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The President's Message

Dear Clan Members,

Well I think we are all getting a wee taste of “Highlands” weather lately! Either that or we have got too used to having mild winters over the last 3-4 years.

Anyway my greeting is warm!

Over the last few months I, along with other Clan members, have been busy attending a few Highland Games, Bundanoon, Glen Innes and Aberdeen to be specific, and I am happy to report that all these events have been well attended and most enjoyable. I know you will read the reports included but I must add the weather was most kind and on the whole we avoided the rain.

Looking ahead, the Association is planning to conduct an Information Stall at the Castle Hill Highland Gathering on 29 October 2006. Also, we will be present at the Scottish Week gathering in Hyde Park.

Unfortunately I must report some members have faced significant health incidents during the year so far. Some are on the road to recovery and I wish them well on the journey. Others, however, including our esteemed High Commissioner, continue to face the trials of illness and are indeed in my thoughts, and my hope and all our prayers are that their Farquharson spirit and determination will see them through.

Hope to see you sometime in the future wearing the great Farquharson Tartan!

Syd Finlay

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:

Rev'd Laurence & Mrs Anne COUTTS of Rosedale.

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THE QUEEN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

On behalf of Clan Farquharson Australia, High Commissioner Beryl Hardy Nisbett sent Her Majesty the Queen best wishes on the special occasion of her eightieth birthday in April. The Queen's Senior Correspondence Officer has replied as follows:

"Dear Mrs Hardy Nisbett,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 12 April sending loyal greetings on behalf of Clan Farquharson, Australia on the occasion of Her Majesty's eightieth Birthday.

The Queen is grateful for your kind message and sends her warm good wishes to you and all Members of Clan Farquharson.

Your thoughtfulness in taking the time to write is greatly appreciated.

*Yours sincerely,
Mrs Sonia Bonici
Senior Correspondence Officer"*

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We regret to inform Members of the passing away of our esteemed Member Alan Forsyth who was also a prominent Member of Clan Forsyth. Alan is survived by his dear wife Elizabeth who is a Farquharson. On behalf of all Members, our sincere condolences are extended to Elizabeth and Family.

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ILLNESS of HIGH COMMISSIONER and MEMBERS

We regret the need to report illness that has befallen High Commissioner Beryl Hardy Nisbett and members, Stuart Finlayson, President Syd Finlay and David Tranter.

Beryl entered hospital on 15th May and has been unfortunate enough to encounter complications in her condition resulting in open heart surgery being postponed several times. As we go to press, we are able to report, with great relief and thanks our prayers were answered, that Beryl had surgery on 20th July and her recovery is now underway at last.

David Tranter is having continuing kidney dialysis at John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle and undergoing treatment for a stomach condition.

However we are able to report that Stuart and Syd are home and making good progress with their recoveries after hospitalization and rehabilitation.

We all join in wishing Beryl, Stuart, Syd and David continuing steady progress in their treatments and recoveries.

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FARQUHARSON MEMBER INTERNATIONAL PIPING JUDGE

Early in April we were very pleased to learn that Clan Member and Member of our Victorian Branch Association, Sam Young, who has for several years been an Interstate and Australasian Pipe Band and Piping Judge, has been elevated to international status to adjudicate world-wide.

Sam joins his wife, Elizabeth Munro, on the international stage – Elizabeth is an International Scottish Dance Judge. Both are members of the NSW Police Pipe Band.

Congratulations Sam, keep up the good work!

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**About Town and Other Places
Places and Events since last time**

**RINGWOOD HIGHLAND GATHERING
Sunday, 5th March 2006**

We have a Report from Lillian Wakefield Lyon, Secretary CFAA Vic Branch, on the Ringwood Gathering, one of Victoria's largest, and venue for the Australian Pipeband Championships.

As readers may recall, the Ringwood Gathering had to be moved from its normal site at Ringwood Oval to the Maroondah Secondary College grounds because of the demand for grounds for the Commonwealth Games and finals for local cricket competitions. This meant that events and entertainment had to be crowded in with the Clan tents in a much smaller area, a fairly uncomfortable day for participants and stall holders.

CFAA Vic did not, on this occasion, put up their tent because of the ongoing unresolved problem of public liability insurance, so Lillian was at least relieved of trying to run the tent under difficult circumstances. It was an opportunity to get around and enjoy the day meeting old acquaintances and attending the official functions.

The issue of public liability insurance cover is placing many small Scottish Clan associations and other sporting and community bodies in both Victoria and NSW in financial difficulty, because they cannot publicly trade. We are hopeful that a solution to the problem will be found sooner rather than later.

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BUNDANOON IS BRIGADOON
Saturday, 8th April 2006

That time of year came around again and Bruce and Pauline were off to Bundanoon on a sunny but windy Friday 7th. Arriving early in the afternoon, we met up with Syd who managed to find a brief respite from his duties as Stalls Co-Coordinator to oversee the erection of CFAA NSW Clan Tent.

Syd and Brenda Finlay were off at first light next morning to make sure all of the 160 odd stalls were properly in place, connected to power where appropriate, and manned. Bruce was off at 7.00am followed shortly after by Pauline Finlay and Lindsay Sparkes, to complete the setting-up of the tent with tables, chairs, banners etc.

Though fine, it was quite cool, and so we were grateful for tweed jackets. At 9.00am it was off to the Parade where we met up with a sizeable group of Farquharsons. In all seventeen members, and friends marched in the parade led by Stuart Finlayson, High Commissioner's Banner Bearer, and Lindsay Sparkes, Banner Bearer for the Association. We followed the NSW Police Pipe Band ably led by Pipe Major Sam Young.

Banner-Bearer Stuart Finlayson was taken ill at the ground and this was a great shock for High Commissioner Beryl Hardy Nisbett and all Clan members present. Fortunately, he was attended to promptly and expertly by ambulance paramedics at the ground and taken to hospital.

Despite the clouding of the day by Stuart's illness, we were able to receive many visitors to the Clan tent (3 with the same name – John Findlay), and members Jeff Robinson, Ross & Roslyn Wood, Lindsay Sparkes, Jane & Scott Marland. We had the pleasure of meeting Chieftain of the Day, John MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scorrybreac, Chief of Clan MacNeacail, and his wife Jenni. We were also very interested to meet Todd Wall, President of the Clan Gunn Society in New Zealand and President of the Otago Scottish Heritage Council in Dunedin.

At 4.15 the Closing Ceremony was completed and as the last notes of the Lone Piper had died away over the ground it was time to pack up the tent ably helped by Lindsay Sparkes. In all, an eventful day. It was well after dark that Syd and Brenda were at last able to go home and enjoy a well earned rest and dinner.

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GLEN INNES CELTIC FESTIVAL
Friday 28th to Sunday 30th April 2006

Departing from suburban Cromer in Sydney at first light on Friday morning, Syd, Brenda, Pauline and Bruce Finlay duly arrived at Glen Innes, a little after 2.00pm, a drive of some 700 km.

Syd, bearing the Association's banner, joined High Commissioner Beryl Hardy Nisbett at the Festival Opening Ceremony at the Town Hall in Grey Street.

Brenda, Pauline and Bruce took the opportunity to meet once again many of our friends from other Clans who were in the gathering crowd. Among them we were introduced to Norman MacDonald, High Commissioner for Australia of Clan Donald.

The Celtic Nation honoured at this year's festival was Brittany, and in the course of his welcoming address, the Mayor of Glen Innes & Severn Council, introduced Honoured Breton Guest, Laurel De Vietre, principal of the visiting Breton Dance Group.

On the Saturday morning at 9.30 Clan Farquharson members, proudly following our Association banner, joined the Festival Parade. The main Festival was at Centennial Park and the Standing Stones about a kilometre from the town centre. With our High Commissioner, we met the Kerrs at the Wall of Memory where we inspected our respective Clan Stones and shared a quaiich.

At 12.30pm the Clan McDonald Celtic Society of New England carried out the dedication of a stone, which had been brought from Armadale on the Isle of Skye and placed in the Wall of Memory. Principal speaker, Norman MacDonald, was introduced by Syd Finlay acting as MC. At 2.30pm the Ceremony of the Guardians of the Standing Stones took place. During this ceremony Glenda Mason of Clan MacFarlane was awarded the Celtic Society of Australia's "Durr" medallion for meritorious services to the Australian Celtic community. The Massed Band performance at 4.00pm ended the day's events.

In the evening Clan Farquharson Association members attended the Scottish Australian Heritage Council's formal dinner. The Occasional Address was given by James Harris, Deputy Chancellor of the New England University. Guests acknowledged appointments of Australian representatives for three Clans – James Burden, Chief's Lieutenant to the Chief of Clan Lamont, Warrick Murray, NSW Commissioner appointed by Hereditary Chieftain the Earl of Dunmore, and Darvill Malcolm, High Commissioner for Australia appointed by the Chief of Clan MacCallum/Malcolm.

Sunday dawned heavily overcast after overnight rain. The major Scottish events were to be the Celtic Blessing and Kirkin' ceremonies in the Standing Stones at midday followed by the Parade of Tartans, the dedication of a memorial stone by Clan MacCallum and public recognition ceremonies for Clan appointees, all to take place at the Wall of Memory. These ceremonies were washed out by a heavy rain storm. We spent a wet afternoon at the Imperial Hotel with a log fire to keep us company.

We journeyed home on Monday via "Thunderbolt's Way", and so ended on a quiet note an interesting and varied weekend of Celtic celebration in ever-hospitable Glen Innes. 2007 is to be the year of the Scottish at Glen Innes – we recommend 2007 as a special year for members to visit.

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WARRINGAH SCOTTISH CLAN NIGHT
Saturday 6th May 2006

Warringah Scottish held its Clan Night on Saturday 6th May. 110 people said they would come – 127 showed up, which meant there was a bit of hasty re-arranging on the night as there were only 118 chairs! But, a fun night was had by all, which is always the object at Warringah.

Apart from many guests from other suburban Societies, who are always welcome, the evening was attended by special guest, Mayor (and local State MP) from neighbouring Pittwater, Alex McTaggart. There was also present a large group of visitors of German and Swedish origin – they were enthusiastic participants in the traditional dancing, and also brought along some very tasty additions to supper.

After a brisk opening bracket, which included the Quadrille and Maxina guests were entertained by the Beecroft Scottish Country Dancers and the Manly Warringah Pipe Band. Supper, prepared by Warringah's tireless Esther Pearson, was followed by another lively bracket that included Strip the Willow, Gay Gordons and the traditional progressive dances.

A lively and pleasant evening's entertainment ended with the traditional "Auld Lang Syne".

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ABERDEEN HIGHLAND GAMES
Saturday, 1st July 2006

Our journey from suburban Cromer commenced in fine weather on Friday morning 30th June. By the time we got to Singleton it was raining fairly heavily. But after we'd checked into our motel in Muswellbrook, and moved onto Aberdeen to put up the tent, the rain had stopped, though there was still a bitterly cold wind. That night we enjoyed a lovely roast dinner and a welcome log fire with good friends, Jenny and Max McGrath.

Saturday morning dawned cloudy and cold with a persistent westerly wind. But the rain held off all day. The traditional Parade down the New England Highway was led by Chieftain of the Day Warwick Murray of Clan Murray and the Scone Pipe Band led by old friend Charles Cooke who was Drum-Major of the Day. Following the Massed Bands Salute performed by eleven Bands present, the welcoming address was given by local State MP, George Souris.

The Farquharson Tent was located in a fairly congested area close to the heavy events – and so it was a busy day with quite a few visitors from diverse places – one family had come from Dalgety and were travelling home from Coffs Harbour, a round trip of over 2,000kms! This year we were struck by the number of people who have travelled to or are planning to travel to Scotland.

During the day, also, we were pleased to renew acquaintances with friends and members including Helen and Peter Tranter who we had not seen for a

while. At 4.00pm the Closing Ceremony took place followed by the Massed Bands and Lone Piper.

In the evening we enjoyed a very entertaining Dinner and Ceilidh at the St Josephs Aberdeen High School Hall. The meal, prepared by the Scone and Aberdeen Scouts was a traditional Burns Supper, with Haggis – Angus McGregor gave the Address. Entertainment was provided by the "Dundee" Band, and dancers from the Scone Pipe Band. After a lively night of dancing and entertainment, and an impromptu bus tour, we gratefully climbed into our motel beds at 1.30am!

It would be remiss of us not to mention Dot Cameron, close friend of the McGraths and President of the Games Committee. At the last minute, due to illness of others, she became also Stalls Co-ordinator and Celidh Organiser, a tall order! The success of the Games was due in no small measure to her efforts.

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THE FINZEAN FARQUHARSONS
Deeside, Scotland
(Excerpt 2.)

We continue this interesting historical cameo. Editor

"In 1784 the Court of Session granted an entail, establishing that all these properties [acquired in the 18th century as detailed in the previous excerpt] remain undivided, to be passed down the male line, with the provision that, if it were ever to die out, the female line would succeed on the understanding that the surname 'Farquharson of Finzean' was retained.

"Not until Joseph Farquharson RA died in 1935, was that understanding broken, and sadly the family was then forced to pay for the death duties of three Lairds. Lumphanan, Migvie, and Auchabrack in the Forest of Birse, were all sold. Nevertheless, in 1961, when Alison Farquharson inherited Finzean, on her marriage to Angus, the surname of 'Farquharson of Finzean' was retained, fulfilling the terms of the 1784 entail. Since then all the lands have been passed on to the 16th generation, who own separate estates, run now as a partnership.

"Finzean probably reached its zenith in the early part of the nineteenth century, when Archie, the then Laird, married Frances Russell of Blackhall, which brought together all the adjoining territory between Finzean and Banchory, as well as the extensive land of Glendye, consolidating a magnificent estate of 45,000 acres. Unfortunately, this was all very short-lived, for Archie lived well beyond his means, spending a large sum of money on a new castle at Blackhall, establishing a racecourse there, gambling, and losing three legal cases in the House of Lords. He led a colourful life as an MP and Regency Laird, attended George IV at Holyrood in 1822, and often travelled in great style, accompanied by three family pipers, attired in Farquharson tartan. Eventually, he became

bankrupt, sold Blackhall and Glendye, and, had it not been for the entail on the Finzean properties, no doubt he might well have lost that too.

“A short time after Archie’s death, Finzean was inherited by his cousin, Dr Francis Farquharson, who carried out many improvements and helped to replant the woodlands, previously stripped by Archie’s creditors. The Estate prospered once again under his two sons, Robert, MP for West Aberdeenshire, and his younger brother, Joseph Farquharson, the artist.

“In more modern times, a slimmed down version has been adopted, to suit the age we now live in. Finzean House was burnt down in 1954, when many of the family treasures, pictures and historical papers were lost. Rebuilt shortly afterwards by William Marshall Farquharson-Lang, 14th Laird, who did so much to rescue the Estate after the devastating death duties had been met [in 1935]. Acting against the advice of his Edinburgh lawyer to sell in 1938, he re-invested all the income over a period of 23 years, to present a property, unencumbered by debt, to his only daughter, Alison. The house was improved considerably in 2002 by Donald and Catriona Farquharson.

“The Home Farm was greatly expanded after 1969, taking in several smaller properties, and is now managed by Donald’s younger brother, Andrew who resides with his wife, Kate, in the historic house of Tillyfruskie. Over the last fifty years, over 2,000 acres of forestry were restored after the devastation caused by wartime fellings and the 1953 gale. Today, the Estate continues as an agricultural, forestry and sporting property, with enlarged tenanted farms and a number of rented houses.

“At the same time, the Farquharson family initiated the first rural sheltered housing scheme in Aberdeenshire, donating the land to the Castlehill Housing Association. There has been a continuing policy of providing low-cost sites for young local people born and bred in the valley, so that they are able to build their own homes and bring up another generation within their own community. In 1994 the first Community Wood in the North of Scotland was established around the village, alongside the magnificent public hall, built originally by Joseph Farquharson RA in 1928. At a cost of over £300,000, it was recently restored and improved, to be officially opened by HRH The Princess Royal, in 2003.

“Finzean means in Gaelic ‘the fair place’, and was the first home of Robert and Margaret Farquharson who would have been Gaelic speakers. Over the course of time it came to mean something much more than the modest family property in which they lived, developing into an Estate and then a Parish in its own right. For other people today, it means something else, both a village and a community, and the Farquharsons continue to play a positive role in its development.

“Shortly before the millennium, Alison Farquharson who still holds the Barony title, along with her children, Jean, Donald and Andrew, voluntarily decided to make over their historic rights in the Forest of Birse, established in the Crown charters of 1708. They transferred them to a newly formed Birse Community Trust, a registered charity. This novel idea was conceived by their family lawyer, Hugh Cochran who happened also to be descended from the Farquharsons of Balfour, and held similar rights. In addition to this gift, the Community Wood, which had already been established by the family some years before, was leased to the new Trust, and the historic watermills on the Estate were donated to ensure their future preservation.

“On the strength of all of this, Birse Community Trust secured a generous Millenium Forest Grant. As far as Clan Farquharson is concerned, it celebrated and marked over four hundred years of residence in the valley, and the [passing of the] millennium itself provided the motivation to make this all possible. On New Year’s morning, 2000, before two hundred people gathered on Corsedardar Hill, a standing stone was erected. The legal documents were handed over, and a new pipe tune, *The Gathering at Corsedardar Hill*, dedicated to Angus and Alison Farquharson, was played to celebrate the occasion, hopefully bringing in a new, prosperous and peaceful era for the 21st century.”

**Angus Farquharson of Finzean
12th August 2004**

“Footnote

“Colonel Alastair Rose, who is Catriona’s father and who very kindly played the pipes outside the house when the Clan arrived, has agreed to play this tune at Corsedardar Hill, and I am most grateful to him. [This is a reference to the Clan visit to the Finzean Estate and Corsedardar Hill during the Clan Farquharson UK 2004 Gathering, and the tune of *The Gathering at Corsedardar Hill*]. I would like to say a few words about him. It is interesting that his family had an association with Finzean 350 years ago, for one of his ancestors was Laird of Easter Clune at the time of the Civil War, and imprisoned in the Edinburgh Tollbooth with Donald Farquharson of Tillygarmon[t], for his Royalist sympathies.

“The Roses were an astonishingly talented family and his particular branch of the family has produced statesmen, diplomats, judges, poets, authors, a Field Marshal of the British Army, a dozen generals, many colonels and officers of other ranks. I don’t know if Alastair is the longest serving soldier in the British Army, but having joined the Black Watch in 1943 and subsequently served with the Ghurkhas, he must be, at least, very near that point in his career.”

This concludes “The Finzean Farquharsons”, a brief but fascinating journey into Clan history.Editor



STICKS 'N BAG

Welcome back to the column about Pipe Band work. This issue, the focus is again on Bagpipes.

A question for you: How do the pipers play a tune on the Bagpipes?

The answer is that they play a Chanter. Why is it called a Chanter, you ask? Simple, it chants! How it got to have the name "Chanter" is beyond me. If any reader of this column can tell me the true reason for the name, please let me know. A chant is a musical term used to describe a particular style of music, often used in churches. However, in relation to Bagpipes, it's the part that makes the sound of the tune (music).

Bagpipes are a Legato instrument. This means that 'pipes can't play silence like other instruments in an orchestra. 'Pipes play sound all the time. Legato means that each note plays right next to the last note and the one after as well. Confused? It's simple. There's no silence between notes like you can get with a Flute or Clarinet. It's often said that there are only two volume levels for Bagpipes, loud and not played! Most likely said by drummers and yes, I have lots of jokes about Pipers and Drummers. I may share some one day.

Chanters have the capability to play only nine notes. This limits the type of music that can be played. However, you will hear hundreds maybe thousands of tunes as the piper can play many variants of tunes based on those nine notes. They can be tuned such that the pitch is higher or lower to match other instruments such as an orchestra. Technically, all chanters in a band must be set to the same pitch. If they are different, then the band sounds awful. The idea is, that just the same as the drummers, the pipers all play the same notes at the same time so the band sounds like one set of pipes.

Chanters are made of many different materials. Plastic is used for the cheaper ones, and special timbers are used to make the really expensive ones. Blackwood is common as it has special characteristics.

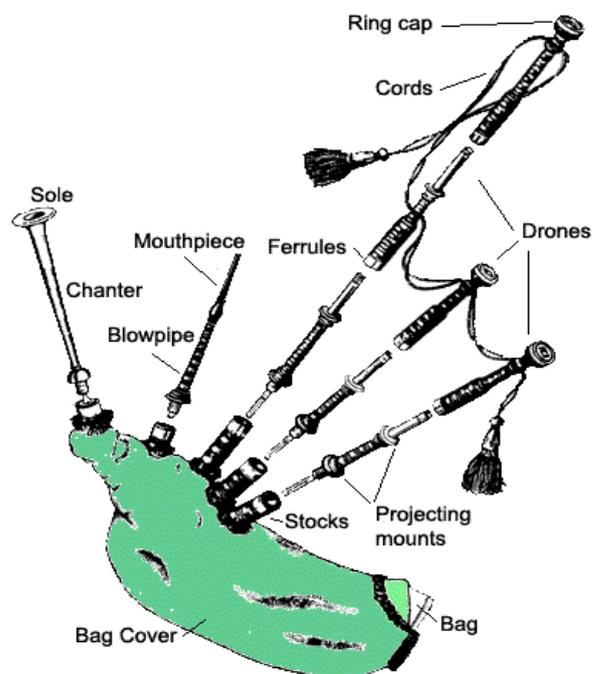
When chanters are made for a band, they all have to have the holes in the same place and the same construction so the sound is the same for all chanters. They are far more complex than they appear as even small changes from one to another, make a difference, and even though they look the same, they sound vastly different when played. Often you will see small pieces of tape partly covering the holes in the chanter. This is to make small tuning changes to make all the chanters sound the same for a band.

The part of the chanter that makes the sound is actually a Reed. This reed is not quite the same construction as the one for the Drones but it is

made from cane or plastic. Tuning is done by pushing the reed into or out of the chanter. Air is blown through the reed from the "thin" end. It's too hard to explain, but it works! Chanter Reeds don't last for too long. In some cases, reeds only last a few months. Reeds can be "hard" or "soft" (for the piper). This means how hard the piper has to blow to keep pressure in the bag. A hard reed means higher pressure and it's harder for the piper. The pressure in the bag must be kept correct and even, or the pitch of the chanters varies between pipers.

So, if you think that a set of Bagpipes is a simple instrument, think again! It's far more complex than it appears and it takes most people about two years to become reasonably competent. Many years practice will be needed to become a champion piper.

There's much more I can tell you, but I'll leave that until after I come back from my visit to Scotland.



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The picture above is a typical chanter reed sold by Reeds Australia. It's made from South Australian Cane and costs about A\$15.00 each, plus Postage.



This is a picture of a typical Chanter from J Dunbar Ltd in the USA made from Delrin, which is a very special form of plastic, and costs about A\$205.00 each, plus Postage.

Remember, if you have or know of a set of Bagpipes stored away that you or someone else used to play and will never play again, please dig them out and offer them via this column to a Pipe Band. Not just my band, any Pipe Band. Bagpipes deserve to be heard, not left stored away, half forgotten in some dusty cupboard, roof, or garage. Bands will pay for the pipes, so keep a look out, please!

Pipe Bands relish the chance to rejuvenate old pipes and honour the historical aspect of those who owned them and where they were played. Maybe even in some battles. Who knows?

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**EVENTS CALENDAR AUGUST-
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Saturday 26th August 2006	Toukley Gathering, TOUKLEY NSW
Sunday 24th Septmber 2006	Manly W'gah Pipe Band Comp & Gathering, MANLY OVAL NSW
Sunday 8th October 2006	Scottish House AGM, GUILDFORD NSW
Saturday 14th October 2006	Wollongong Band Competition, DAPTO NSW
Sunday 29th October 2006	Combined Scottish Societies Gathering, CASTLE HILL NSW

SCOTTISH HERITAGE WEEK PROGRAM

Friday 24th November 2006	HERITAGE COUNCIL President's Reception
Saturday 25th November 2006	SAHC Day Out PARRAMATTA MURRAYFIELD BALL (Evening)
Sunday 26th November 2006	Kirkin' o' the Tartan St Stephens March Of Clans & Bands, & Gathering HYDE PARK SYDNEY
Monday 27th November 2006	Heraldic Display Martin Place Parliament H'se Reception
Tuesday 28th November 2006	Seminar "The Present State of Scotland", SYDNEY NSW
Wednesday 29th November 2006	SAHC Day Out MANLY Concert St Stephens (Evening), SYDNEY NSW
Thursday 30th November 2006	ST ANDREWS DAY Callum's Ceilidh N Syd Leagues, NORTH SYDNEY NSW
Friday 1st December 2006	Bi-Centenary Cairn Inspection & Mayoral Reception MOSMAN NSW
Saturday 2nd December 2006	Grand Scottish Ball, 4 Seasons Hotel, SYDNEY NSW (Evening)

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Above Left – International Dancing Judge Elizabeth Munro and International Piping Judge Sam Young with High Commissioner Beryl Hardy Nisbett.

Above Right – Lifting the last of the five Bundanoon Stones, this one weighing 165kgs. The winner of the event must lift five stones from 115 to 165 kgs, place each on a barrel and run the 20 metres between each lift, within the least time.

Right – Chieftain of the Day at Bundanoon, John MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scorry breac, Chief of the Clan MacNeacail, and his wife Jenni.



Left – Bundanoon is Brigadoon - the Field Events get underway. In the foreground, Swordsmanship and Children's Lifting of the Fergie Stones, behind them the Caber Toss and Children's Sprint Races.