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THE NEWSLETTER OF CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY  
OF AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND. (CLANZ)

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## CLAN LESLIE GATHERING, PERTH, SCOTLAND. 12<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2005.

The recent Gathering of the Leslie Clan, held in Perth Scotland, was a huge success. It was a happy and joyful occasion, and our thanks go out to Brian and Petra Lesslie and family, for all the effort and time they had put into organising such an huge occasion over three full days.

The first day was for our registration in the Isle of Skye Hotel and to receive our welcome packs. There was an exhibition of Leslie history and photographs on display. The afternoon was informal and to get to know our relations.

About 75 people were able to share this wonderful experience and meet the Hon Alex Leslie and his wife Tina. Brian Lesslie, Bob Leslie and Alex Leslie who was representing the Chief of the Name of Leslie, opened the Clan Gathering and welcomed all the members of Clan Leslie present.

Present too, were David and Leslie Leslie, who organized the Clan Gathering, which was held at Leslie Castle in 1995. Dinner was then held, followed by live music, getting to know more of our cousins and remembering folk we had met at Leslie Castle in 1995.

Most of the people were from the Scotland, USA, Canada and some from England. I am not sure who came from other countries, except the three from Australia, Audrey, Beverly Lun and myself, Elaine Wood. Barrie Leslie from Sydney, Commissioner of Clan Leslie Australia and New Zealand, sent his regards as he was unable to attend because of poor health, and hoped that everyone would have a happy time together and would enjoy themselves.

The second day we went to Scone Palace, which was most interesting to us all. It was there that the early Kings of Scotland were crowned, at an area called "Moot Hill", sometimes called "Boot Hill", while nearby was a replica of the "Stone of Destiny". We spent quite some time in this large and magnificent Palace, visiting the garden area and the expansive lawns, trees, old cemetery,

children's playground, stables and the huge maze. Later in the afternoon, we returned to assemble in the Function Room, where we enjoyed a delicious meal, followed by music and dancing.



*The Lesslie family:- from left Petra, Brian Jnr, Carol, Christopher, Brian and in front Amy.*

On the third day, we had time at leisure to stroll around the city of Perth, before we attended the Perth Highland Games. These competitive games went on non-stop all the afternoon, with all types of sports, Highland Dancing and many Pipers and Drummers and much judging, as well as daring motorbike acts through fire. There was a real carnival atmosphere with many stalls, food and drink places, balloons, rides and fairy floss, etc. However the Leslie Tent was most popular with us, as when we were tired from walking around the grounds, there were always chairs in the tent that we could return to and rest for a while. Brian and Petra had organised that too, and also had the help of Brian Jnr, Carol and family. Much Leslie information was also available at the tent. It was a great day, very colourful and many tartans were worn to the games. Closing speeches were made by Brian Lesslie and Alex Leslie, who then closed the Gathering. There were then farewells to all our Leslie family.

We have been invited to attend a Leslie Clan Gathering in Texas USA on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2006, by the Texas Convenor, David Leslie White.

Our thanks go to Brian and Petra Lesslie for organising this unforgettable time for us, and our thanks go to their assistants, Brian Jnr and Carol as well as their grandchildren Christopher and Amy. The weather was good and the accommodation and venue at the Isle of Skye Hotel, was excellent.

It was a wonderful occasion, and I am so happy to have had the opportunity to attend this gathering, with my daughter, Beverly Lun, who helped make this trip possible for us.

Elaine (Leslie) Wood  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

See inside for further photographs of the Gathering

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I am indebted to Elaine Wood for this description of the Clan Gathering and am sorry that I was not able to attend, but maybe next time. I would also like to thank Alex and Tina Leslie for the lovely book they sent back for me on **John Leslie, Goldsmith at Aberdeen** and also to Audrey Fry for the book that she sent me on Dunfermline Abbey and Palace.

*Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.*



As I have said in previous issues of Grip Fast Down Under, the **Roll of Honour** is not reserved for military members of Clan Leslie, but is a showcase for all members of Clan Leslie. Emma Leslie shows the other side of people who should be honoured here for their contribution to Society.

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Emma Leslie was born in Sydney NSW in 1971 to Michael and Annette Leslie and grand-daughter of CLANZ Patron, the Rt Rev Ken Leslie, 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Bathurst. Emma went to University where she studied history and politics, but as she relates she saw terrible pictures of Cambodian children and adults, starving, while she always had food on the table. She then went on to attain a Masters degree in development studies, writing her thesis on Cambodian economic, social and political development.

Emma was first introduced to what she wanted to do in life in 1993, when she went to work with the Australian Anglican Board of Missions, as a field officer. Her work was to facilitate development education tours, throughout Asia and the Pacific, and also mission and development work in Australian Churches. Her work also took her to the Philippines, where she experienced how people respond to conflict.

Emma returned to Australia and worked in conflict transformation with the Indian – Muslim community and said that it was difficult to get people to understand what she was trying to do and she became frustrated with people who say that there is nothing you can do about particular issues, and do nothing, and did not want to be like them.



*Emma Leslie in full flight; teaching*

In 1997, Emma went to Cambodia, where she met her future husband, Soth Plai Ngarm. The two now work together in peace education and conflict transformation. Three weeks after she arrived in Cambodia, the military coup d'état took place and the country slowly started to stabilize.

Emma is a consultant in several organizations, both local and international, on conflict response and transformation. She is a consultant on peace and development for the Cambodian Development Resource Institute and also a consultant for the Working Group for Weapons Reduction.



Apart from her work as a consultant, Emma is a member of the board of directors for several organizations, including the Youth Resource Development Program and the Cambodian Youth for Peace. She advises The Friends Economic Development Association, a community based organization, which provides English language and vocational skills to young people in the former conflict zones in Cambodia's north western provinces. Emma also advises "Teanthor", a community based organization to advise people living with HIV/Aids.



*Emma Leslie seeing the sights of Cambodia*

In 1999, Emma co-founded the Action Asia Network and is currently working as a trainer, co-ordinator and secretariat of this network, she also helped to found the South African based, Action International Network Emma conducts training in conflict intervention and works with non government organization, government officials, schools and other institutions and a case in point is the raising of awareness is the landmine campaign and the distribution of land after it has been de-mined.

In this campaign, Emma worked with government officials, who asked why she wanted to work with them and Emma's reply was "this is the time to work in partnership". The time is right indeed and

after the collaboration to ban land mines and resolve conflicts in land use after de-mining, the government established a land use, planning ministry.

What Emma has learnt, she has recorded and is a contributing writer and co-editor of a book on the experiences of worldwide conflict transformation. Emma has been recognized by her elementary school in Australia, which awarded her for her services as a global citizen.

Emma is proficient in English, Khmer, German and is currently learning Russian and finally she has been nominated as one of the Khmer Women nominated for the Nobel Prize (2005)

Emma can be contacted at [emma@online.com.kh](mailto:emma@online.com.kh)

*Thanks to Emma Leslie for the above information;*

*Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.*

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## THE LESLIE CLAN GATHERING

PERTH SCOTLAND AUGUST 2005.



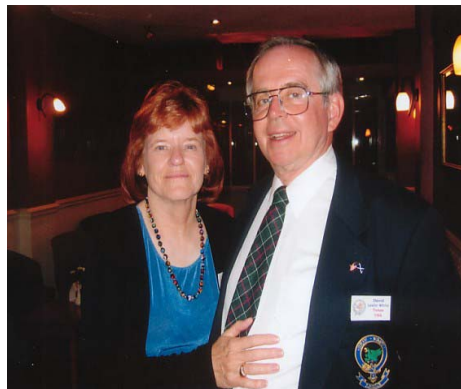
*Clan Leslie Gathering at Scone Palace, Perth.*



*Isle of Skye Hotel Perth Scotland*



*Dining Room, Isle of Skye Hotel*



*Beth and David Leslie White; Texas USA*



*Brian Lesslie, Alex Leslie, Robert (Bob) Leslie*



*David and Leslie Leslie.*



*Audrey Fry, Leslie Leslie & Beverly Lun.*



*Elaine Wood, Tina and Alex Leslie*



*Dot and Bob Leslie*



*Madolyn Leslie Stuart and her son*





*Beryl Leslie, Dot and Bob Leslie*



*Breakfast with Elaine Wood, Bev Lun and Audrey Fry*



*Brian and Petra Lesslie with Beverly Lun*



*Brian Lesslie Jnr.*



*Elaine Wood and daughter Beverly Lun.*



*Carol Lesslie.*



*Lunch Table at Perth.*

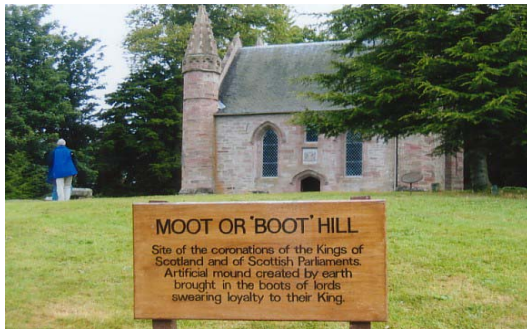


*David & Leslie Leslie with Elaine Wood, Brian Lesslie and Audrey Fry.*





*Chapel at Moot (Boot) Hill. Scone.*



*Moot Hill, site of Coronation of Scotland's Kings*



*Elaine Wood, David & Leslie Leslie, Brian Lesslie.*



*Tina Leslie and that lovely dress.*



*Petra and Brian Lesslie.*



*Tina and Alex Leslie.*



*Leslie Clan Gathering at Scone Palace.*



*Elaine Wood and the flowers of Perth.*

Thanks to Elaine Wood for the above photographs.  
She can be contacted on [elawood@ozemail.com.au](mailto:elawood@ozemail.com.au)

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon. NSW.*

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### **30<sup>TH</sup> AUCKLAND HIGHLAND GAMES. Three Kings Reserve, Mt Roskill, Auckland. NZ.**

On Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2005, the 30<sup>th</sup> Highland Games and Gathering, will be held at the Three Kings Reserve Auckland New Zealand.

Ruth Leslie will be there, representing Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand. If you can, please go to the Gathering and meet her and also see, NZs Strongest Man, Highland Dancing, Solo Pipers, Pipe Band March Past and competitions. See the Haggis Hurling and the Ode to the Haggis as well as many more attractions.

Ruth assures me that it is a wonderful day out and not to be missed. You can contact Ruth on:-  
(9) 634-9022 or email at [clickimin@ihug.co.nz](mailto:clickimin@ihug.co.nz)

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### **PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

We have arranged Public Liability Insurance through Lederman Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd of Wahroonga, Sydney.

This insurance has been taken out in conjunction with Clan Sutherland, Clan Malcolm and Clan Leslie. The cost of this insurance is quite reasonable at \$37-00 for each Clan and the three Clans can divide a total of 20 games between them.

No Public Liability is required for the Gatherings held at Aberdeen, The Domain (Sydney) and also at Bundanoon as these Gatherings have their own insurance to cover the Clan tents.

If you have any questions regarding this aspect of Gatherings, please contact me.

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*

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### **MY HEALTH.**

I afraid that my health is still not improving and I ask again that some of our members help me with the running of Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand. It is your Society as well and after six years of doing it all myself, it is about time that some help is given to me. I require the following.

1. **Treasurer** to receive money and issue receipts. This takes place mainly in Dec/Jan. with the renewals. Preferably from Sydney but not absolutely necessary.

2. **Secretary** to handle correspondence etc.

3. Someone to input members family information into the computer program.

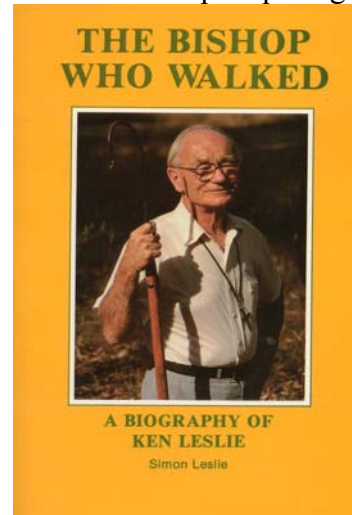
None of these jobs are very time consuming, if spread around, but if left to one person, is just too much. Please contact me and I will try to explain what is required.

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*

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### **LESLIE BOOKS FOR SALE**

I have available for sale the book, "***The Bishop Who Walked***" by Simon Leslie on his father the Rt Rev Ken Leslie 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Bathurst. Simon has sent me a quantity of these books, which are for sale at \$20-00 plus postage of \$8-50.



This book is a fantastic read and it covers the life of the Rt Rev Ken Leslie and is a must for any Leslie to have in his or her library. I have these books in stock and they can be posted immediately. Get a copy of this book while it is available or get one as

a Christmas present. I can highly recommend this book and it is written in a very easy style.

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*

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### **HISTORICAL RECORDS OF THE FAMILY OF LESLIE.**

I have been working with Goulds Genealogy of South Australia [www.archivecdbooks.org](http://www.archivecdbooks.org) on getting the "Historical Records of the Family of Leslie" scanned and made available on CD. I hope to have copies available early in the New Year. The price is not known at the moment, but I expect it to be around \$35-00. I expect to have a pre release copy shortly and will let you know how it presents. This release will be an exact photographic copy of the three volume set, that belongs to Russell Lesslie of Killara.

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**GRIP FAST, THE LESLIES IN HISTORY.**  
by ALEXANDER LESLIE KLIEFORTH.

I have copies of the above book in stock at the moment. It is recognised as the most comprehensive book on the Leslie Clan, since the book "Historical Records of the Family of Leslie" which was published in 1869 by Col Charles Leslie, 26<sup>th</sup> Baron of Balquhain. This book is printed on top class paper and should be a requirement in every Leslie family library.

The price is \$100-00AU, which is a discount of 10% Postage & packing inclusive for Aust & NZ.

*Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.*

**ANNUAL HIGHLAND GATHERING.**  
**CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND.**  
SUNDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2005.

Well it is that time of the year again, when the Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Inc, hold their Annual Highland Gathering.

Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand will have a Clan tent at the Gathering and I hope to see you at the Gathering. Below is the brochure.

*Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.*

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