-Alba*, "Donald, Youth of Scotland".

JOHN FARQUHARSON "THE BLACK COLONEL" (c1645-1698) John Farquharson, 3rd of Inverey, from a young age gained notoriety following a clash of arms in 1666 with John Gordon, the so-called "Baron of Braichlie". Braichlie and his men, acting as Sheriff's officers, were attempting to prevent the re-taking of cattle impounded as a "fine". He and several of his men were killed by the Farquharsons. Eleven years later the "Black Colonel" was declared an outlaw by the Privy Council and a warrant was issued for the arrest of him and his followers – but this was never effected by officers of the Crown, who deemed it imprudent to pursue the "rebel" Farquharsons in the wild country around Braemar.

In 1689, John Farquharson was involved in the Jacobite Revolution, leading a force of "freelancers" and becoming a thorn in the side of the government forces under General Mackay. In the early summer of 1689 they were with Viscount Dundee's army at Strathspey, but later returned to Braemar when Dundee moved on to Lochaber. Mackay sought to tame the Highlanders in the countryside by establishing garrisons in captured Castles, one being Braemar Castle. The Black Colonel managed to out-manoeuvre the government forces, forcing them to flee from Braemar Castle, which he then razed to the ground. Mackay in turn razed Inverey Castle, the Black Colonel's stronghold, and marched on to threaten Blair Castle.

Dundee left Lochaber to head off the perceived threat. The two armies met at the pass of Killiecrankie. The ensuing battle, in which the Black Colonel is said to have taken part but without his men, was a resounding victory for the rebels, although Dundee himself was killed.

In January 1690, John Farquharson at the head of 500-600 Highlanders he had managed to raise in support of the new rebel leader, General Buchan, besieged Abergeldie Castle. Mackay marched to relieve the castle defeating a disorganised rebel force under Inverey. From here the revolution stalled as the Highlanders drifted away and went home, and Mackay then pursued a "scorched earth" campaign torching the countryside all the way back to Braemar and Inverey.

A colourful character who led an adventurous life in desperate times, "the Black Colonel" was so named not so much for evil deeds, but for his skin colour – which was apparently quite swarthy.

"BARON BAN" FRANCIS FARQUHARSON OF MONALTRIE (1710-1790) The second son of Alexander Farquharson of Invercauld who had purchased the Monaltrie Estate in 1702 from the original Monaltrie family, Francis became factor to the Invercauld Estate in the late 1730's. He was strongly sympathetic to the Jacobite cause, and in

1745 contrary to the wishes of Clan Chief John, the Laird of Invercauld, he called out the Clansmen. Under Lord Lewis Gordon he was appointed jointly with James Moir of Stoneywood, as Colonel in charge of the Deeside Regiment. Eventually joining them were quite a number of the Farquharson families, prominently James, of Balmoral, and Harry of Whitehouse together with their tenantry. The force soon built up to over 1,200 men.

At Christmas 1745, the Deeside Regiment defeated a Hanoverian force under Macleod of Macleod at Inverurie and then turned south to join the main Jacobite force just returning from its excursion to England. While the main Jacobite force by-passed Edinburgh where the Hanoverian armies were assembling, and besieged Stirling, a force under Lord George Murray headed for Falkirk. The Deeside Regiment joined this latter force.

On 17th January 1746, the Jacobite army having gained the high ground overlooking Falkirk, was able to attack the advancing Hanoverians from advantage. A Farquharson detachment led by James Farquharson and elements of the Deeside Regiment led by Francis Farquharson, at the centre of the line, faced three regiments of dragoons. The day was a resounding Jacobite victory, but James was severely wounded and took no further part in the rising.

The victory at Falkirk was not followed up. The Jacobite forces withdrew from Stirling and split up. The Deeside Regiment, part of a force under Lord George Murray heading for Aberdeen, were harried in the hinterland over the next 8 weeks by the Duke of Cumberland's men, and began to disintegrate. By the time this force and the main Jacobite army, which had made directly for Inverness, had rejoined they were in a poor state of battle-readiness. Worse, the place for a final confrontation, Dumrossie Moor, was ill-chosen, and history records the tragic outcome.

Many of the Farquharsons and their supporters died in the ensuing battle and Francis Farquharson as a high ranking officer prisoner was under no illusion as to his expected fate. He and a distant cousin, Captain John Farquharson, of Allargue, were arraigned for high treason in November 1746, and sentenced to death. But on the morning of their execution they were reprieved. For the next 20 years Francis was held under "house arrest" in England and his lands and estate were forfeit and laid waste. It was not until 1766 he was pardoned and able to return to Deeside, and not until 1784 that by Act of Parliament his lands and estate were returned to him on payment of £1,613 0s 9d!

ANNE MACKINTOSH (nee FARQUHARSON) – "COLONEL ANNE" (1723-1787) Probably one of the most celebrated of the Jacobites in the tragic history of the '45, is Anne Mackintosh (nee Farquharson). This is the more extraordinary considering her father's reluctant involvement in the '15, and good fortune in avoiding execution for

treason. And the fact her husband Aeneas Mackintosh, Chieftain of Clan Mackintosh, held a commission in a Black Watch Regiment in the government army.

In the early weeks of the '45, with her husband away with his Regiment, Anne set about raising the clansmen. In 2 weeks she had a Regiment and Alex MacGillivray of Dunmaglass as commander. In the early days of 1746, the Regiment joined Prince Charles Edward's army, which had completed its retreat from England and had peacefully invested Glasgow, and then Stirling. Stirling Castle held out.

From Edinburgh, Lieut General "Hangman" Hawley at the head of a government army marched to relieve Stirling. The Mackintosh Regiment played a major part in the defeat of Hawley's force at Falkirk. The Jacobite army from here headed north toward Inverness, held by the government under Lord Loudon, with whom Aeneas Mackintosh was serving.

On the way north Prince Charles and a small advance guard were entertained at Moy Hall by Lady Anne Mackintosh. Lord Loudon mounted an expedition to capture Prince Charles at Moy Hall. At night, convinced in the dark by a handful of Moy men that they faced the whole Jacobite army, the raiders fled. This was to go down in history as the "Rout of Moy", the Prince narrowly avoiding capture.

In the meantime, a strong English force was gathering at Aberdeen under the Duke of Cumberland. As we all now know, the two armies met, fatefully, at Dumrossie Moor (now known as Culloden) on 16 April 1746. The Farquharsons and Clan Chattan including many Mackintoshes led by Dunmaglass, who was killed, made up the centre of the front line of the Jacobite army and bore the brunt of some of the fiercest fighting of the battle.

Moy Hall was invested by units of the English army; 'Colonel' Anne was arrested. She was held in some awe even by the Duke of Cumberland and after 6 weeks was released into the custody of her husband.

Aeneas died in 1770, but Anne survived her husband by 14 years. They had no children and Anne spent the latter years of her life in the Farquharson family home in Leith. She died in 1787.

'Colonel' Anne represented the tremendous courage and spirit of many of her contemporaries, who like her, found her family fighting on both sides of a civil war that not only split families, but the whole nation, its culture and people. She was a true Scottish heroine.

LT COLONEL DAVID FARQUHARSON and LIEUTENANT FRANCIS FARQUHARSON VC

As reported in the Clan Farquharson UK Newsletter for Winter 2008-9, our Chief Alwyne Farquharson of Invercauld recounted correspondence from Lieutenant Colonel David Farquharson OBE TD, living in New York. In March 2008, he celebrated his 100th birthday, and sent a photograph of himself at the

wheel of a 100 year old Model T Ford to mark the occasion. The letter referred also to the only Farquharson to be awarded the VC. This was Lieutenant Francis Farquharson VC.

Hannah Farquharson, Editor of the UK Newsletter, did some research and discovered that Lieutenant Francis Edward Henry Farquharson, then aged 20, was a member of the 42nd Regiment of the Black Watch on duty in India in 1858. On 16th June 1859 the citation was published in the London Gazette:

"On March 9 1858 at Lucknow, India, Lieutenant Farquharson led a portion of his company and stormed a bastion mounting two guns and then spiked them. This meant that the advance positions held in during the night were rendered secure from artillery fire. Lieutenant Farquharson was severely wounded while holding an advanced position the following morning."

Francis Farquharson was thus one of the earliest recipients of this prestigious award. His VC medal is held by The Black Watch Museum, housed in Balhousie Castle, Hay Street, Perth, which hopes to display it if future expansion plans come to fruition.

Next issue we will prepare a further series of thumbnails of the Clan's heroes who have made similarly rich contributions in Scotland's culture, literature and science.

*- Pauline Finlay
Editor.*

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WHEPSTEAD SPRING EQUINOX GATHERING and the inaugural JULIE APPLETON-SEYMOUR MEMORIAL SOLO PIPING COMPETITION – Sunday 23rd September 2012

This is the story of a son's memorial to his mother, Julie Appleton-Seymour who passed away in February this year.

Byron Appleton-Seymour, as Pipe Major of the Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band in conjunction with the Pipe Band's Gathering at Whepstead Manor Wellington Point, just south of Brisbane, set up an invitational solo piping competition to contest the Julie Appleton-Seymour Trophy. Competition tunes were: *"Julie's Hornpipe"* and *Jig – of the piper's choice.*

Julie Appleton-Seymour – "Julie's Hornpipe" Story The mandatory tune [for the competition], 'Julie's Hornpipe' was composed by Donald Patrick Sargent (NZ) in 2011 and is named for Julie Appleton-Seymour, (formerly Julie Sparks). Julie was a well-known and highly respected NZ Highland Dancing championship title holder. She was an extremely successful teacher, judge and examiner in the NZ Academy of Highland and National Dancing (N.Z.A.H.N.D.). Julie later joined the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (S.O.B.H.D.) and became a highly respected international dance teacher with pupils winning their classes in Australia and at Cowal, Scotland. She was an inaugural member of Scotdance New Zealand (SDNZ) formed

to introduce highland dance to NZ. From a small country town in rural NZ, Julie, with a dance school spanning some 50 years, produced numerous national champions and continued to produce exceptional winners competing internationally till late 2011. Her Dance Academy continues to this day.

Julie was excited by her tune and considered it a great hornpipe for dancing and this [solo piping] competition is about listening to her tune played by quality pipers in the elegant surroundings at Whepstead Manor."

Julie's sons, Byron, Grayson and Hayden all played the pipes, reaching high levels in competition in New Zealand, before coming to Australia.

About Whepstead Manor, site of the Spring Equinox Gathering

"Gilbert Burnett, a Scot who worked as a manager for Louis Hope, who founded the sugar industry in Queensland, built Whepstead Manor as his residence at Wellington Point, completing it in 1876. It is believed there is a ghost in Whepstead Manor. The story is that Mary Burnett who was in her late teens went for a walk on the mudflats [nearby] and was never seen again. Other stories say she fell through the window or fell off the balcony, but whatever the truth, she apparently haunts the house.

It is not usually open to the public – this is a unique opportunity to see this lovely building."

The Competition

The winner of the competition, and inaugural holder of the *Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial Trophy* is Matthew Rigby of Wynnum RSL Pipe Band.

Editor's Note – Much of the material in this article is reproduced with the permission of Byron Appleton-Seymour from the brochure he sent to us. Byron, with the help of his brother Grayson, in 2001 drowned out the Church bells at our daughter's wedding and turned the Reception into a fondly, and widely remembered Ceilidh!



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THE CANBERRA COLLEGE OF PIPES AND DRUMS

In each of our recent issues, this column has featured a different pipe band. The Canberra Gathering is sponsored each year by the Canberra College of Pipes and Drums. And so, in light of this year's Gathering being also the occasion of the Recognition Ceremony for our Commissioner for NSW and ACT, it is also a good time to talk about the College, which has been growing in stature each year since its establishment.

The College was established in 1999 with its main objective being the teaching of pipes and drums, both snare and tenor. In addition to tuition at affordable prices, it also arranges for the hire, and

even the purchase of instruments, once the student has sufficiently advanced.

For the last 6 years the College has held a Workshop and Recital event, where over 130 students this year, many of them from interstate and even overseas, gather to be taught by world class tutors. The team of 8 tutors this year was led by Jim Kilpatrick MBE from Scotland who has won 16 world solo snare drum championships, 18 world drum corps championships and 15 champion of champion drum corps titles. At present Jim holds the position of principal percussion instructor for the degree course, BA (Scottish Music Honours) at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow.

Joining Jim on the drumming instruction team was Grant Cassidy from Scotland who is the winner of 6 Juvenile World Championships and who since he was 13, has played in the First Grade Band, House of Edgar, Stotts and Dykehead under Drum Major Jim Kilpatrick, and James Laughlin from New Zealand who has 2 solo world titles and 3 drum corps world championships to his credit. Last, but not least on the drumming team, was Tyler Fry, globally known for revolutionising bass and tenor drumming with his amazing drum flourishes and not forgetting his outstanding ability to get an audience involved in innovative drumming competitions.

Not to be outclassed, the piping tutors included Stuart Liddell regarded as one of the 3 top pipers in the world, the Pipe Major with the Inverary Pipe Band and 3 times World Pipe Band Champion, and Greg Wilson and Richard Hawke both from New Zealand, who are multiple winners of gold medal events on the Scottish Solo Piping circuit.

The 3rd day of the Workshop ended with a Recital which was attended by over 250 people.

Following the success of running this Workshop, over the last 2 years, the College last year added an additional feature to the Canberra Highland Gathering, which they had re-established after a 30 years break. Having persuaded many of the tutors of the College to stay on for the Gathering, the College also organised a Ceilidh after the Gathering, where a huge sell-out crowd is entertained by these outstanding performers.

If you or any of your family or friends are interested in joining the College or attending these workshops, details can be found on Canberra College of Pipes and Drumming website.

Information for this article was obtained from the College's website and other publicity and our own attendance at the Canberra Gatherings in 2011 and 2012, and Ceilidh in 2011.

Editor's note. In a future issue, the Editor would like to feature a band or bands from the Northern Territory but has so far been unsuccessful in locating such a band. Members are asked to contact the Editor if they can help.



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EVENTS CALENDAR to March 2013

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

Monday 31 st December 2012	CALEDONIAN SOC HOGMANAY Inglewood Community Ctre WA.
Monday 31 st December 2012	HUNTER VALLEY SCOTS HOGMANAY Teralba Hall NSW.
Saturday 19 th January 2013	BLUE MTNS Scots BURNS Night Blaxland Community Ctre. NSW.
Saturday 19 th January 2013	BRISBANE Clans Pipes & Drums BURNS NIGHT Brisbane QLD.
Sunday 20 th January 2013	BURNS CLUB Melb. PICNIC Burns Statue – Melbourne VIC.
Friday 25 th January 2013	HUNTER VALLEY SCOTS Burns Night Argenton NSW.
Friday 25 th January 2013	ST ANDREWS SOCIETY of WA BURNS SUPPER Perth WA.
Friday 25 th January 2013	HOBART PB BURNS NIGHT Hobart Conference Ctre TAS.
Friday 25 th January 2013	SAHC BURNS NIGHT & CEILIDH Masonic Club Sydney NSW.
Saturday 26 th January 2013	AUST DAY CELTIC FESTIVAL Bradfield Park Nth Sydney NSW.
Saturday 26 th January 2013	IPSWICH PB BURNS NIGHT Band Hall L'mstne Pk QLD.
Thursday 31 st January 2013	LACHLAN MACQUARIE DINNER SAHC Womens Clb Sydney NSW.
Saturday 2 nd February 2013	WARRINGAH SCOTTISH BURNS NIGHT Collaroy Beach NSW.
Saturday 2 nd February 2013	BURNS CLUB of MELBOURNE Burns Supper Balwyn VIC.
Fri 8 th to Sun 10 th Feb 2013	MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL CANBERRA ACT.
Sat 2 nd to Sun 3 rd March 2013	GEELONG H'LAND GATHERING Deakin Univ Geelong VIC.
Fri 15 th to Sun 17 th March 2013	ARMIDALE AUTUMN FESTIVAL Armidale New England NSW.
From 23 rd January to 2 nd February 2013	CELTIC THUNDER will be on tour and will perform at Cairns, Townsville, Maryborough, Gold Coast and Brisbane QLD, and at Tamworth, Newcastle and Sydney NSW.

WHERE WE'LL BE: Weather and other contingencies permitting, we'll be at: Lachlan Macquarie Dinner, Warringah Burns Night, Canberra Multicultural Festival, Armidale Autumn Festival.

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Canberra Gathering - His Excellency Michael Bryce congratulates Syd Finlay on his appointment as Clan Farquharson Commissioner for NSW & ACT.



The new Association Committee – Seated L to R – Pauline Finlay, Editor, Brenda Finlay, Sec Treasurer, Dawn Watson; Standing L to R - Syd Finlay, President, John Dillon, Bruce Finlay, Vice President; Absent – John Tate.



Above: Invercauld House – Main Bedroom – Clan Visit 2011.



Above: Invercauld House – Main Entrance Stairway – Clan Visit 2011.



Left: Archie and Rory Farquharson, grandsons of Sir Angus and Lady Alison Farquharson of Finzean, outside the Albert Hall Ballater, preparing to pipe in the Chief for the Clan's formal Dinner in 2011.

Right: The Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial Trophy for solo piping contested at the Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band Gathering, Whepstead Manor, in September 2012.

