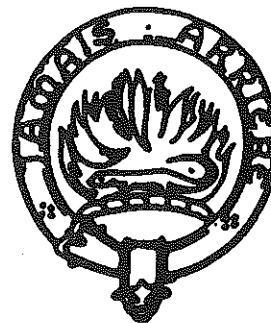


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Those eligible to join the Douglas Association of Australia, upon application are:

Anyone descended from, connected by marriage, adopted by a Douglas or a Sept of Douglas

The Septs affiliated with Douglas are:-

BELL, BLACKLOCK, BLACKSTOCK, BLACKWOOD, BROWN, BROWNLEE, CAVERS, DICKY, DOUGLASS, DRYSDALE, FOREST, FORREST, FORRESTER, FOSTER, GILPATRICK, GLENDINNING, INGLIS, INGLES, KILGORE, KILPATRICK, KIRKLAND, KIRKPATRICK, LOCKERBY, MACGUFFEY, MACGUFFOCK, MCKITTRICK, MORTON, SANDILANDS, SANDLIN, SIMMS, SOULE, STERRITT, SYMINGTON, SYME, YOUNG.

On the list of sept families there are some who are recognised as belonging to other clans. It is therefor necessary to know your lineage in order to prove association. Clan Douglas of Australia cannot guarantee that your particular family is eligible to be a sept, but the Association would be happy to accept your membership until proven differently.

President's Message

Dear Members,

Welcome to Newsletter No. 40, which is certainly an achievement for our Society which was inaugurated in 1986.

Not long ago I was the recipient of a letter written by one of our earlier correspondents, Arthur Douglas, of Essex, England. This letter was written prior to his demise, as outlined below:-

"Dear Ron, I have instructed my next of kin to post this, and other letters, immediately after my demise so that all might be informed of my passing. May the work that I have started be carried on with the utmost vigour and, may the efforts of others who may follow have far greater success than I have had over the past 13 years. As I was in life so shall I be in death.

May God go with you in all that you may do and say and, may He bless you and keep you safe and well throughout your days. Remember me in your prayers and, I will always be with you in spirit. With warmest regards as ever, Sincerely, Arthur."

For many years Arthur was interested in the Douglas family name, together with the various Septs and made a comprehensive study of the subject and was also concerned that there was no Clan Douglas Society or Clan Chief.

In 1978 a Mr James Douglas of 34 Hipwood Street, Brisbane, called into my shop and we discussed the Douglas family name. He apparently knew Arthur Douglas and in his correspondence to him mentioned my interest in the Douglasses. Arthur wrote a lengthy letter to me and indicated that a Clan Douglas Society had been formed in the USA in 1976 and encouraged me to try to do something along the same lines in Australia.

At the time I was very heavily involved in business and other organisations and tackling something like this was a very daunting and mammoth undertaking, so I had to let the matter rest. Early in 1986 I was approached by Mrs Mary Smith, our Genealogical Co-ordinator, who in conjunction with Mrs Jan Shaw, our Newsletter Editor, were researching and compiling a history of their own particular Douglas family. I was able to offer some information in this regard and in due course their book was published and launched at a family gathering later in the year in Brisbane, to which I was invited and to also determine whether a Clan Douglas Society could be formed.

Prior to this I had attended the SAHC gathering in Sydney in which many Scottish Clans were participating, and obtained some insight in establishing a Clan Society. During this period I had also been corresponding with Gilbert Douglas, Clan secretary of Clan Douglas of North America, and also had much discussion and advice from Arthur Douglas who was very keen to see us established as an up and running Society. As is evident, this has been achieved, but not without a lot of effort

James, second Duke of Queensberry, was born at Sanquhar Castle on 18 December 1662 and later attended Glasgow University. After spending some time abroad as was the custom in those days, James returned to Scotland in 1684 and was sworn into the Privy Council of Scotland and made lieutenant-colonel of Lord Dundee's regiment of horse. He was, according to Lockhart, the first Scotsman to desert King James and join the Prince of Orange, meeting him at Sherborne on 30 November 1688. For this, he earned the nick-name of 'Proto Rebel'. He was given the command of the Scottish troop of Horse Guards and served in Scotland against his old chief, Dundee. In 1692, he was made a Commissioner of the Treasury and in the following year, he was authorised to vote as Lord High Treasurer. He was appointed Keeper of the Privy Seal on 25 May 1696 and became an Extra-Lord of Session on 26 June that year. He rose quickly in the political life of the time, and received the ribbon of the Garter in 1700 for his part in managing the affairs of Scotland.

He was re-appointed Commissioner to the first Parliament of Queen Anne and also received the office of one of the two Secretaries of State. Thus began a career which for a time, made him a very powerful man in history and gained for him, the name of the 'Iron Duke'. He fell from grace for a short time, but was reinstated in 1705 and thereafter, devoted himself to the promotion of the Union between England and Scotland. There was heavy opposition to this occurring, but Queensberry remained firm in his conviction despite life threatening instances. The 'union' was the best course for Scotland and he steadfastly maintained this attitude. His efforts proved successful, and he was appointed High Commissioner to the last Parliament held in Scotland. Just prior to the union taking place, James left for England and was given a much acclaimed reception throughout his journey southward as well as in London. For his political efforts, he was rewarded with a pension of 3,000 yearly, and was, on 26 May 1708, created Duke of Dover, Marquess of Beverley and Baron Rippon in the British Peerage, with remainder to his third son Charles, and younger sons.

On 20 July 1709, the Duke was appointed one of the joint Keepers of the Signet beside other offices, and third Secretary of State, which still enabled him to manage the affairs of Scotland. He died in London 6 July 1711, and was buried at Durisdeer. He married, 1 December 1685, Mary, second daughter of Charles Boyle, styled Viscount Dungarven, by his wife Jane Seymour, daughter of William, Duke of Somerset. Mary died in London 2 October 1709 aged 38 and was buried at Durisdeer. Their issue:

1. William, born 18 May 1696, died 21 October 1696.
2. James, styled Earl of Drumlanrig, born 2 November 1697, was mentally retarded. He did not succeed to any of his father's estates although he survived his father. He died unmarried, 17 February 1715 at Lanesborough, co. York, and was buried among his mother's ancestors.
3. Charles, third Duke of Queensberry.
4. George, of Dumcrief, born 20 February 1701; died unmarried at Paris in 1725.
5. Isobel, born 4 December 1688, died at Edinburgh 7 July 1694.
6. Elizabeth, born 11 August 1691, died 17 July 1695, buried Durisdeer
7. Mary, born 4 February 1699, died 16 November 1703
8. Jean, married 5 April 1720, Francis, Earl of Dalkeith, afterwards 2nd Duke of Buccleuch and had issue. She died 31 August 1729. Her

grandson Henry, third Duke of Buccleuch, succeeded in 1810, as heir of entail, to the dukedom of Queensberry and a large proportion of the estates.

9. Anne, married 25 January 1733, as his first wife, to William Finch, brother of the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham. She died s.p. 26 October 1741.

3. Charles, third Duke of Queensberry, and second Duke of Dover, was born 24 November 1698. He was the third son of his father, passing over the second son James because of his mental disability. Charles succeeded because of the entail of 1705. In recognition of the services of his father and grandfather, he was created Earl of Solway, Viscount of Tibberis, Lord Douglas of Lockerbie, Dalveen and Thornhill with remainder to his younger brother George and any younger son born to James, Duke of Queensberry. He succeeded 6 July 1711, and on the 18 December 1719 applied for his writ of summons to the House of Lords. However, they in their wisdom, decided that he had no right to it. Charles was made a D.C.L. of Oxford on 6 July 1720 and held various offices about the court and elsewhere. He and his wife were excluded from the Court of King George II because of their association with the poet Gay, but the Duke was a Lord of the Bedchamber for a few years to Frederick, Prince of Wales. Under King George III, Charles was able to take a more prominent role in public affairs and was made a Privy Councillor, Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland 10 June 1761 and became Lord Justice-General on 15 April 1763. He had an unfortunate accident in London when alighting from his carriage and died as a result on 22 October 1778 in his eightieth year.

Charles outlived his sons and as a result, the English titles of Duke of Dover, Marquess of Beverley and Lord Rippon became extinct and also the titles of Solway etc. granted to him in 1706. The other titles devolved on his successor, the grandson of his uncle William, first Earl of March. He married 10 March 1720, Catherine Hyde, second daughter of Henry, fourth Earl of Clarendon. She was well known for her beauty and eccentricity and died of a "overdose" of cherries in London on 17 July 1777 aged 76 and was buried at Durisdeer. Issue:

1. Henry, Lord Drumlanrig, born 30 October 1722; entered the army and served abroad with distinction. His sudden death on 19 October 1754 from the accidental explosion of one of his pistols, happened at Bantry, co. York. He married, 24 July 1754, Elizabeth Hope, eldest daughter of John, second Earl of Hopetoun. Elizabeth was greatly affected by her husband's death and died S.P. 7 April 1756. Buried at Durisdeer beside her husband.

2. Charles, born 17 July 1726; M.P. for Dumfries 1747-1754, when he succeeded his brother as Earl of Drumlanrig. He died unmarried 24 October 1756 at Amesbury - buried at Durisdeer.

With the death of Charles, third Duke of Queensberry in 1778, the direct line to the title of Duke of Queensberry, ceased to exist. The title therefore, devolved on a great nephew, William, the son of Charles' first cousin William, second Earl of March and his wife Anne Hamilton, eldest daughter of John, Earl of Selkirk and Ruglen.

Compiled from "A History of the House of Douglas" Vol. 11 by Sir Herbert Maxwell, pp. 274-285 & Douglas, Duke of Queensberry by Sir Robert Douglas, Vol. VII, pp. 140-148.

BOOK OF KELLS --- Some members may have noticed some interlacing Celtic designs used as fillers or ends in the Newsletter, I have now some Celtic designs to share with you from the BOOK OF KELLS. As 1997 is The Year of the Ox, it is appropriate that the first one is an Ox.

the Book of Kells is an illuminated or illustrated manuscript dating back to the year 700 or 800, of the four Gospels. It was the work of scribes in Columba's Monastery in Kells, Ireland and is now in the Trinity College Library, Dublin. -----(J.S. Ed.)



24. The Ox, symbol of St. Luke. Gospel of St. John. Book of Kells.

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### AUNT AGGIE'S ALBUM.

MODERN DICTIONARY ---- ( Of 1831

HEART-- A rare article, sometimes found in Human Beings;  
Soon destroyed by commerce with the world;  
Or proves fatal to its Possessor.

HONOUR -- Shooting a Friend thro' the Head whom you love  
in order to gain the praise of persons you dispise.

MARRIAGE-- The Gate thro' which the Happy Lover leaves this  
Enchanted Region to return to Earth.

YOUNG ATTORNEYS --Useless members of Society.

KING'S EVIDENCE -- A wretch who is pardoned for being baser than  
his comrades.

MY DEAR --- An Expression used by Man to his Wife at the  
commencement of a quarrel.

DENTIST ---- A Dentist makes teeth of bone for thos whom  
Fate has left without,  
Thus finds provision for his own  
By taking other people's out.

Continuation of 'THE HON. JOHN DOUGLAS, CMG' by Dr R.A. Douglas, AM

In 1878 his difficulties increased. His Attorney-General was Sir Samuel Griffith then aged 32 and a very ambitious young man who wanted to be Premier. Also he never had the numbers in the Upper House and he had a formidable opponent in Sir Thomas McIlwraith of the National or Conservative Party. It is thought that the Liberal collapse was due to internal divisions and knifings in the back. Even friendly politicians are inclined to knife one another in the back. Griffith was really a great friend of his, as they had literary and intellectual interests in common. Griffith eventually went on to lead the Liberal Party, and later became Chief Justice of Queensland, and eventually Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. He was the Architect of the Criminal Law of Queensland, based on the Italian Criminal Law. He also translated Dante's Divine Comedy. He was the person mainly responsible for drawing up the Commonwealth Constitution. It is said that he drank one bottle of whisky a day without any apparent ill effect for most of his life. He appointed Edward, John Douglas' eldest son as his Associate when Chief Justice of Queensland. Edward was at that time reading for the Bar.

Sir Thomas McIlwraith was everything that John Douglas was not. He was a sort of Bond of the 19th Century, a tycoon of massive proportions. It was said by his enemies that when he annexed South East New Guinea to Queensland in 1883 he had done so to provide cheap labour for his enterprises. Of course, the Imperial Government disowned him, but the move precipitated the Germans to declare a Protectorate of North-East New Guinea. He was described as being a heavy whisky drinker and suffered from severe alcoholic peripheral neuritis and liver disease, which was little understood by the medical profession at the time. He ended up a sick and bankrupt man in London.

Alcohol seems to have been a potent feature of politics in those days. I have John Douglas' brandy flask, no doubt given to him by a well-wisher when he left Scotland. My father said that John Douglas drank very little alcohol and only smoked the occasional cigar. The factions within his own party and the strength of the opposition weakened him and his final act of political suicide occurred when he disclosed to the Brisbane Courier the details of deliberations of the Legislative Committee on the Hemmant Steel Rail Matter. He realised it was a breach of privilege, and was charged with this by Parliament and reprimanded. He felt that the matters should not be kept secret from the Public.

There was also the 'scandal' of his marriage. Griffith had a large non-conformist following and no doubt this was one of the factors in his downfall.

With the defeat of the Liberals by the Nationals, under McIlwraith, he lost his seat in Parliament. It must have been apparent that his political career was over. However, he stood for the seat of Brisbane in 1883, the year my father was born, but with no success.

The family lived at Sandgate and he commuted to Brisbane daily by train, and was employed as a journalist with the Brisbane Courier, mainly writing leading articles for the newspaper. Family life was happy and he enjoyed himself with his four young boys, the eldest having been born in 1877.

He found that his earnings from journalism were insufficient to keep his growing family, and in 1884 he visited England, where he sought employment with the Colonial Office in the Imperial Service. The

authorities felt that his age was against him, though he had excellent references. Back in Queensland he sought through his old colleague and friend Griffith, "some form of Administration". In April 1885 he was offered the post of Government Resident and Police Magistrate at Thursday Island. He took up this post and visited most of the islands in Torres Strait, and also accompanied an expedition up the Fly River in New Guinea.

In that year South East New Guinea had been proclaimed a Protectorate by the Imperial Government, and General Sir Peter Scratchley was sent to administer it. By the end of 1885 Scratchley was dead from malaria. John Douglas was nearby at Thursday Island, and the Imperial Government asked the Queensland Government to lend him to replace Scratchley. He remained as Special Commissioner of the Protectorate of British New Guinea until September 1888. He found the job difficult, because of his ill defined power, and the unwillingness of the Australian States to fund the operations they had promised. Family memory is that he was offered the job when the Protectorate was annexed by the Imperial Government in 1888. However, he felt he was too old at 60 and the place was very unhealthy. Of the three Europeans in the Administration, one or other of them was always down with malaria. He mentioned in letters that on many occasions he was in fear of his life. Also that he would not like to have brought his young family to such an unhealthy and dangerous environment. A different version is that of the Colonial Office thought that he had done a good job, but his age was against him for permanent appointment, and he had an "unpresentable" wife. During this period he was designated "Excellency" and had an A.D.C. and a clerk. He would appear to have had the status of a colonial Governor. While he was in New Guinea his family lived at Tenterfield in N.S.W.

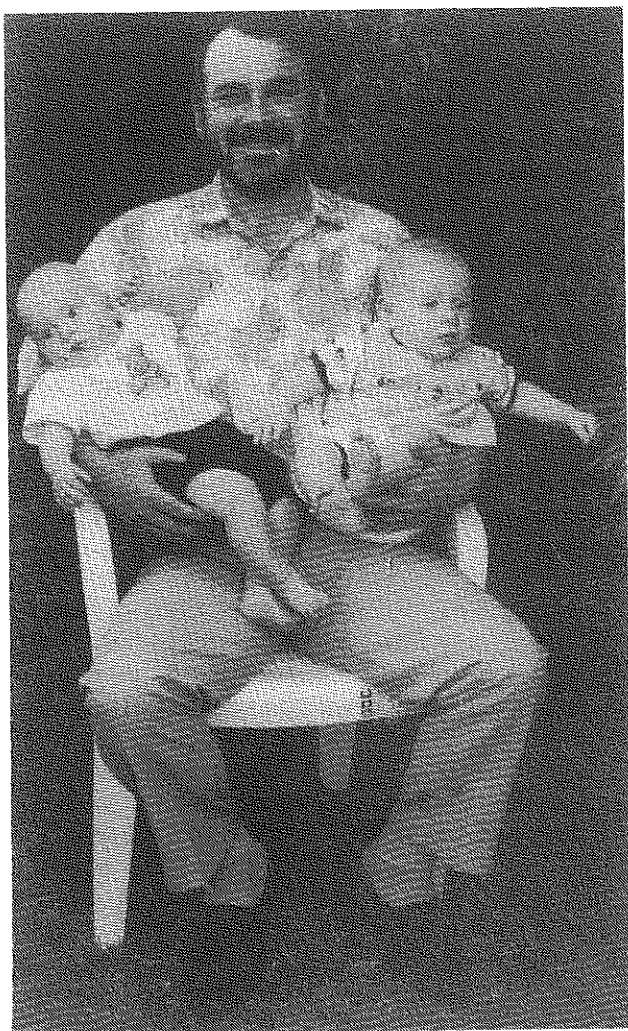
He returned to his Thursday Island job in 1888 and the family joined him there. He remained the Administrator of the Strait until his death in Warrness in 1904 at the age of 76. Sarah lived on and died in 1931. I remember meeting her in 1930. She lived by herself on Bowen Terrace in Brisbane, and I remember very little about her, but she seemed mild mannered then and had a great interest in literature.

John Douglas was a most successful Administrator of his Bailiwick - he was 1,500 miles from Brisbane, and more or less did as he pleased without interference. Successive Governments confirmed him in the post. He was highly regarded by everybody. At that stage Thursday Island had representatives of every race on earth. He assisted the pearling industry as much as he could, as it was the life blood of the economy on which all else depended. He gradually became worried about the dominant position that the Japanese were taking in the industry. He protected the Torres Strait Islanders from exploitation and enabled them to retain their culture and lands.

A method of indirect rule was devised. In fact it amounted to self rule. A generally recognised headman of each island was given back authority. To help him he had four "policemen", who were given a uniform and an honorarium of one pound per year. They assisted to quell the rare disturbances and also rowed the whaleboat with which each island was presented, for the purpose of communication. The headman had an Advisory Council of five. Four were elected by the islanders and the fifth was an islander Government appointee. They ruled the island and if a school teacher was available he acted as an adviser to the Council, but had no power.

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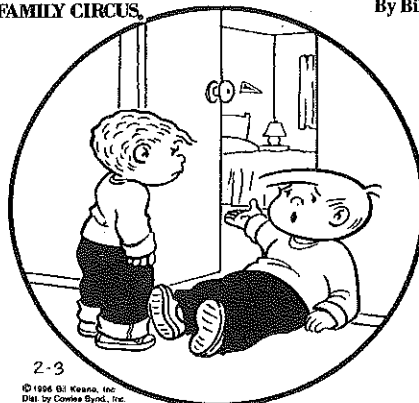


## Letter to the Editor . . .

From Stephen Douglass, of Winthrop, Western Australia, comes this photo of "Uncle Steve" and 2 nephews.  
 l. Callum Jordan Douglass 7 months and r. Ryan Campbell Fleming, 6 months  
 Thanks for sharing your Joy of such "bonnie nephews" with us.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS.

By Bil Keane



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UNCLE "Grandma's not comin' now, so we cleaned up our rooms for nothin'!"

From  
 Courier Mail  
 Brisbane.

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### GENEALOGY

Stephen also asks for help with research of his Great-great Grandfather, JOHN DOUGLASS ( or DOUGLAS ) born.c.1821 Hawkesbury ( Richmond/Windsor ) His wife is Sophia, nee Thomas and father John.

If anyone has researched this family, please contact Stephen Douglass, 25 Gilbert Circle, Winthrop, W.A. 6150.





## KIRKIN' OF THE TARTAN,



Members of C.D.A.A. and friends at KIRKING O'THE TARTAN  
24/11/96 at Scots Presbyterian Memorial Church, Clayfield,  
Brisbane.

l.to r. President, Ron Douglas, (Toowoomba); Dawn Douglas  
(Brisbane); Mr. & Mrs Robert Douglas, ( Hatton Vale ); Grace  
McAfee (Brisbane); Shirley Douglas, back, (Brisbane); Kate  
Douglas, (Brisbane); Lackana Wantaywin, ( Thailand); ----  
Douglas ( Hatton Vale ); Jan Shaw ( Brisbane ); Meg Russell,  
(Brisbane ); Dell Armstrong ( Brisbane ); Esme Taylor ( Brisbane).

### **KIRKING O' THE TARTAN, 1997.**

**THE DOUGLAS TARTAN WILL BE  
'KIRKED' ( OR BLESSED ) THIS  
YEAR.**

**ALL C.D.A.A. MEMBERS ARE ASKED  
TO PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR DOUGLAS  
ANCESTORY & ASSOCIATION AND/OR  
ATTEND THIS SERVICE IN NOVEMBER.**



Robert Douglas of HattonVale  
& Jan Shaw of Brisbane with  
the C.D.A.A. Banner.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To JOCK DOUGLAS, Member, C.D.A.A., for his award of the McKELL Medal 1997 for his services to Landcare Australia. The Medal was presented to Jock by Roger Wickes, from South Australia, and National President of Soil & Water Conservation Association of Australia at the launch of LANDCARE MONTH 1997 " LANDCARE TAKES ACTION TO MANAGE VEGETATION "

on 4/3/1997 at the Oxley Creek Brisbane.

Jock is the second Queenslander to have won the Medal, said that having retired as Chairman of the Landcare Council for Q'land, he hoped to have more time to work his own land at Roma and pursue a life-long hobby of writing bush poetry.

( Here is one of his poems from 1996, I hope we see more in '97, J.S. Editor.) -----



## The Farming Game

**By Jock Douglas, Wyoming, Roma.**

THE season started perfectly, "Best planting rain for years!"  
Five inches on the old scale, to end our drought prone fears.  
It fell right across the grain belt and it soaked our dried out land.  
After years of disappointments we were feeling simply grand.

With El Nino dominant, the farming game was wearing thin.  
We'd had more starts than Gunsynd, but we couldn't get a win.  
But now the odds were all our way, our luck was in at last;  
The soil was wet, the timing right, the SOI was rising fast.

And while it rained for days on end we dreamed of crops again,  
Of paddocks full of rippling wheat and headers choked with grain.  
We caught once more the welcome scent of ripening golden fields.  
We visualised incoming cheques that follow bounteous yields!

The US crop looked like a flop, the market set to go  
With populations rising and the world wheat stocks so low.  
Agri-pollies and advisers said it made the best of sense  
To take the full advantage and plant from fence to fence.

We planned to plant, we ordered seed and ample fertiliser,  
When moisture's down a metre plus, it's not the time for misers.  
With points replaced, the chains all oiled, seed boxes calibrated,  
And tractors serviced to begin on sowing unabated.

The time came round when mud dried down to moist free running soil.  
Then smoke blew black from red hot stacks through days and nights of toil.  
And every piece of ground was sown, in conditions so first-rate,  
Some wives feared it wouldn't stop, outside the garden gate!

Then all was done, and 2-way talk and night lights disappeared  
And time came for some R and R and a celebratory beer.  
With seeds all in, the damp brown earth then slowly turned to green.  
It rained again! Wouldn't you believe? "It's the best year we have seen!"

With winter soft, the wheat grew tall, in splendid lush abundance.  
It's showed a great potential to lower our encumbrance.  
Our spirits lift, our faith's restored — "We'll win this farming battle."  
"Grain's growing better this year, than running sheep or cattle."

But nature's still in fighting mood and declares she hasn't lost,  
Just as we have a win in sight — there's six degrees of frost.  
How could she do this to us? This offensive cruel jest.  
When we put a drought behind us, there's another bloody test!

Some people back racehorses to relieve their gambling urges.  
While others like the Lotto, or go on pokie purges.  
There's casinos for high rollers, and all the card games they can name,  
But they really haven't gambled 'til they've tried the farming game!



AFTER THE HORSE he backed finished last,  
an irate punter called out to the jockey,  
"Couldn't you go any faster?"  
"Yes, I could have," the jockey replied,  
"but I have to stay with the horse."

— Tom McKendry, Emerald, Queensland

The "Red" Douglas of Tantallon Castle and Crichton of Crichton Castle burning the lands around Abercorn Castle in 1443. ( Abercorn " Black Douglas " stronghold.)



### UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

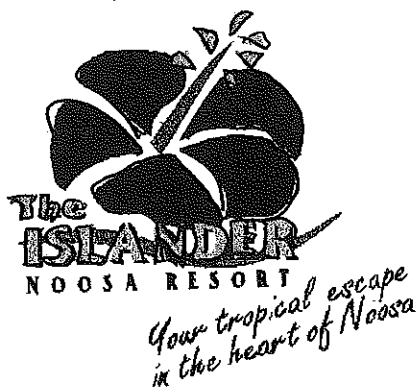
Rod & Cathy McLennan, members of CDAA & son of Committee Member, Dell McLennan offer CDAA members a special price at The Islander, Noosa Resort.

There is something for everyone, quiet relaxing pools and spa areas, or a large lagoon waterfall pool and a children's wading pool. Tennis Courts, Saunas & a Gym. 2 or 3 bedroom villas set amidst lush tropical gardens.

A choice of dining in one of the many restaurants, B.B.Q area or mixing with other guests at the Club house.

Fishing, sailing, scuba diving or boating are on hand in the nearby Noosa River.

So --- support C.D.A.A. Members and enjoy a holiday to remember.



CALL FOR INFORMATION ON THE CLAN DOUGLAS SPECIAL

THE ISLANDER NOOSA RESORT  
187 Gympie Terrace, Noosaville Qld 4556  
Phone (07) 5449 7022  
Fax (07) 5449 9358



### MEMBERS PROFILE

My name is Norris Douglas, Member no 468, of Christchurch, New Zealand. My Great Grandfather, together with other family members came to Perth, Western Australia in the 1880s, from Cambridge, U.K. My Father, Frederick, went to sea and met my Mother, Dorothy, in Dunedin, N.Z.. They married and raised 10 children, 5 sons and 5 daughters. I am the second youngest. Dad worked for the railways in N.Z.. We spent most of my childhood in Greymouth.

I, along with one of my brothers, followed Dad's footsteps by going to sea for a number of years.

Annette and I married in 1974 after we were both widowed, and had a ready-made family of "3 His" and "2 Hers" and then "1 Ours", a son who is now 19. He made the numbers up, 3 of each. We are now the proud Grandparents of 5.

We are keen travellers, in our own country and overseas.

If any C.D.A.A. members are in our part of the world, please give us a call, 03 3886084. Norris Douglas, 21 Niven

St. Christchurch, N.Z..

(Also Norris Douglas believes there is a street named after his Douglas ancestors in Perth, W.A., any of our Perth members give us more information about that? Or connect with Norris' ancestors?)



Norrie's Notes No. 46.



MOUSE WALD PLACE

Family seat of the Douglasses of Mousewald.

Photographed in April 1968, and at that time was up for sale.



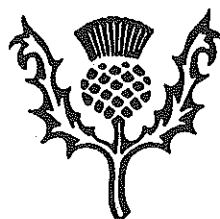
**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK** .....

YOUR NEWSLETTER

The Executive Committee has had much discussion as to whether the Association should increase the membership fees because of the rising costs involved with producing the newsletter. Paper, printing costs and postages have indeed increased in recent times. Committee members were unanimous that from the beginning of 1997 we would issue only THREE newsletters a year, rather than increase your annual subscription. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS remain the same.

NEW MEMBERS - Joining fee \$2.50 )  
Annual Sub. \$2.50 ) \$15

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION  
THEREAFTER - \$12.50



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS will now be held on the second Tuesday of FEBRUARY, JUNE AND OCTOBER. The October meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting. Members are very welcome to attend these meetings - your input would be appreciated. For more information phone the Secretary (07) 32654316 .

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Dawn and David Roseby have donated a beautiful brass door-knocker, emblazoned with an enamelled Douglas Crest, to be raffled this year. Watch for more about this in the June newsletter. We are indeed grateful to Dawn and David for their generosity. The raffle is the only fundraising effort we have each year. The money raised giving us a little more for operating costs.

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ANNUAL KIRING OF THE TARTANS

CLAN DOUGLAS will co-host the Kiring of the Tartans this year. Venue yet to be advised - watch for it in the June newsletter. Last Sunday in November is the day - so mark it off on your calendar NOW.

The service held at the Scots Presbyterian Church, Clayfield, in 1996 was well attended - the Church was packed with members of various Clans and extra seating was needed to accommodate those present. The traditional service honouring Scots is always incorporated with the morning service of the host church and is a very colourful one.

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from the dedicated members of our committee, past and present. Over the years Arthur compiled an enormous amount of Douglas history which he intended to have published as a book. This was placed in the hands of the Aberdeen University Publishing Co. which unfortunately went into liquidation and his book was never published. This was most upsetting to Arthur, as was his attempts to establish a Chief of our name. It is unfortunate that he never lived to see his ambitions come to fruition, but it was not for the want of trying.

To Arthur's family, Clan Douglas of Australia extends its sympathy, condolences and thanks for his contribution to the Douglas cause.

To our members I send good wishes as the summer heat is diminishing and autumn is drawing near.

Until next issue,

Yours Aye,



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## NOTICE BOARD

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CLAN DOUGLAS OF ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTERS WILL NOW  
BE SENT TO MEMBERS THREE TIMES A YEAR, FEBRUARY/MARCH: JUNE AND  
NOVEMBER.

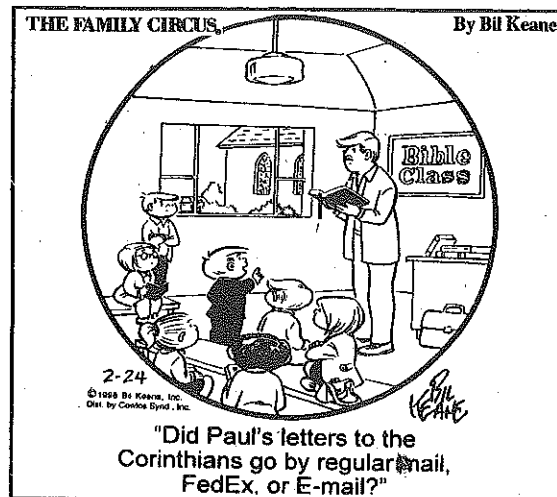
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### APOLOGIES

My apologies to members of Kirkpatrick family clan, a sept clan of Douglas, for mistakenly misprinting their name on page 1 of C.D.A.A. Newsletter and thanks to Mrs. C. Kirkpatrick for bringing this to my notice. J.S. -- Editor.



The Lion, old symbol of St. John. Book of Durrow.



Cartoon taken  
from The Courier Mail.  
Brisbane.



### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



This issue is number 40 Newsletter of our C.D.A.A. Association. On reflection through the 10 years of Newsletters, one reads of our Douglas history and heritage, both in Scotland, Australia and New Zealand ( and sometimes overlapping with Canada & U.S.A. as we share information with our sister/brother CLAN DOUGLAS OF NORTH AMERICA ).

With contemporary communication methods such as Fax Machines, Mobile Phones, T.V. and Internet people everywhere are able to have an instant link-up with each other ----- and every year everything seems "faster" than the previous year. Life-styles have changed considerably because of these "mod-cons" ----- but throughout these changes, one thing that remains constant is human relationships, care and consideration for others.

We all respond to a spontaneous smile or kind word from a stranger. The unrestricted smile and laughter of a small child goes straight to our hearts. We all need to remember that what we give out to others comes back to us in some way.

So my hope for 1997 is that it will be a year of learning to give out smiles, care and consideration to others, regardless of their skin colours, nationality, religious beliefs or social standing. Everybody all over the world relates to a smile, especially a genuine, warm-hearted one.

Jan Shaw -- Editor.

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