Commander Travel Itinerary

The Commander Iain Morris McFie Esq and his wife Fiona will be visiting NZ from 4th to 30th October 2014. ***Everyone is welcome***.

From 4th – 17th October the Commander and his wife will be hosted by the NZ Clan Commissioner James McPhee and his wife Mary.

**Auckland –** On Friday 17th October the Commander and his wife will travel to Pukekohe (just south of Auckland City) where they will be hosted by the President of the McPhee Clan Society of NZ Glen McPhee and his wife Glenda.

Day 1 - Saturday 18th October 2014

**Formal Dinner**

Commanders Reception and Dinner to be held at Quality Hotel Parnell, 20 Gladstone Road, Parnell Auckland 1052.

Commencing at 6.00 pm with the Commanders Reception to give Guests a chance to mingle and meet the Commander Iain Morris Mcfie and his wife Fiona. This will be followed by a Haggis Ceremony then buffet dinner, NZ style. The Guest speaker will be the Commander. Formal Dress. Cost $60.00 per adult, $30.00 per child. Guests will be presented with a drink (either wine or soft drink) on arrival. Bar facilities available.

**Accommodation in Auckland**.

Accommodation is available at Quality Hotel Parnell at special rates for our Clan Members and guests. Code No 66515 must be quoted when reserving in order to qualify for the special tariff of $112 PN for a King Standard room or $119 PN for a King Balcony room. These rooms all have tea/coffee making facilities and prices include GST. There are 2 King Standard rooms and 3 King Balcony rooms set aside. Ph. (09) 303 3789 email: [reservations@theparnell.co.nz](mailto:reservations@theparnell.co.nz)

Day 2 – Sunday 19th October 2014 - site seeing around Auckland - the beautiful City of Sales

On 20th October the Commander and his wife travel to Wellington where they will be hosted by our Wellington Foundation Members of the McPhee Clan Society of NZ, Eric and Carolyn Wadsworth.

**Wellington**

Day 1 – Tuesday 21st October 2014

Morning - Visit to Waiwhetu Marae (local iwi Te Ati Awa) Powhiri (welcome) includes exchange of greetings. Morning tea. Visit to Te Maori developed as a cultural centre, housing offices, community rooms and a radio station as well as 2 waka (canoe) Lunch at Galleria Cafe (nearby to the Marae)

Afternoon: Visit to Iona Cross (Petone Esplanade) – In 1840 two shiploads of Scots arrived at the infant settlement of Wellington. Rev John Macfarlane, on board the ship Bengal Merchant, conducted the first Presbyterian service in New Zealand. The Iona Cross commemorates the occasion. Visit to Petone Settlers Museum – Wellington Provincial Centennial Memorial built in 1940 to commemorate the arrival of the first New Zealand Company settlers on 22 January 1840.

Evening – informal

Day 2 - Wednesday 22 October

Scenic visits including – Mt Victoria – Cable Car – Botanical Gardens (lunch) – Parliament Buildings

**NOTE:**  ***A commercial bus tour (hop on hop off as desired) which operates daily would cover all these attractions plus others but would be at a cost of $45 per person (ticket applicable for 24 hours).***

Evening – Informal - BBQ at the Wadsworth family home with attendance by clan members

Day 3 - Thursday 23 October

Morning - Visit to Wellington waterfront – Museum of Wellington City and Sea – celebrating the social, cultural and maritime history of Wellington. Visit to Bond Street (site of the first landing in NZ by McPhee’s in 1855)

Afternoon – Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa

**NOTE:  If desirable an approach could be made to the Wellington City Council for the use of mobility scooters**

 Evening – informal - dine out meal (own Cost)

Accommodation is plentiful and varied in Wellington and visitors are welcome to book to suit their own requirements.

**Masterton**

Day 1 – Friday 24th October

Morning - The Commander and his wife arrive by train at 10.30am. During their stay in Masterton they will be hosted by a McPhee Clan Society of NZ founding Member Judy Cundy/Keats and her husband Laurie Keats.

Afternoon – visit Pukaha Mt Bruce, $20 entry fee (Gold Card Holders $17) Feeding eels, Guided Tour, see feeding of Kaka, visit Kiwi House-white Kiwis a special feature!

Evening– Informal meeting with local Clan Members and visitors at Keats home. (BYO drinks and nibbles)

Day 2- Saturday 25th October

**Visit Standing Stones** at Gavin McLachlan’s farm, Rangitumau. 4-wheel drive vehicles to take people up the hill to take us up the hill, walkers can make their own way if they wish. Gavin will explain how he went about making this special place. Cost will depend on numbers.

**Drive to Wairarapa Coast**, stopping at **Tinui** on way to visit small but informative museum, explaining the development of the area from early 1980’s. **Lunch at Whakataki Hotel –** (famous for their fish & Chips @ $15.00 per head). Visit Castlepoint Beach and Lighthouse – early Wairarapa history

**Evening – Informal Dinner at the Cosmopolitan Club** (own room booked) – 2 course Buffet dinner, own cost. Adults @ $27 pp, Children under 10 @ $14 pp, under 5 @ $6 pp. Bar available.

**Indoor Highland Games** – especially designed for this occasion.

Day 3 –Sunday 26th October

**Church Service at Lansdowne Church**

**Visit Woolshed Museum, Masterton,** for lunch and live sheep shearing. Photos taken will be displayed in Woolshed. Cost $20 pp includes entrance fee and lunch.

**Evening – Commanders Reception and Formal Dinner.** To be held at Copthorne Solway Park Hotel, High Street South, Masterton. Commencing at 6.00 pm for the Commanders reception where Guests will have a chance to mingle and meet the Commander Iain Morris Mcfie and his wife Fiona. This will be followed by a Haggis Ceremony then buffet NZ Style dinner. Guest speaker will be the Commander Iain Morris McFie. Cost $60.00 per adult, $30.00 per child. Bar facilities available. Formal dress required.Guests will be presented with a drink on arrival (wine or soft drink) plus some wine on each dinner table. Bar facilities are available.

**Accommodation in Masterton**

Accommodation is available at Copthorne Solway Park Hotel with special rates for our Clan Members and guests. Code No 68562 must be quoted when reserving in order to qualify for the special tariff of $125 PN. Rooms have been set aside for us.Ph. (06) 370 0500 or book on line.

There is also cabin accommodation available at Mawley Holiday Park, 5 Oxford Street, Masterton. Ph. (06) 378 6454  email: info@mawleypark.co.nz

***Bookings are essential at these venues as this is a holiday weekend in NZ (Labour Day weekend-which is a public holiday on Monday 27th October.***

***The Commander and his wife leave for Sydney, Australia on 30th October 2014***