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Commissioner's Message

Dear Association Members

I would like to thank again all those new members who signed up during the Canberra Highland Gathering & Scottish Fair held at Kambah Oval on Saturday 8th, October. You all kept us busy and it was most enjoyable meeting with you. The outcome was 12 new memberships which is an absolutely fantastic outcome.

Food for Thought - currently the Association conducts a dinner in Armidale on the Saturday night of the Armidale Autumn Festival in March. This dinner is hosted by Mrs Elizabeth Forsyth and has proved to be most appreciated by members living in and around the Armidale area. It is my intention to have two more similar dinners during 2012. One in Canberra on the Friday or Saturday night of Canberra Highland Gathering in October and another in the Blue Mountains (possibly Springwood) following the AGM – currently held early November.

I see these dinners being an opportunity for members to meet up with other members in a social setting outside of the Scottish Gathering arena. Obviously it is not the expectation to have members attending all 3 dinners, but by having them in different places geographically this may provide a venue members could attend near where they live, if they wish. If you have any thoughts on this, please contact me by Email: finlaysb@bigpond.com.

It is that time of year again when our thoughts turn to things joyous and happy. However, I ask members first to pause to remember three good friends of our Association, referred to in our Newsletter, who are no longer with us.

Having said that, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and successful 2012! We look forward to seeing you all in 2012 sporting the inimitable 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:

- Tony & Jenny JOHNSON - ARMIDALE NSW (we are sorry we did not acknowledge Tony and Jenny last issue – they joined in April);**
John & Joan CHRISTIE - KALEEN ACT;
Stewart & Kaylene CHRISTIE - WANNIASSA ACT;
Gloria CLARKSON - WYOMING NSW (Gloria is a former member now rejoining);
Eileen (Lois) FARQUHAR - BURRA NSW;
Claire FINDLAY - KAMBAH ACT;
David & Jacqueline FINDLAY - ROUSEHILL NSW;
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Katrine SCOTT-FINDLAY - HUGHES ACT; and
Marilyn SCOTT-FINDLAY - FORREST ACT.

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VALE COMMISSIONER JAMES FORSYTH

It is with great regret we report the passing away on 17th September 2011 of James Davidson Forsyth, Commissioner in Australia for Clan Forsyth, and a great friend of Our Clan. Jim Forsyth, as we knew him served his Chief courageously, leading his Clan in Australia despite a debilitating health condition. We will remember him with affection.

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VALE HIGH COMMISSIONER JEAN MARSHALL

We are greatly saddened to report the passing away on 8th October 2011 of Jean Marshall, High Commissioner in Australia and New Zealand for Clan Keith. Jean, was a great friend and mentor to our Clan and our Clan Commissioners. Jean served for some thirteen years in her Clan's most senior appointed office in Australia and New Zealand. She will be sorely missed.

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VALE DOUGLAS SWAN – FRIEND, MENTOR

Douglas Swan was a friend in the worst of times, a shoulder to cry on, the staunchest of supporters, and the wisest of counsellors. A great mentor to our fledgling Association when it was formed, and to our commissioners in time of need, Doug later became a loyal member. A great Scotsman. And now on 24th November 2011, he is gone. Doug, we will miss you. Our sad condolences go out to Margaret and family in their untimely loss.

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GET WELL, MEMBER JEFF ROBINSON

Member Jeff Robinson went into hospital for knee surgery, and woke up a week later in ICU for an unrelated and unforeseen ailment. Jeff is now home and out of rehab. We hope he'll soon be fit and able to get out and about to resume his sailing career.

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CONGRATULATIONS to WALLY KERR

The Most Honourable the Lord Lothian, Chief of Clan Kerr, has appointed our good friend Wally Kerr, previously NSW Commissioner of Clan Kerr, as the new High Commissioner for Clan Kerr in Australia. We extend our congratulation and best wishes for the future to Wally on his new appointment.

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**CFAA (NSW Branch) ANNUAL MEETING
 Castle Hill, Sunday 6th November 2010**

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 State Commissioner Syd Finlay. Although we were not quite as busy as last year, the Association has continued a healthy growth in memberships.

Secretary Treasurer Syd Finlay reported on the Association's finances, which are sound. The capital outlay in production of name-bar badges, has now been expunged, which means a small return will flow to the Association.

Election of Officers and Committee – The office of President was not filled. The new Committee is:

- Bruce Finlay – Vice President
- Brenda Finlay – Secretary/Treasurer

- Committee: John Dillon
- Pauline Finlay
- Margaret Rowan
- 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 SCOTLAND and ENGLAND

Travellers from the Great Southland On 26th July 2011 our members **Rev Wes and Beverley Hartley of Busselton WA** left Australia to travel in the north-east of Scotland after a month or so in Western Europe and Ireland. In their Scotland travels they hoped to meet our Chief who is Vice Patron of the Braemar Games, where they had booked seats. Here is a summary of Rev Wes's report.

Conducted this year on 3rd September the annual Highland Games at Braemar is the Royal Games held

at the Princess Royal and Duke of Fife Memorial Park, in the presence of HM the Queen, and other members of the Royal Family. Wes and Beverley's seats were perfectly placed in the stand with a direct view of the Royal Pavilion and right next to the entrance where all the bands entered and left the staging area.

Unfortunately, Rev Wes was unable to contact the Chief. He was informed that the Chief was in the Royal Pavilion and he could not go there. But they had "a great time anyway".

Wes comments on the differences from our Gatherings here in Australia, particularly the absence of Clan and information tents and the way our crowds are able to mingle and participate in the events. A highlight at the end was being able to follow the massed Parade of Bands from the arena right to the village of Braemar for a distance of a kilometre or so.....An excellent conclusion to a great day!

At Aberdeen Wes and Beverley made the decision to purchase matching male/female versions of the full kilt outfit in Farquharson Ancient tartan – "including badges brooch pins and even the Farquharson motto 'Fide et Fortitudine' – 'By Faith and Courage' on the Sgian Dubh and the belt buckle". Earlier, they had visited the Battle Field of Culloden, which they found to be "a very impressive site and National Trust of Scotland centre on the edge of Inverness".

On last reports Rev Wes and Beverley have gone on from Scotland to travel in Denmark.

Committeeman John Tate and wife Ruth from Carlingford NSW arrived in UK on 15th September, earlier than originally planned due to the passing away of a family member in UK. We contacted them when they were tripping around Skye in the rain. John and Ruth had already visited Braemar Castle, and following our contact were headed to Glencoe.

Travelling south John and Ruth visited the College of Piping Museum in Glasgow. There John researched the antique Dirk he had purchased on a previous visit in Aberdeen, and which was originally presented by Queen Victoria to James [John] Forbes Farquharson in 1874 for Piping. They then journeyed on to England and Norfolk where they were able to arrange a very pleasant meeting with the Chief, Captain Alwyne Compton Farquharson MC, on Tuesday 15th November. John and Ruth plan to return to these shores on 2nd December.

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EVENTS UP NORTH

TOUKLEY GATHERING of the CLANS – Saturday 27th August 2011 Dogged by bad weather with only three days to go, organisers of Toukley's 15th Scottish Gathering did a great job in finding a new site for the event at Norah Head. Although the weather was still overcast the rain held off, and a good crowd saw out the day in response to the programme of events and the variety of stalls.

The Parade of Tartans and ten participating pipe and drum bands were an impressive prelude to the official opening by Toukley's mayor. Band performances were of a high standard, interspersed with delightful exhibitions of Scottish dancing by senior and junior participants alike.

An entertaining programme of field events, which attracted numerous spectators, included a Danelaw Medieval Fighting Tournament and a re-enactment group of the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment resplendent in "original" uniforms who loosed off the odd volley of musket fire (blanks of course). Popular were the heavy and novelty events and there were activities for the children. There were a number of Clan information stalls with their colourful displays. Various Community organisations were also represented and numerous food stalls included one serving haggis.

The massed bands performance marked the end of the day's events. As they departed the arena, in an artificial cloud of Highland mist, the crowd's applause betokened appreciation not only of the bands – but of a "right guid" festival of a touch of Scotland.

On the night, in the local Seniors Centre, some 80 folk enjoyed dinner prepared by the good ladies of Legacy, including haggis, with extra helpings for those who asked. (Well, I enjoyed mine!) Music and dance were led by the Jacaranda Ceilidh quartet. Lithgow Pipes and Drums also gave a polished performance.

John Campbell Dillon
Honorary Clan Visitor Northern Regions

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DOWN SOUTH

CANBERRA HIGHLAND GATHERING and SCOTTISH FAIR – Saturday 8th October 2011 The outcome for our Association at this Gathering sponsored by the Canberra College of Piping and Drumming, was, importantly the joining of 12 new members, but there was more than that:

This was the first time in 30 years Canberra had held its own Gathering;

The Gathering was directly linked to the establishment and functioning of a centre of excellence in teaching and performance of traditional cultural skills;

Probably the most important thing was the involvement of so many young people at every level in the work of running the Gathering and Ceilidh.

On the Friday we met Max Calder, former President of the Burns Club, and organiser David Fulton who was leading a team of young people, members of local pipe bands, and students at the College's workshop, in final ground preparations. The same crew was later seen preparing the set for the ceilidh.

On the Saturday the Massed Bands, the seven bands competing on the day, led the Clan banner bearers onto the ground at 10.30am and paraded before Chieftain of the Day Jim Kelly who declared the Games open.

There were fifteen Clans present with their Clan Tents, and I must admit the visitors to our tent swept us off our feet – there were whole families, some who had travelled a long way to get to this Gathering – Commissioner Syd’s mail-out had attracted a lot of interest.

On the main ground there were in progress during the day the ACT Pipe Band Championships judged by an international panel, and the Heavy Events. On a central stage, dancers, Scottish fiddlers and instrumental groups provided entertainment. There was a good range of commercial and food stalls, and the Burns Club itself was accessible just across the road.

The success of this first Gathering, which attracted over 4,000 people, heralds a new era for Canberra Scots, and augurs well for the future. Most impressive is the level of engagement of the organisers, the College and the Burns Club, in the local community which reciprocates with its support.

Capping the day off was a popular ceilidh conducted in the evening in the Burns Club, which showcased the tutors, students and skills being honed by the College of Piping and Drumming.

Chief Tent Pegger, Southern Regions

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High Commissioner’s Diary

August, Saturday 6th – WARRINGAH SCOTTISH DINNER DANCE This was a great night of good entertainment and food. Music for the dancing was provided by the Col Walton Trio, and this was well supported by the fiddle playing of Jan Cooper, and the Manly Warringah Pipe Band who were in good form. A welcome change in caterers delivered on a well-chosen supper menu.

We were pleased to see good friend Warwick Murray down from Taree with partner Maureen, and other good friends from the various Sydney Societies. At the end of the night, the old dancing knee was aching a bit. A good night was had by all!!

October, Saturday 8th – CANBERRA GATHERING at KAMBAH Sponsored by the Canberra College of Piping and Drumming, this was an excellent weekend. The highlights are worth repeating. The Association had a good response to a mail-out by Commissioner Syd Finlay and many of those who came to see us have become members. The weather was kind all day, though a brief storm blew in at the end.

Ceilidh in the Burns club in the evening featured the extraordinary skills of 16 times World Champion Drummer, Jimmy Fitzpatrick, current Junior Champion, Grant Cassidy, and Piping Champion, Stuart Liddell. Current World Drumming Champion, Tyler Fry was MC, and donor of “audience awards”. All these highly skilled people were in Canberra as tutors for the “workshop” fortnight of intense tuition conducted annually at the College of Piping and Drumming.

Pauline and I also enjoyed our visit to Canberra’s “Floriade” on the way home on the Monday morning.

November, Sunday 6th – CASTLE HILL HIGHLAND GATHERING A warm fine morning greeted us at Castle Hill and we didn’t get lost in the mist like last year. We quickly set up tent and prepared for the crowds, which unfortunately didn’t come.

At 11.00am we joined the parade of Clans led by the impressive Pipe Band Club of Australia Grade 1 Pipe Band. Chieftain of the Day was Callum Currie, State Commissioner for Clan Donald, who declared the Gathering open. This was a Competition Day for 27 local and interstate bands who attended, contesting the NSW State Championships, and for the Dancers, also, contesting the NSW State Championships.

Following luncheon of excellent haggis and square sausage c/- local supplier David’s Larder, we watched the Heavy Events competition, and the Children’s races. David Findlay, whose family has not long settled in Australia from Kirkcaldy in Fife, became a member of the Association, and we had some interesting visitors from other Clans.

Mid-afternoon the NSW Branch of the Association held its General Meeting. John Dillon was welcomed as a new member of Committee. And then at precisely 14.19 hrs the meeting was abruptly ended by the violent onset of a thunderstorm.

As the rain set in we decided it was time to pack our bags. Luckily I had thought to pack boots and driza-bones – who would think we needed to do this on a fine day on our famous east coast?

November, Sunday 27th - KIRKIN’ O’THE TARTAN ST STEPHENS CHURCH - Macquarie St Sydney

The Kirkin’ service for St Andrew’s Day was conducted by Rev Dr Ockert Meyer. The Kirkin’ Prayer was given by Lt-Col John Macpherson, Australian Representative for Clan Macpherson. The Lessons were read by Susan Cooke of Clan Lindsay, from Isaiah Ch 64: Verses 1-9, and by Malcolm Buchanan of the Council of Scottish Armigers, from Mark Ch 13: Verses 24-37.

The Sermon by Dr Meyer, in a strong but somewhat sombre interpretation of the lessons associated with the approaching Christian festivals, Advent and Christmas, drew parallels with modern worldly woes. Piper Ron Wicks, performed impressively, leading the Clans into the Church and in the Postlude.

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A Wee Bit of Australian History

**THE FINAL FRONTIER
(Scottish Pioneers in the Kimberleys)**

Tourist information on the Kimberley area of Australia calls this area our final frontier. While this may be a fanciful marketing name, it is true that the Kimberley region of the far north-west is still a very remote part of Australia. An area of 423,517sq

kilometres, which is approximately 3 times the size of England, with a population of around 41,000, it is geographically closer to Indonesia than to the major population centres of Australia. It is a hard, tough country of endless rock and gravelly red dust with coarse grasses and tough stunted vegetation subject to harsh weather conditions. Even today it can be a difficult place to visit; the challenges faced by the early pioneers were immense. However, these men, many of Scottish descent, believed that there were riches in the way of land and minerals to be found, that would more than compensate for the many hardships they faced. We trace the fortunes of five of them.

Alexander Forrest (1849 -1901) The area that we now call the Kimberleys was named by Alexander Forrest on his 1879 expedition to the area. Forrest named the area in honour of the then Secretary of State for the Colonies, 1st Earl of Kimberley (John Wodehouse). Alexander Forrest is often called the "Father of the Kimberleys". The colony of Western Australia was largely settled by free settlers rather than convicts, and many of these settlers came from Scotland.

Alexander's father, William, a millwright and engineer, and his mother Margaret came from Glasgow in 1842 after being granted a free passage by the Western Australia Company. They eventually settled on the Preston River, south of Perth and ran a prosperous flourmill, unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1872. But before that time they had 3 sons who they were able to send to the prestigious Bishop Hale School (now known as the Cloisters). The eldest son, John, was to become a Governor of the State, and next son Alexander became an explorer, surveyor and land developer.

During the 1870's and 1880's John, who was under contract to the Government Survey Department, with his brother Alexander as his second in command, explored and surveyed the south west of the state looking for good pastoral lands. On another trip they headed north to Geraldton and then north east discovering the Murchison River, and again finding good pastoral land. Their easterly track led them eventually to the Overland Telegraph Line from South Australia to Darwin and they finished in Adelaide.

In 1879, when he was 30, Alexander undertook a trip without his brother, northwards from Roebourne (near Karratha) in the Pilbara along the coast and then turned inland and explored the Kimberley area. In addition to naming the area, on this expedition lasting nearly a year, he named the Oscar, Napier and King Leopold Ranges and the important Ord River. He found good, well watered land suitable for cattle farming in the Ord and Fitzroy River regions. His report on this expedition, led to much interest in the south and in the much more drought prone region of western Queensland, so Alexander set up the Kimberley Pastoral Company and leased out over 21 million hectares of land during 1883.

One of the more famous families to buy leases was the Durack family who had originally arrived

from Ireland and had settled in Goulburn NSW. Alexander's interest and knowledge of the land also led him to secure interests in several pastoral stations in the north, and, using this knowledge and his position he was also to purchase real estate and invested in gold, timber and cattle shipping. In 1887 he was elected the first Member of the Western Australian Legislative Council for the Kimberley. Later in his life he became Mayor of Perth. A statue of him can be found today in the Perth CBD on the corner of St George Terrace and Barrack Street. It may be of interest to readers to learn that Andrew Forrest of modern day Fortescue Minerals is a direct descendant of Alexander Forrest.

Nathaniel Buchanan (1826 -1901) While, Nathaniel ("Nat" or "Bluey") Buchanan and Alexander Forrest were both pioneers of the Kimberley, both dying in 1901 and both having statues in their honour, (Buchanan's in the NSW town of Walcha), that is where the similarities end. "Bluey" Buchanan was a cattle drover who owned a huge swath of land around the Ord River, but who ultimately ended up penniless and without land. His claim to fame in the Kimberley district was that he was able to find a suitable cattle droving route from the west of Queensland and that his wife was the first white woman to live in the Ord River area of the Kimberleys.

Nathaniel Buchanan was born near Dublin but his parents Lieutenant Charles Henry Buchanan and his wife Annie were of Scottish descent. He came to Australia in 1832 with his parents and became a part owner of a property near Goulburn NSW. It was here that he was to meet the Durack Family who also had land in the Goulburn area. After an unsuccessful attempt at gold mining in the California Gold Rush he returned to Australia and became known as a skilful explorer and cattle drover.

The search for good pastoral land for cattle had led to the movement of cattle to the western part of Queensland. This land though was often in drought it was known that there were reliable water sources in the Kimberley. In 1877 Buchanan explored the area west from the Rankine to the overland telegraph line in the Northern Territory. This helped opened up the rich pastoral area of the Barkly Tableland. He returned to the area in 1879 when he drove 12,000 head of cattle from Aramac station Queensland to Glencoe on the Adelaide River in the Northern Territory. From this point he was able to move onto the Ord River area of the Kimberleys.

For the Durack family and others this was significant news as it meant there was now a viable way of moving cattle into the Kimberley and they quickly purchased land from the Kimberley Pastoral Company in the Fitzroy and Ord River areas. They were later to give up their Fitzroy River holdings due to the annual major flooding of the Fitzroy during monsoon. Unlike the Duracks though, Buchanan was not able to successfully run his cattle property and eventually returned to Tamworth in NSW. His legacy is his work opening up cattle droving routes to the Kimberleys.

Charles (Charlie) MacDonald (1851-1903) and William Neil (Willie) MacDonald (1860-1910) The record for the longest cattle drive belongs to the MacDonald and McKenzie families who started from Clifford's Creek also near Goulburn NSW. Of Scottish Australian heritage, the two families, with the encouragement of Alexander Forrest, formed a partnership and obtain leases in the Kimberley area from the Kimberley Pastoral Company. Their intention was to stock their leases by overlanding the stock. On March 26, 1883, the families with 670 head of cattle, 32 bullocks, 2 wagons and 86 horses started a 6,000 kilometres trek lasting 3 years. After many misfortunes and hardships, in July 1886 they finally arrived at their lease at the junction of the Margaret and Fitzroy Rivers and established "Fossil Downs" station. Fossil Downs is still a functioning cattle station occupying an area of 3,237 square kilometres with approximately 20,000 head of cattle.

Andrew Gibb Maitland (known as Gibb Maitland) (1864-1951) The final pioneer we will look at is a person of great interest to the editor after having recently travelled in the area, Andrew Gibb Maitland. Both the Gibb River and the Gibb River Road are named after him. Although born in Yorkshire, his parents were both of Scottish ancestry. He qualified as a civil engineer in Yorkshire before he arrived in Australia. In 1896, he was appointed Government Geologist for WA and commenced extensive field work throughout the state showing considerable interest in producing topographical surveys and locating many water bores between Geraldton and the North West Cape as well as in the Nullarbor.

Gibb Maitland is regarded as the last of the pioneer geologist/explorers in Australia, carrying out his work by exploration. The Gibb River Road, which is named after Gibb Maitland, is a former cattle droving route that stretches about 660 kilometres through the Kimberley from the coastal town of Derby to the Kununurra – Wyndham road junction with the sealed Great Northern Highway. Today, while it is still used for cattle, major users are tourists undertaking what can be a challenging 4WD trip crossing rugged stony ranges and rivers that seriously flood in the "wet". Tourists may believe they are roughing it in the bush, but they should think of the pioneers who opened up these areas, when there were no tracks let alone roads.

*The Editor acknowledges the following references:
 "Forrest Family" - ABC dynasty series;
 "Australian Dictionary of Biography";
 Mary Durack, "Kings in Grass Castles" Corgi 1973.*

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STICKS 'n BAG

We have to report that our regular contributor, John Tate, is on an extended visit to the UK. In his absence, this seems an appropriate time for us to talk about **The Pipes and Drums of Clan Farquharson**. Few in Australia are aware of the existence of this band but it has played an important part in the Scottish culture of Nova Scotia, Canada.

The Pipes and Drums of Clan Farquharson was formed in September 1981 under the name of District 14 Pipe and Drum Band. Its aim was to provide an environment where individuals could participate in, learn and enjoy pipe music. Heading up this inaugural group was a Fire Chief and a Town Crier. Very soon after its formation the band changed its name to the Bonnie Glens Pipes and Drums and its location to Waverley, Nova Scotia. But it did not change the ideas behind its formation.

A Pipe Major and Drum Major were quickly recruited and this saw the start of lots of hard work practising, planning and recruitment. By 1982 the band had over 40 enthusiastic members with skill levels ranging from beginner through to experienced. So enthusiastic was this group that they participated in a local community parade wearing their ordinary street clothes and playing on their practise chanters while they continued to fund-raise to buy instruments and uniforms. They made a decision that the band would wear the Farquharson Ancient.

By 1983, with a new Pipe Major, improving skills and new uniforms the band participated in more parades. At this time, as they were now wearing tartan, it was decided that that the band should be renamed to what is now its current name, **The Pipes and Drums of Clan Farquharson**. Over the years the band has seen a change of personnel and also location, but is still based in Nova Scotia.

In December 1992, a request was forwarded to our Chief, Captain Alwyne Farquharson M.C. of Invercauld, seeking his permission for the band to wear an appropriate Pipe Banner on the Pipe Major's bass drone. After considerable thought and in consultation with the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, permission was granted. Dr Patrick Barden, Heraldic Designer to the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, designed a pipe banner featuring the Arms of Invercauld on the left side (obverse) with the crest and motto on the right side (reverse). It was a very proud day for the band on 19th September 1993 when the banner was presented to the band on behalf of the Chief by the Clan Farquharson Association of Canada.

The band is extremely pleased and proud to have received this honour which is rarely extended to a civilian pipe band. This honour means that the band is now the official band of Clan Farquharson Canada and its Pipe Major is the Chief's personal piper any time he is in Canada. The band continues to perform to this day proudly wearing the Farquharson Tartan. And in Canada they know that our Chief continues to be extremely proud and supportive of **The Pipes and Drums of Clan Farquharson**.

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The Badges cost \$18.00 for Members for the individualized badge. To order your badge telephone Syd Finlay on (02) 4883-6703 or contact him by Email at: finlaysb@bigpond.com.

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EVENTS CALENDAR to December 2011

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

Saturday 31 st December 2011	HUNTER VALLEY SCOTS HOGMANAY – Teralba NSW.
Saturday 31 st December 2011	CALEDONIAN SOCIETY of WA HOGMANAY – Inglewood WA.
Saturday 31 st December 2011	REDLANDS PIPE BAND HOGMANAY – Cleveland QLD.
Monday 2 nd January 2012	MARYBOROUGH GATHERING Maryborough VIC.
Sunday 22 nd January 2012	BURNS BARBECUE SANDFORD Sandford TAS.
Sunday 22 nd January 2012	MACQUARIE TOWNS SOCIETY BURNS SUPPER – Windsor NSW.
Sunday 22 nd January 2012	MELBOURNE BURNS SUPPER Treasury Gardens, Melb'rne VIC.
Thursday 26 th January 2012	AUSTRALIA DAY CELTIC FESTIVAL – Bradfield Pk NSW.
Saturday 28 th January 2012	REDLANDS PIPE BAND BURNS NIGHT – Cleveland QLD.
Saturday 4 th February 2012	BURNS CLUB MELBOURNE BURNS SUPPER – Ringwood VIC.
Saturday 4 th February 2012	WARRINGAH SCOTTISH BURNS NIGHT – Collaroy Beach NSW.
February 2012 Friday 10 th	CELTIC THUNDER LIVE Gold Coast QLD.
Saturday 11 th	Brisbane QLD.
Monday 13 th	Tamworth NSW.
Tuesday 14 th	Newcastle NSW.
Wedn'sday 15 th	Wollongong NSW.
Saturday 11 th February 2012	BERWICK H'LAND GATHERING Berwick, Melbourne VIC.
Days TBA March 2012	ARMIDALE AUTUMN FESTIVAL Armidale NSW.

WHERE WE'LL BE: We'll be at Australia Day Celtic Festival, Warringah Scottish Burns Night, and Armidale Autumn Festival weather and other contingencies permitting.

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Chieftain of the Day, Callum Currie declares Castle Hill Gathering open.

Kambah, site of the Canberra Gathering, looking across to the Canberra Burns Club.



Above Left – Road Train on the Gibb River Road, crossing the Pentecost River. In the “wet” this crossing would be impassable.

Above Right – Freshwater Crocodile with a friendly smile – Gieke Gorge.

Left – Alexander Forrest, explorer, developer, “the father of the Kimberleys”.

Right – Nathaniel “Bluey” Buchanan, drover, cattleman, and explorer who found a droving route from western Queensland to the Kimberleys.

