



Ceud Maile Failte Lindsay!

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You belong to **Clan Lindsay** if you are descended from someone with the following surnames (*however spelt*):

Affleck /Auchinleck

Byers/Byres/Buyers

Cobb

Crawford

Deuchar

Downie

Fotheringham /Fotheringhay

Lindsay

Rhind/Rhynd

Summers /Sumner

Membership is open to those descended through matrilineal or patrilineal lines.

Join your Clan Society today!



Clan Lindsay
on the March,
Bundanoon
Street Parade,
2005

Membership

Membership is inexpensive and has lots of benefits. Its also a great way to keep in contact with your clansfolk. Fees are paid annually, on the anniversary of the date your membership is accepted (this is on your card).

- Families \$30
- Individuals \$20
- Retiree families \$20 (both partners retired)
- Pensioners, seniors & retirees \$10
- Students (full-time) \$10
- Under 18's \$10
- Low income \$10
- Associate membership \$10

Why not give a membership subscription to your loved ones as a gift?

Clan Lindsay
Picnic and
Annual
General
Meeting,
Mt Annan,
2007



Newsletters, certificates and membership cards

New members receive our fabulous new members pack: a membership certificate (suitable for framing), a membership card, back copies of our newsletter, *The Lindsay Blether*, and a copy of our Constitution.



Members receive at least three newsletters per year. You also invited to our annual picnic, clan gatherings, lunches and dinners and on excursions to places of interest to our Clan.

Members Peter & Heather Rowe, and Bill Bostle, Bundanoon 2006

Our website

The website holds a lot of information about Clan Lindsay. The website has a chat facility that we use to hold our monthly e-meetings. Members and guests are invited to 'drop in' to the meetings (the first Wednesday of every month). Its as simple as typing in your name and a quick 'hello'.



Glen Downie and Kathleen Butler

Clan Lindsay Heritage

Our Clan Chief is The Rt Hon The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres. He is a Knight of the Thistle, a Privy Councillor and a Deputy Lieutenant.

L to R: Lord Crawford, Lady Lindsay, Lady Crawford, Lord Lindsay



We are proud of our Clan's heritage. From ancient beginnings, to modern times, our Clansfolk have been involved in their community, both in dramatic historical events and in their own backyards.

Modern Lindsay tartan is one of the most beautiful **tartans** in the world. There is also weathered or ancient Lindsay tartan, a dress tartan much loved by Highland Dancers, Crawford tartan for those of that ilk, the beautiful Angus District tartan for Afflecks and northerners, as well a choice of military tartans.

Whichever tartan is the right one for you, we encourage you to wear the tartan at all Clan Lindsay events, and Scottish Games and Gatherings. It's also traditional to wear it at events such as weddings, dances and other formal occasions.



NSW State Councillor, Wes Batey, Aberdeen 2003

All clan members can wear the Lindsay crest-badge. Our **crest-badge** is displayed in our logo.

The Chief's **motto**, Endure Fort, means 'endure bravely'.

Unlike many clans, Clan Lindsay is a group of 'associated families', rather than a head of the Clan with subordinate Septs. Some of our associated families have their own coats of arms, crest-badges, castles and very interesting histories!

Lindsay, Affleck, Byers, Crawford & Fotheringham Crest-badges



Clan History

Clan Lindsay has been making history since they travelled to England with William the Conqueror in 1066. Significant stories about our unique role in shaping Scottish and world events include:

- The early Lindsays
- The *Declaration of Arbroath*
- The first Earl of Crawford
- The Crawford family
- Origin of Clan surnames
- First Clan members in Australia
- The Lindsays of Creswick
- The Lindsays of Crete
- David Lindsay, explorer!
- Clan Lindsay Victoria Cross recipients
- Castles, Coats of Arms, Crest-badges and tartans
- The Afflecks, armour-bearers to the Earl of Crawford

We're also compiling a history of the Lindsays in Australia and would love to include your family's story in that book.

Edzell Castle, Scotland

We also bring you information about Scottish historical events and cultural information. Articles have talked about:



- Scotland's last royal wedding
- The demography of the Scottish people
- The Great Highland Bagpipe - a Clan tradition
- Life in the 16th century
- a snapshot of Scottish history, 3200BC to current

[John Downie \(1897 - 1964\)](#)



Our Clan Lindsay community

The Clan Lindsay Society has something for all ages, the young, and the young at heart. We attend several gatherings a year, as well as providing you with information about what's on across Australia.

Most importantly, we like to get together and have a bit of fun, whether its over the internet, at a gathering or meeting for a lunch.

[The Afflecks, The Domain Gathering, 2004](#)



We provide commemorative certificates to celebrate occasions that are important to our members, such as the birth, marriage or graduation of a member or relative of our members.

[Members Susan Greaves, Noel Lindsay, Shirley Lindsay, and Grant Lindsay](#)



We encourage our members to take up Scottish cultural activities. We support this with **the John Downie Memorial Grant**, which is funded solely from fundraising activities carried out by the Board.

There's nothing better than a good gathering! We inform our members about activities about Gatherings, Games, other Scottish cultural activities and events that are important to our members through *The Lindsay Blether*, our web site and *Noticeboard*.

The Lindsay Blether is our place for sharing family traditions, views, news and a good laugh. Some of our most popular articles include:

- Members' stories
- Scottish handicrafts (including five tartan rug crochet patterns)
- Cooke's corner - traditional Scottish recipes
- Music and book reviews
- stories, poems, jokes
- The Kilt and Scottish outfits
- The Family Tree (births and marriages)
- Flowers of the forest (in memoriam)
- Gatherings, games and events



A day out for the whole family – Janette, David, James and Chris Lindsay, Bundanoon, 2005

Genealogical works

Our members are very interested in family trees. Our Genealogist is compiling a database of Clan Lindsay folk and our ancestors, to assist you in tracing your family tree - and perhaps tracking down some long lost relatives!

In addition to this, we're gearing up to support the DNA Genealogy Projects for each of the families that form part of our Clan.

Three generations of Downies, Bundanoon, 2005

Clan Lindsay Scotland and Clan Lindsay USA regularly provide us with information about their research so we can make it available to you. Information less than 100 years old is not released without permission.



We help you find sources of information about your ancestors - and provide tips on researching within those databases if you need help.

Carrying the Commander's Banner, Aberdeen 2003



The Society

The Clan Lindsay Society of Australia is a non-profit organisation, run by its members. We formed in November 2000. Our aims are:

- reviving, conserving and promoting of the interests, sentiments and associations of the clan
- cultivation of social interaction among Clan Lindsay folk
- collecting and preserving of records and traditions relating to the history of the clan

Wes Batey, Teresa Bostle, Susan Cooke & Tina Batey



Current Board members are:

President & Clan Commander/ Secretary: Susan Cooke

Vice-President/Genealogist/Historian: Chris Lindsay

Councillor (NSW): Wesley Batey

Councillor (VIC): Victoria Presser

Councillor (ACT): Janette Lindsay

Treasurer & Registrar: Teresa Bostle

Editor of the Lindsay Blether: Bill Bostle

Piper: Christina Batey

Come join us soon!

Member Allan Lindsay inspects the Clan Commander's Banner at the Aberdeen Games, 2003

