

THE MCPHEE CLAN OF AUSTRALIA

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Introduction. As a result of the interest shown, and votes cast in favour of the 5 Inaugural Resolutions, our Clan Society has now officially come into being. As membership grows the problem of passing information to members will increase, and so I am now introducing the first of what will be quarterly Newsbulletins to all members. Items of general interest, reports on Society progress, news about various members etc will be contained in the Newsbulletins; urgent business though, should any arise, will be dealt with as required at the time. It is hoped that items in the Newsbulletin will retain member interest in the Society, and that the simple format will permit us to function within our limited annual budget.

Inaugural Resolutions. Of 31 people invited to become Foundation Members, 24 accepted, 2 refused, 1 declined for the present, and the remaining 4 failed to reply. Of the 24 Foundation Members, 22 voted on the Inaugural Resolutions, and the results were :

<u>Item 1</u> - Formation.	Yes 22	No Nil					<u>Carried</u> (Unanimously)				
<u>Item 2</u> - Name.	(A) MacDhubhsith	Yes 8	No 13					<u>Lost</u>			
	(B) MacDuffie	2 1st	2 2nd	4 3rd	13 4th	- 35					
	MacFie	4 1st	2 2nd	13 3rd	2 4th	- 50					
	MacPhee	4 1st	10 2nd	6 3rd	1 4th	- 59					
	McPhee	11 1st	4 2nd	4 3rd	2 4th	- 66					

(Preferential counting with 4 for 1st preference, 3 for 2nd etc.)

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Item 3 - Ain. Yes 22 No Nil Carried (Unanimously)

Item 4 - Membership. Original 13 Alternate 8 Original Carried

Item 5 - Fees. Yes: 22 No Nil Carried (Unanimously)

Above figures checked and verified by by Mr C.R. Macphee.

Membership. It is necessary to formally record membership details for the Society records and a Membership Registration Form is enclosed for your attention - would you please complete and return at your earliest convenience. The task of increasing the membership of the Society is one that concerns us all. I expect to contact some 60 people in all States this month and invite them to join the Society, and I would appreciate members making an effort to contact who may be interested in our Society. To this end I am enclosing 2 additional Membership Registration Forms and a list of the 'approved names' from Dr E.D. MacPhee's History of the Clan. It will be noted that Dr MacPhee does not differentiate between Capital P or F and small p or f in his spelling of names such as MacPhee and Macphee, or MacFie and Macfie. It will be to our advantage in claiming to be the representative body of Clan members in Australia to have as broad a spread of accepted names amongst our membership as possible - please bear this in mind when seeking new members.

Fees. 1974 membership fees of \$2. per member are now due and should accompany the Membership Registration Form. To save on postage costs receipts will not be mailed separately - they will be forwarded with the next papers or letters mailed after payment.

Contentious Items. Several contentious items may well emerge in the near future, and of course they will be submitted to you for decision should the need so arise. Sufficient at this time to stress that we are simply a Society with membership restricted to interested members of the 'McPhee' Clan, and to affirm that in matters of protocol we will be guided by The Lord Lyon, King of Arms, in Edinburgh.

Publicity. In the June copy of 'Parade' Charles Bateson will be reviewing the five books of Dr E.D. MacPhee's - it should be on sale at the beginning of the month.

Clan History. Charles Macphee very kindly prepared the enclosed Clan History which will surely be of interest to everyone especially those of you who are not well versed in our history.

Family History. From the interest, comments, and enthusiasm shown by many members it is apparent that there are numerous storios of 'McPhee' pioneers that should be recorded, and can be recorded if members will make the effort to do so before it is too late. Family histories, either as family tree diagrams, or in narrative or note form can be sent to me pending the establishment of an Historical Section.

The Future. * Several of us are looking at the need for a constitution for the Society - it will be a simple and straight forward document and will be circularised to members in draft form for comment and, if necessary, amendment. Until a constitution is approved the acting executive of the Society will continue in Office. * It is not intended to attempt to organise local bodies of the Society at this stage, however, any move to do so in a particular area would certainly be endorsed. It is possible that a social gathering will be held in Sydney during June, and local Clan members will be advised if, and when, it eventuates. * Our most pressing need for the immediate future, apart from more members, is to find a permanent home for the Society - its very nature dictates that it be a loose-knit organisation conducting virtually all its business by mail, however, without a central secretariat with facilities and interested people to maintain it the Society must suffer. I regret that facilities available to me as a RAAF Officer are strictly limited, and their short comings will become rapidly more apparent as our membership increases; too, I can be moved, either temporarily or permanently at short notice, or even be required to undertake further courses of study - all of which makes it desirable that I hand over a lot of this work as soon as possible. Would anyone willing to offer permanent facilities either for a secretariat or an historical section please let me know. * There is no significant news from Dr. E.D. MacPhee at present reference his approaches to The Lord Lyon, King of Arms, for reactivation of the Clan.

Foundation Members. The following is a list of the Foundation Members of The McPhee Clan of Australia :

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Best Wishes,

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