



turnbull clan association

-NEWSLETTER-

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Dear Member

This issue of our newsletter marks our first year of operation of the Australian Branch of the Association, which has seen our membership grow from some sixty members to almost 150 at the present date. We now have members in almost all states and territories as well as some in New Zealand. As yet we do not have any in the Northern Territory however I expect it will be only a matter of time before we do so.

We have now established contact with our "Cousins" in the United States and we expect to keep in closer contact in the future and be able to pass on any information which is relevant to both branches in future newsletters.

1981 will see some events taking place which we are expecting our Clan will be participating, both local and overseas. To start the year on January 1st, the annual Scottish Highland Games will be held at Wentworth Park in Sydney. This event has been run each year on New Years day for over a hundred years by the Combined Scottish Clans of NSW and we are planning to have a stall there to represent the Turnbull Clan, where we will be looking forward to seeing some of our members.

On January 17, 1981 our U.S branch is planning a Turnbull Gathering at the Games in Orlando, Florida. Any of our members who may be in the U.S at this time would be quite welcome to attend these functions and make themselves known to our American cousins.

In Scotland, 1981-THE YEAR OF THE SCOT, marks the THIRD INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS, where functions will be held at various locations over the full 12 month period. During the past six months they have been busy making preparations for a huge influx of visitors of Scottish descent, from all over the world. Every Clan will be represented and naturally the Turnbull Clan is to take its place by holding a gathering at Hawick on the weekend of May 23, 1981. This date has been selected to coincide with the "Capital Week" in Edinburgh, which will be packed with events and functions for the visitors.

Full programmes of the 1981 events in Scotland are on the way from our chairman in Hawick and we will send them on to those of our members who may be interested in making the trip to Scotland, as soon as they arrive. Any member who may wish to travel to Scotland to attend these functions should make plans early and ^{NOTIFY} either us here in Sydney or our chairman in Hawick as soon as possible. It is hoped that some of us will be able to be in Hawick to represent the local branch of the Clan.

Preliminary plans are also being made for a local gathering to be held here in Sydney sometime next year, which will be taking place around August-September 1981. Further details will be advised as they come to hand.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. Membership is due for renewal as from the 1st Jan. We would ask that the attached renewal form be completed and forwarded with your fees as soon as possible to enable us to keep them at \$8-00 for as long as possible. Some of our original members who joined with Scotland have not yet been in touch and we would request that they contact us regarding their intentions re membership of our local branch as soon as possible.

SOUVERNIRS ETC. Since our last newsletter we have had some souvernir items produced locally and a list along with prices is enclosed. Samples of some of these items have been sent to Scotland and we have just followed up with a small shipment to our chairman for the UK members. We hope that this will continue which will help with our finances. We also have a limited number of the ties available in both Dress and Hunting Tartans, as well as the new Crest design. We have also been advised by one of our U.S members that he is able to supply a line of clan jewelry which has been produced in Canada. A full list is also included on our pricelist.

We have recently received an advance copy of the newsletter from our H.Q in Scotland which is now in the mail to all our members around the world. As our combined membership is now around 600, this mailing will take some time so you should start receiving them here in Australia around Christmas.

Communication has also been received from the LESLIE-ALVIE Clan in South Australia who we beleive are now subscribing to our clan in Scotland. If any member has any association with the Leslie Clan we would be pleased to put them in touch with the organiser in South Australia.

ENQUIRIES. Please contact member direct.

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Descendents of the families of George(Simon)Turn-

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bull. married Janet Leslie in 1811 at Alvie, Inverness. Issue- 9 children of whom their son Simon was the only one to migrate to Australia on the "Duke of Newcastle" in 1862/64. Simon married Annie Bennett of Currency Ck, SA 11 June 1872. Issue- 5 Sons and 5 Daughters.

In closing may we take this opportunity of wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. P. M. L. L.", written in dark ink.