

THE MCPHEE CLAN OF AUSTRALIA

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Membership. There has been a steady increase in membership numbers since the Clan Society came into being on 3rd May 1974. At the time of writing this (11th August) we have 54 financial members plus 6 other members who have joined but haven't paid up as yet. The numerical distribution of members is:

Queensland	19	New South Wales	24
Victoria	13	South Australia	2
Tasmania	Nil	Western Australia	2

Now members in Queensland and Victoria have virtually all been obtained through suggestions from other members and about 90% of the ones suggested have joined. In New South Wales I have been mailing Clan papers to "McPhees" in the telephone book and inviting them to join - the response to this method has been about 10%. It is clear then that we can only successfully expand through personal contact; random mailings just aren't worth the time or money.

If members would sound out any "McPhees" in their local areas and forward names and addresses of those interested to me I'll follow it up. Don't forget the broad band of acceptable names though - for instance I'd be very pleased to see some Duffy and McCaffrey or McCafferty members but as yet I have not been in touch with any who recognize a connection with our Clan.

Foundation Membership. Earlier this year I wrote to 30 people who had responded to the 1973 request from Dr E.D. "Earle" MacPhee of Vancouver for information on family migrations to Australia. I asked these people if they were interested in forming a Clan Society in Australia, and when we duly formed our Society I called those of them who joined Foundation Members. It has been pointed out to me that other "McPhees" who missed Earle's request for information but have since joined the Society and are as interested in the Society as the original members have been denied the opportunity of becoming Foundation Members through no fault of their own. Too, in at least two cases one member of a family replied to Earle on behalf of the family but Foundation Membership was only offered to that one member. This over restrictive use of the term Foundation Member is acknowledged, and as we are still very much in the formative stages the Executive has decided that the term Foundation Member will now apply to all who join during the first year. (ie until 3rd May 1975).

Society Executive. Acting Vice President C.R. "Charles" MacPhee has moved from Sydney to Melbourne, his new address down there will be 717 Burwood Highway, Forntree Gully when he moves in and I'm sure Victorian members will be hearing from him in due course. In Queensland J.P. "John" McPhee of 15 Carnody Rd St Lucia ('phone Brisbane 70-7710) has accepted the Acting Vice President job up there.

Society Bank Account. A savings account for the Society has been opened at the Commonwealth Bank at Pennant Hills, Sydney, with provision for any 2 of 3 members to sign cheques. At present only Acting Treasurer A.L. "Sandy" McPhee and myself are operating on the account.

Publicity. In the last NEWSBULLETIN I indicated that Mr Charles Bateson's review of Dr MacPhee's books would appear in the June copy of 'Parade'. Unfortunately this information proved incorrect and I apologise for any inconvenience caused to members. The review was eventually published in the August 'Parade' along with, I am very sorry to say, Mr Bateson's obituary notice.

Sydney's Get Together. The hoped for get together in Sydney in June didn't eventuate for a number of reasons, not the least being the difficulty in finding a suitable venue. Sydney members are working towards a late afternoon get together for a drink and a yarn so we can get to know one another, and hope to be able to come up with something firm in the near future - Its so much easier now the weather is getting warmer -

Clan Reactivation. Mr Malcolm Innes of the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh has been advised of the existence of The McPhee Clan of Australia and this fact has been duly acknowledged by him. Dr MacPhee left Vancouver on 19th August for 3 weeks in Scotland, and he will no doubt have information

from the Lord Lyon on his return. It will be a number of years, however, before anything concrete emerges in regard to Clan reactivation and election of a new Chief. When we do make our final approach to the Lord Lyon it will be desirable for Australia to have one, and preferably three, armigerous members to speak on behalf of the Clan members in Australia. At present there are no armigerous "McPhoes" anywhere, but I understand that several applications to become so have been made. Should anyone be interested in applying in Australia I hold necessary papers and have some further information on just what is required - there are no stated prerequisites in regard to land ownership or position, but the cost could run to the order of A\$300.

Overseas Clan Societies. I am in contact with the American, Canadian and New Zealand Societies of the Clan. The Americans have been functioning for years and are strongly established. Over there Scottish Clans meet on the second weekend in July for their Annual Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans at Grandfather Mountain near Linville, North Carolina. The gathering numbers many thousands and at least equals, if not surpasses, the Braemar Games as a spectacle and in size. The MacDuffee Clan of America hold their annual meeting during the Games and they would dearly love to see a party of Australians over there in 1975. Any starters? My American contact is

Allen MacDuffie Esq., Box 35, Allenhurst, N.J., USA 07711

In Canada the Society is forming simultaneously in several areas and overall they are in about the same relative position regarding development as we are. Main contacts there are:

Mrs Barbara MacPhee, Box 353, Raymond, Alberta.
Dr Malcolm MacPhee, 13408 - 106 Ave, Edmonton, Alberta.
Rudd MacPhee, 345 Merton St, Toronto, Ontario.

In New Zealand they are just beginning to form and Allan MacPhee, 10 Westgate Flats, 36 Queen St., Wellington, has the job ahead of him.

In all cases they have assured me of a hearty welcome for travelling Clan members from Australia and, of course, I have reciprocated in this regard.

At present there is no Clan Society in Scotland though Earle's visit might change this. As yet I do not know the address of the associated Clan group in Sweden.

Family History. Several members have been very kind in forwarding copies of their family tree or a brief family history for the start of our Historical Section. Further contributions will always be welcome. For those of you who are interested in tracing their ancestors I can assure you it is a fascinating, and at times frustrating, pastime. Family Bibles or old birth or death certificates are the best bets for information. State Registrars - General will supply copies of family birth, death and marriage certificates on payment of a specified fee if basic information is forwarded with the request. Where a search is required over a number of years an increased fee is payable. In Australia registration of births, deaths and marriages did not become compulsory until the mid 1850s.

A number of organisations will research family trees on payment of expenses plus a fee. I haven't been in contact with any of these organisations in Australia, but have noted their advertisements in the capital city papers from time to time. In Scotland The Scots Ancestry Research Society, 20 York Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3EP will research family records, but due to heavy commitments in this regard there is a current waiting period of twelve months or so for results.

A very helpful booklet 'Compiling Your Family History' by Nancy Gray is available at \$1:15 post free from:

Society of Australian Genealogists, Heritage House, 413 Riley St.,
Surry Hills, NSW. 2010.

Congratulations. Earlier in the year Society congratulations were sent to I.M. "Ian" Macphoe on winning the Federal seat of Balaclava for the Liberal Party. More recently our congratulations are due to V.A.C. "Vic" McPhoe and wife Ena of Dalby Q - they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary earlier this month at a party which must rate as a mini-Clan gathering with 9 of our Clan members present.

Mailing Lists. With 60 members the Society is able to support a much larger mailing list as we endeavour to spread the word in search of new members, however, the time must quickly arrive when it is not an economic proposition to keep forwarding NEWSBULLETINS etc to those who have not replied to our earlier overtures. Our present list would run to something like 120 names and it is my intention to delete names of those who have not replied to earlier mailings before NEWSBULLETIN No 3 is printed in November.

New Members. A list of new members who have joined since the first NEWSBULLETIN was printed follows at the foot of the page.

With best wishes,

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Mrs P. Chapman	158 Barkers Rd	Hawthorn	Vic	3122
G.D. McPhoe	10 Varcoe St	Shepparton	Vic	3630
Mrs A.M. Wearne	90 Canterbury Rd	Blackburn	Vic	3130
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J.P. McPhoe	15 Carnody St	St Lucia	Q	4067
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Mrs K. Palm	79 Davis St	Rockhampton	Q	4700
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J.D. McPhoe	10 Royston St	Brookfield	Q	4069
J.R. McPhoe	22 Downing St	Spring Hill	Q	4000
Miss S.R. McPhoe	47 Union St	Clayfield	Q	4011
Mrs W.H. Moore	6 Pace St	Camp Hill	Q	4152
M.E. McPhoe	22 The Crescent	Maddington	WA	6109
Mrs P.J. Hill	103 Willarong Rd	Caringbah	NSW	2229
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A. McPhoe	5 Aichanlar St	Rylo	NSW	2112
D. McPhoe	60 Wellington Rd	East Lindfield	NSW	2070
Mrs E. MacAfee	47 Jannali Cres	Jannali	NSW	2226
A.A. McGuffie	14 Eva St	Punchbowl	NSW	2196
J.B. Phee	12 Pitt St	North Curl Curl	NSW	2099
W.F. McFie	99 Commercial Rd	Murwillumbah	NSW	2484
Mrs M. Chatfield	8/193 Derby St	Penrith	NSW	2750
Mrs N.M.E. McPhoe	47 Bellamy St	Pennant Hills	NSW	2120

I wonder if we can get a list this long with the next NEWSBULLETIN ?