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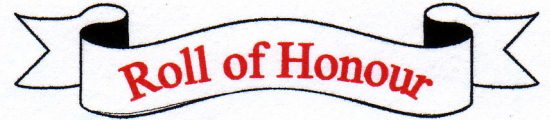
During a recent conversation with Commissioner Barrie, where we discussed our various trips to hospital and current ailments, we got to

the point of admitting to ourselves that neither of us was the fit, strong young men that we used to be. This, of course, led us into wondering how to attract younger members into the Society, who could take up the reins when we could no longer carry on. With this in mind, I decided to have a look at our member database. I find that about 70% of our members were born in the 1950s or before! Another 15-20% were born in the 1960s or 1970s!

**For our Society to survive we have to attract younger people.** Barrie and I would welcome suggestions on how to achieve this. Do we advertise in papers? We are already listed in the Scottish Banner, do you know of any other similar publications?

I will be attending Tartan Day in Brisbane in July and will be handing out information about our Clan and Society. Could any of our members attend Scottish gatherings in their areas to show the colours? We can arrange to provide you with information and hand-outs if you think you could help. Do you have relatives (cousins, nieces or nephews) who could join the Society? The best way to find out is to ask them. We must build up our membership base if we are to survive. I know of a few similar Societies who have had to close up shop for the same reason – lack of members and the willingness of remaining members to take up the reins. I would hate to see this happen to CLANZ. If you have any suggestions, or can see your way clear to helping the Society in any way, please contact Barrie or me.

**Malcolm Leslie. D.Ua Chieftain**



**F/O ALAN JAMES DURHAM LESLIE.  
No 409721. 463 Squadron. R.A.A.F.**



Born:- Sale, Victoria. 30<sup>th</sup> October 1917  
Died:- 27<sup>th</sup> January 1944. Berlin. Germany.

Alan Leslie was the son of William Coupar Leslie and Edith Isabel Leslie (nee Widdis) of Sale, Gippsland, Victoria.

He was flying a Lancaster No ME 563 from 463 Squadron, R.A.A.F, based at Widdington Lincolnshire, England and was on a raid to Berlin, Germany when he was shot down on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1944 and is buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Berlin Germany.



*Barrie Leslie, Gordon. NSW.*

## **“FLOWERS OF THE FOREST”**

**Robert George (Rob) Lesslie.**

**25 February 1957 – 28 March 2014**

I regret to advise that Rob Lesslie, only son of Russell and Patricia Lesslie, died in Canberra on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (*Russell was fundamental to the establishment in 1998 of Clan Leslie Society of Australia & New Zealand*). Rob had been ill for some time. The funeral was held in the Chapel of the Norwood Park Crematorium, Mitchell, Canberra ACT on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Our deepest sympathies go out to Russ and his wife Pat for their loss. A tribute from Australian National University follows.



**“Rob” Lesslie**

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### **Vale Robert George Lesslie (PhD '98)**

Robert G Lesslie (Rob), 57, a leading Australian geographer and ecologist, died peacefully on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2014 at his home in O'Connor, Canberra. Rob had been ill for the last

ten months with cancer. His last days were at home with family and close friends.

Rob gained a BA in geography and economics from Macquarie University and a Master of Environmental Studies from the University of Adelaide. In 1997 he was awarded a PhD from the Australian National University. His tertiary studies focused on the interactions and impacts of human use and management on the environment.

Rob's working career spanned more than 30 years in natural resources evaluation and management in government, education and the private sector. Throughout his career he published numerous book chapters, journal papers and many technical reports. He was a sought after speaker at conferences and workshops. Rob's impact went well beyond this; with his being significantly involved in some of the most pressing natural resource management policies throughout his extensive career.

Prior to joining the Australian Government, Rob operated his own environmental consultancy firm, Environmental Research and Assessment Pty Ltd, held teaching and research positions at the ANU, the University of Adelaide and Roseworthy Agricultural College in South Australia. He also worked in conservation non-government organisations and as an ecologist in the SA National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Rob was instrumental in developing and delivering the Australian Government's National Wilderness Inventory program (1986-1996) and more recently led an advisory team that developed legislation for wilderness protection in South Australia, the Wilderness Protection Act. Currently some 1.8 million hectares of wilderness in SA is protected under the Act as a result of a state wide assessment based on Rob's work.

In 2000 Rob joined the Bureau of Rural Sciences (BRS), and for more than ten years led research on land use and management with BRS and the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES).

Rob played a significant role in several initiatives: shaping the Australia-China Environment

Development Program (ACEDP), developing the scientific framework for the Wild Country project and initiating the development and ongoing enhancements and applications of the Multi-Criteria Analysis Shell for Spatial Decision Support. Rob was also the driving force between the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding between ABARES and the Chinese Forestry Economics and Development Research Centre to support future cooperative research.

During this period Rob was a major contributor to the development of the Vegetation Assets States and Transitions (VAST) framework, the results of which have been published in the national State of the Environment Report in 2011 and Australia's State of the Forests Report 2013.

Another of Rob's recent achievements was the development and promotion of nationally consistent land use and land management practices information for Australia. Rob's diplomatic approach, integrity, vision and strong sense of fairness were key factors in getting states and territories on board for the land use mapping program. This year Rob received an Australia Day innovation award for his work developing innovative spatial decision support tools.

Rob was a very valued member of BRS and ABARES, and beyond his professional contributions was a friend to many. Work colleagues remember Rob as somebody who was unfailingly professional, friendly and a pleasure to work with. Rob influenced many that he came in contact with through his gentle conversations, sharp intellect and genuine interest in the work he did. Rob will be greatly missed by his friends, family and his many colleagues in States and Territories, the Australian Government and international collaborators.

Rob's generosity and commitment are exemplified by the recently announced Lesslie Endowment which will support research and other activities through ANU to promote long-term sustainable management and conservation of Australia's national landscapes and ecosystems. The Endowment will provide support for research

grants, scholarships, fellowships, prizes or public seminars and workshops.

A symposium in honour of Rob and his contributions to the assessment and mapping of land use, wilderness quality and vegetation condition and the use of this information in policy formulation, natural resource management and conservation is being developed. The symposium is being jointly sponsored by the Australian National University and Griffith University.

Emeritus Professor Henry Nix said this of Rob "Future generations will come to value his research contributions to key questions of conservation, land management and sustainability. Rob was just reaching the pinnacle of his creative contributions and Australia and the world is the poorer for his loss."

Rob leaves behind his wife Lynne Alexander, their daughter Ellen and step- daughter Grace.

A service was held at noon Saturday 5 April at the Norwood Park Crematorium.

***Our thanks to the Australian National University for the foregoing tribute.***

***Barrie Leslie, Gordon. NSW.***

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## **SPECIAL AWARD TO MAL LESLIE CHIEFTAIN OF CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND.**

It was with a great deal of surprise and appreciation that I was advised in early March that I had been awarded a "Celtic Honour" by the Celtic Council Australia Queensland. I had been nominated by a fellow member of the Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Queensland) Ltd., Darling Downs Branch because of my long involvement in local Scottish affairs through the Toowoomba Caledonian Society and St Andrews. The Celtic Council must have agreed with my nominator, because the honour was awarded.

It is a humbling experience to realise that people appreciate the efforts you make, and I would like



to sincerely thank everyone who deemed me worthy to receive such an honour.



*The Certificate awarded to Mal Leslie*

My wife, Colleen, and I travelled to Brisbane on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014 to attend the Pan Celtic Dinner and Awards Night, held at the Queensland Irish Club, and what a great night it was. The dinner was wonderful, and we were entertained by the Queensland Irish Pipe Band, Queensland Irish Dancers and the “Elan Sopranos”.



*Mal receiving the Badge Pin.*

After dinner, eight people including myself were presented with certificates and badges naming us as “Duine Uasal” (Honoured Person), and allowing us to use the Post Nominals of D.Ua.

As your Chieftain, I hope to give to the Society the same dedication and service that I have given to others over the years. Our Clan has a long, proud history and together we can continue this heritage.



*Mal Leslie with other Recipients of the Award.*

*Mal Leslie. Kearney's Spring. Qld.*

## **CHIEF OF CLAN LESLIE IN THE SPRING EDITION OF SCOTS HERITAGE MAGAZINE.**



*Chief of Clan Leslie, Alexander Leslie*

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*Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.*

## LICKLEYHEAD CASTLE.

I would like to express my gratitude to Sebastian and Candida Leslie of Warthill House Aberdeenshire for their permission to use the photographs in the following article. Without them the article would not present as well. Lickleyhead Castle, with 10.7 acres (approx. 4.33 hectares) is currently on the market for offers in excess of £1,350,000.00 UK (approx. \$2,455,500.00 AU but as Candy told me, they do not expect to find a buyer until after the election, later this year.



*Lickleyhead Castle.*

It is said, in Douglas's Baronage, that the Leslie's of Edingarioch acquired the land by a marriage to Elizabeth Leith, in the 13<sup>th</sup> century but in 1499 the land on which Lickleyhead Castle stood was sold by George Leslie of Edingarioch to William Leith of Barns, bringing an end to Leslie interest in the land for more than five hundred years. It is not known what style of house was on the land when it was owned by George Leslie and it is believed that the grandson of William Leith Patrick Leith built a modest house on the site. There was still some Leslie influence at Lickleyhead, as William Leith married Jean Leslie of the Balquhain Leslie's. Of further interest is that in 1649 Patrick Leith sold Lickleyhead to John Forbes of Leslie who had married Ann Leslie, daughter of Lord Lindores and widow of George Leslie of Leslie who was the last Leslie to hold the Barony. William Forbes 2nd of Leslie decided, in 1661, to rebuild Leslie Castle as his father had already rebuilt Lickleyhead Castle. It would be many years until the Leslie's returned to Lickleyhead when Sebastian Leslie's maternal grandfather, Don Guillermo de Landa y Escamdon

bought Lickleyhead, for his daughter Maria Luz de Landa in 1922.



*Lickleyhead Dining Room*

The oldest part of the Castle is the rectangular tower although it is unlikely that any section of the current Castle predates the Leith purchase in 1499.



*Four Poster bedroom.*



*Lickleyhead en-suite bathroom.*

Lickleyhead was modernised in 1629, with the initials I F M S, (John Forbes and Margaret Skene) carved on it.





*Lickleyhead Castle kitchen.*

The position of the kitchen would seem to indicate that when it was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, it was in a detached building.



*Spiral Turnpike Stairs.*

It is said that the chimney piece is a late 18<sup>th</sup> century Edinburgh pattern that was brought from the Arbuthnot-Leslie house at Warhill by Don Guillermo de Landa y Escamdon.



*Rear of Lickleyhead Castle*

As was the case with many other houses. Lickleyhead was landscaped in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and much of the courtyard and service building such as storerooms, bakehouse, brewhouse, dairy were removed, as well as stabling and a gatehouse. It is a pity that so much of the external parts of the castle have been removed and only excavations would be able to determine how the courtyard was designed.

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon. NSW.*

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## **SOCIETY OF ST ANDREW OF SCOTLAND ANNUAL LADIES GALA DINNER.**



*Patron Mal Leslie with Kathleen Procter-Moore.*

The Society of St Andrew of Scotland held its Annual Ladies Gala Dinner on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at The Downs Club Toowoomba QLD and CLANZ Chieftain Mal Leslie, who is Patron of the Society was invited to attend, with CLANZ Patron Kathleen Procter-Moore invited to sing. She sang two sets at the dinner as well as leading everyone in singing traditional Scottish songs.



*President Rod Tillotson, Committee Member  
Graham Docherty.*

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon. NSW.*

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## **CAPT JAMES LESLIE 15<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENT OF FOOT.**



*Capt James Leslie.*

Born, 18<sup>th</sup> March 1736. Aberdeenshire  
Died, 1<sup>st</sup> April 1791. Kair Kincardineshire.

James Leslie was the 4<sup>th</sup> child of James Leslie, Minister of Crimond & St Fergus and his wife, Jean Forbes of the Ludquharn family. His elder brother was my 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grand Father.

James was commissioned into the British Army in early 1757. The Commissions Book for the period states:- James Leslie, Gent, to be Ensign in Our 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel Jeffery Amherst. Given at St James's Palace 27 January, George R.

He was promoted to Lieutenant on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1758, to Captain Lieutenant on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1771 and finally Captain on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 1772. He resigned his commission while serving in America and had been wounded twice. It is assumed that he resigned on account of ill health or complications from his wounds



*Capt James Leslie's Headdress.*

*Photograph courtesy McCord Museum.*

James Leslie had served in both the Louisburg and Quebec campaigns. First with Jeffery Amhurst and then James Wolfe.

On his return to Scotland he resided with his elder brother in Fordoun and on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1779 he married Elizabeth Stuart and had seven children, the fifth was James Leslie, Hon Dean of the Senate in Canada, who was born in Kair Kincardineshire, 4<sup>th</sup> September 1786



*James Leslie, Hon Dean of the Senate.*

James Leslie studied at Marischal College and the University of Aberdeen and went to Lower Canada in 1804. He owned several food companies and was a member of the local militia. He served during the war of 1812 and later became Lieutenant-Colonel. He helped to found the Bank of Montreal and represented Montreal East in the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada.



*Patrick Leslie*



He married Julia Langan, daughter of Patrick Langan, Seigneur of Bourchemin & Ramesay on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1815, at the Montreal Garrison Church and died in his residence at 36 Parthenais Street Montreal 6<sup>th</sup> December 1873.

James Leslie, had by his wife, Julia Langan, seven children and Patrick Leslie, born 20 July 1823 was their fifth child.



*Maria Elmiere Delisle, wife of Patrick Leslie.*

Patrick Leslie and Maria Elmiere Delisle were married on the 29 April, 1857 in Montreal Christ Anglican Church and had four children and James Norman Stuart Leslie was born on the 6 August 1868 in Montreal. He married Anne Gertrud Dever, they had no children and left their estate to their grand nephew Edward Murray Dalzeil Leslie, Brig Gen. DSO. CD, providing he took the name of Leslie.



*Col James Norman Stuart Leslie. RCA.*

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon. NSW.*

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