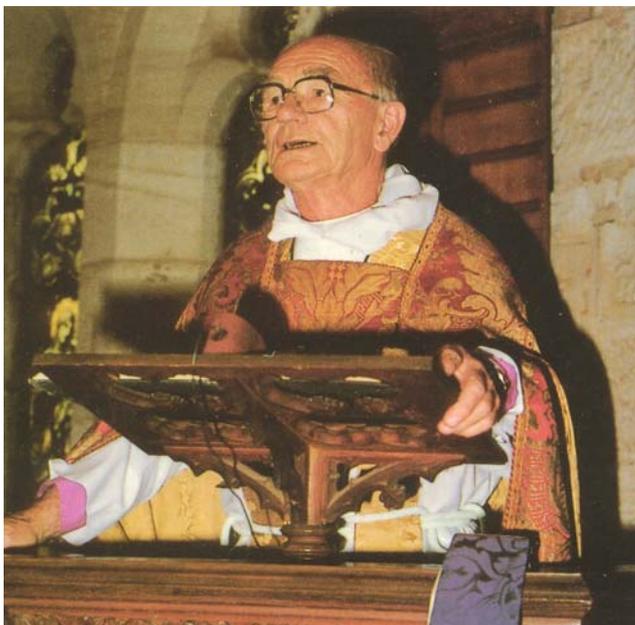


A PATRON FOR CLANZ!!

I am pleased to announce that Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand, now has a Patron and a Chaplain. Our Patron is The Right Reverend Kenneth Leslie, O.B.E. B.A. Th.Schol, Sixth Bishop of Bathurst.



*The Reverend Kenneth Leslie O.B.E. B.A. Th.Schol.
Photo courtesy of Peter Counsell Lightning Ridge NSW.*

The Rev Kenneth Leslie is well known to country people from NSW, as in May 1971 he walked from Dubbo to Bathurst to raise funds for the completion of the Anglican Cathedral at Bathurst. He received well wishes from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Prime Minister of Australia, William MacMahon and the NSW Premier of the day, The Hon RW Askin. He was also a Rector at Darwin when the city was bombed by the Japanese on 19 February 1942. In future editions of Grip Fast Down Under, I shall give you further information on the Rev Kenneth Leslie, the Bishop who walked. His life is documented in the book, "The Bishop Who Walked" by his son Simon Leslie. I have a copy of the book and it makes fascinating reading and if anyone would like to purchase a copy, I can give you the address.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.



PRIVATE ALBERT VICTOR LESLIE

Private Albert Victor Leslie Private 5609 27th Bn Australian Infantry A.I.F. was the son of W and Emily Leslie of Clare South Australia and was born at Jamestown South Australia and was the grandson of John and Ann Leslie who were married in Ireland and arrived in Australia in 1852. He enlisted in the A.I.F. 16 May 1916, aged 24 years and five months.

He embarked on the "Anchises" in Adelaide 28 August 1916 and arrived in Plymouth 11 October 1916. The 27th Battalion sailed for France 13 Dec 1916. After continued service he was given leave in England on 12 Jan 1918 and returned to France 28 Jan 1918.



He was killed in action in France 2 Sept 1918 just two months before the Armistice and was

laid to rest in Peronne Communal Cemetery, St Radegonde France.

His grave is III E 39 Peronne Communal Cemetery Extensions Somme France. To find the cemetery you take the N17 from Bapaume. On entering Peronne, turn right towards the hospital and once you reach the hospital, take the small road opposite and the communal cemetery is at the end of this road. The extension is on the south-west side of the cemetery.

Audrey Fry. Toorak Gardens. Sth Aust.

CLAN LESLIE PRAYER

Society members might find the Official Clan Leslie prayer of interest and I reproduce it below. I am working on producing an illustrated copy of the prayer, which could be framed and hung on the wall. I hope to make a watermark of the Leslie Griffin with the prayer superimposed over it and a border of the green Leslie tartan.

*Lord God of our Fathers,
Creator of Scotland and the rest of the universe,
We implore your blessings and favours on the
members of Clan Leslie,
their families and the homes they live in,
Especially our Honourable Chief of the Clán
Leslie,
His family and heirs and all the Scots of the
world,*

*Make us O lord, proud, and at the same time
humble, of our past,
and that we join our minds and hearts towards
the preservation of our sacred traditions of Clán
Leslie,*

*We ask all this through Jesus Christ, who reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.*

*Rev John Arden Leslie Bates
1st Chaplain Clán Leslie Society*

TARTAN DAY 2002

It seems to be an appropriate time to mention that whereas Tartan Day is celebrated in North America on the 6th of April, it is celebrated in Australia and New Zealand on the 1st July.

The significance of the 6th April is that the Declaration of Arbroath was signed at The Abbey of Arbroath requesting that the Pope recognize that Scotland was a Sovereign nation and was

independent of England and very significantly it stated that the Scottish King was King of the Scots, not King of Scotland.

The importance of the 1st July, is that it is the date that the Act of Proscription of 1747 was repealed. This act made it a treasonable offence, amongst other things, to wear tartan or play the bagpipe. Many people believe that the recognition of the 1st July as Tartan Day has much greater significance than the 6th of February, but does it really matter, why not wear the tartan on both days?

As a matter of interest, Sir Andrew Leslie, VI Dominus Ejusdem, ancestor of many of the Leslie's alive today was one of the great Barons of Scotland who signed and attached his seal to the Declaration of Arbroath on the 6th April 1320.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

ANZAC DAY 2002

Well another Anzac Day has come and gone. It was another beautiful autumn day that just could not have been improved upon. I was lucky to be able to participate in the March, as two days before the march I was admitted to Royal North Shore Hospital with Atrial Fibrillation, which means quite simply that they could not slow my heart down.



Barrie Leslie with his family medals & NZ flag

On the Wednesday morning I was insisting that I just had to go to the March, as the Doctors had managed to slow my heart down the previous evening. They finally agreed that I could go home

on the Wednesday evening and so I got to the March.

It was very satisfying to see all the young people gathered on the footpath applauding the different contingents as they marched past. After the March the members of the NZ sub-branch went to the Chatswood RSL Club on Sydney's Lower North Shore and spent the afternoon spinning tales. I went home early as I was starting to feel tired. I don't know why.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

SCOTTISH GATHERINGS

I must point out to all members that the restriction on any members attending a Scottish Gathering and holding themselves as representing Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand is still in place.

With the problems of Public Liability Insurance still affecting us, we cannot take the risk of being represented at any Gatherings unless we are covered by Public Liability Insurance. The only time that members can represent Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand, is if the organising committee of the Gathering has Public Liability Insurance that covers the attending Clans. Meetings in private homes can still take place as these would be covered by the home owner's Public Liability Insurance.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

SCOTTISH GENEALOGY

Members searching for books or CDs might find this site of interest. It is slanted very heavily towards American interests, but as many of the American Leslie's are descended from Irish immigrants the same information could apply to Australian and New Zealand members who are looking for information on their Irish ancestors.

www.abeshaus.com/new/Genealogy/scottish.htm

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW

SCOTTISH HOUSE GENEALOGICAL FAIR

I would like to inform members that the Scottish House, Genealogical Fair, will be held at The Scottish Hall, Weigand Ave, Bankstown Sydney

on the 22nd June 2002, starting at 10-00am. The meeting, held for the first time last year was a great success and I would encourage members to make the effort to get there. I hope that I can get the newsletter sent out in time for you to attend. I will be taking my computer with all the Clan Leslie information installed.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

UNVEILING OF KATE LESLIE SCULPTURE AT LESLIE DAM

On the 21 October 2001 a sculpture of Kate Leslie [Macarthur] was officially unveiled at Leslie Dam, which is 13 km out of Warwick, Queensland on the Cunningham Highway to Inglewood. The site of the town of Warwick was selected by Patrick Leslie, he also purchased the first block of land sold in the town.

Among the persons attending the unveiling, were Philip Leslie of West Pymble, GG Grandson of Patrick and Kate, his sister Diana Cowland-Cooper, and descendants of Kate Macarthur's family, Robert and Margo Macarthur.

Warwick Mayor, Ron Bellingham and the Member for Maranoa, Bruce Scott unveiled the sculpture, which was funded by the Federal Government Community Projects Fund.



From left to right:- Judy Foss and sculptor, Vern Foss, Philip Leslie, Robert Macarthur, Diana Cowland-Cooper and Margo Macarthur.

Photo courtesy Warwick Daily News, Warwick Queensland.

Vern Foss actually finished the sculpture of Kate in June, but it was not officially unveiled until October. He also finished a matching sculpture to Patrick in 1995 and both sculptures are set side by side at Leslie Dam, just below the dam wall,

close to the picnic area and are on the left hand side of the road as you enter the area.

I would like to thank "Clanz" member Selwyn Leslie of Toowoomba for taking the time and trouble to drive to Leslie Dam and taking the following photographs of both sculptures for me.



Sculpture of Kate Leslie [Macarthur] by Vern Foss

Both sculptures have brass plaques attached, detailing the contributions made by both Patrick and Kate to the area.



Sculpture of Patrick Leslie, by Vern Foss

I would also like to thank the Warwick Shire Council's Research and Development Officer Mr Marc Gardner for the help given to me.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

TARTAN DAY CELEBRATIONS IN LANE COVE.

On Saturday 22 June 2002 the place to be will be Lane Cove Plaza Longueville Road Lane Cove. The Local Council is sponsoring a celebration of Tartan Day. Many Scottish organisations will be

there, including Scottish Banner, Scottish House, Burns Club and many of the Clans will be represented, including Clan Leslie. There will be Highland Dancing, Country Dancing, Gaelic singing and many other entertainments. I will be there with my computer, hopefully answering many genealogical questions.

The festivities start at 10-30am and continue until 1-30pm. Come along and enjoy yourself and meet members of the other Clans. By the way, Public Liability Insurance is being covered by Lane Cove Council, so no worries.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

IRISH ORIGINS

Origins.net:- www.origins.net has launched a new service at:- www.irishorigins.com Irish origins allows users to search for FREE across 17,000 Irish genealogy web pages, containing 1.5 million names, including census data, Griffiths valuations, ship passenger lists, church records, convict records and more. Also included on Irish Origins are links on how to find useful information including Irish source archives, discussion groups, with articles and tutorials to follow shortly. By entering in a surname and other relevant information, such as year, place of birth and residence, the search engine will link you directly to sites where that name and information appears.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

"CLANZ" A SEPARATE SOCIETY

Well, it has now taken place, on the 21 April 2002, I advised the Chieftain of Clan Leslie Society that the members of Clan Leslie Society Australia and New Zealand Branch were formally resigning their membership of Clan Leslie Society and were setting up a separate Society which would be called, Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand. Our Clan Chief, Ian 21st Earl of Rothes has approved of us separating and becoming a separate Society. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we also have a Patron, The Right Reverend Kenneth Leslie, O.B.E. B.A. Th.Schol and we are much indebted to him for this honour.

To date I have not had any confirmation from Clan Leslie Society of the receipt of these resignations, but I would expect that we could take that as read. I have retained my membership

of Clan Leslie Society, in the desire to retain links with them.

We will have to prepare a Constitution and Rules to run our Society and some time in the future we will have to apply to incorporate our Society. We will not be able to do this until we have built up our cash reserves and the current situation regarding Public Liability is stabilised. We are in the process of preparing another Leslie Clan Crest to use in our correspondence and also as our newsletter header.

I would appreciate hearing from any members who have any thoughts on how we should run our Society. In the meantime we shall continue to run our Society as has been done in the past. I would also appreciate any help from any members with the running of our Society, such as Secretary, Treasurer or even committees for the various functions. I will also need all members who can receive our newsletter by email to confirm that they can receive large files by email as this will save us a great deal of postage.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

BLUFF OYSTERS “BAKED”

Following my recipe for Whitebait Fritters, which several members advised that they had tried and found very enjoyable, I now give a recipe for Bluff Oysters Baked, although I would expect that Australian members will have to make do with Pacific oysters, which are larger than Sydney rock oysters.

The ingredients are as follows for six people.

- 2 dozen oysters
- 3 tablespoons of cooking oil [olive or vegetable]
- Salt. [a good pinch, freshly ground rock is best]
- Black Pepper [freshly ground to suit]
- Lemons [juice from 1 or 2 to suit]
- White Breadcrumbs [1 cup]
- Butter [30 grams or 1 ounce]
- Mustard Powder [$\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 teaspoon to suit]
- Curry Powder [optional. $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon]

Time:- 20 minutes

Temp:- 180° to 200°C / 400° to 450°F

Make sure that the oysters are well drained. Mix lemon juice, oil and seasonings as a marinade in a shallow dish and put in oysters. Leave for approx 30 minutes. Melt butter in a small frying pan and

stir in breadcrumbs and cook until lightly coloured. Remove oysters from marinade and drain well on paper towel. Roll each oyster in the cooked breadcrumbs and place separately on a baking tray. Bake in a hot oven for about 20 minutes or until puffed and crisp. Serve with salad or chips.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

BUNDANOON IS BRIGADOON

Saturday 6 April 2002 was “Bundanoon is Brigadoon” day and it was a superb Autumn day, in fact it was so warm they we had to shelter from the sun and wearing 8 yards of wool around your waist did not help either.

Clanz member Andrew Leslie booked a passage to Bundanoon on the 3801 steam train, along with his mother and his sister and said that it was a wonderful trip and Clan Leslie Society members should make it an annual event.



Barrie Leslie with wife Patricia, sheltering from the sun

We had eight Leslie visitors to the Clan Tent, but although we have sent out a full information kit with previous newsletters and application form, no new members resulted from the day as yet. The moral of this story would seem to be that you sign them up there and then *and collect their money.*

Our “Tent” was at the end of the line and the Clan next to us did not turn up, this resulted in our “Tent” being used as a practice area for the Pipe Bands. Now one bagpipe is music to the ears, but being surrounded by *one hundred* is just a little bit much and resulted in loss of voice from trying to shout over the bagpipes.

Unless something happens with the Public Liability Insurance issue, we will not be at

Bundanoon next year, as the organising committee have said that next year, attending Clans will have to have their own Public Liability Insurance cover. This is a great pity as most of the Clans will not be able to afford to have their own cover, but I hope to get an update on the insurance problem when I go to the Bankstown Genealogical Fair.

Maybe next year we could get a meeting organised of Clanz members at the Bundanoon Gathering. I would be pleased to hear any thoughts on whether this could be arranged and who might attend.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

SETTING UP A WEB SITE

Can any Clanz member help us to set up a web site for Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand. We need information on how to arrange a domain name, set up the site and also how the web page should present and what the content should be. We would also need to have some idea of the costs to set up the web site and also what running costs could be expected.

If any member can help us with this problem, please contact me.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

THE GRIFFIN REPRINTS

In the first 20 years of Clan Leslie Society, many articles of historical interest have been published in *The Griffin*, Clan Leslie Society's historical periodical, many never previously recorded. In order that these historical articles are preserved for posterity and as a unique source of reference for Society members, they have been reprinted under the auspices of The Clan Leslie Charitable Trust, Edinburgh, collated, edited and updated as required. They appear in four parts;

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I have order forms for these reprints and I highly recommend them for the information contained. They would make excellent Christmas or birthday presents for Clan Leslie Society members.

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by **Alexander Leslie Klieforth.**

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Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

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