

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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THE CONSTITUTION

All resolutions submitted for members consideration last month were carried. 91 votes were received from 126 members. Statistics are as follow:

Resolution 1 To add "Society" to our name.

YES 81 NO 9 ABSTAIN 1

Resolution 2 To alter the name spelling to "Macfie".

YES 53 NO 36 ABSTAIN 2

Resolution 3 To add a new Aim.

YES 90 NO 1 ABSTAIN -

Resolution 4 To remove the membership restriction on those under 18.

YES 50 NO 39 ABSTAIN 2

Resolution 5 To adopt the constitution.

YES 89 NO 2 ABSTAIN -

Scrutineers were members C.R.(Charles) Macphee and Miss A.K.(Kaye) Macphee, both of Fern Tree Gully.

Several votes arrived after the deadline and were not included above. They supported the above vote.

There were some most interesting comments on some of the voting papers, and I am certainly far happier with the idea of having under 18 year old members than I was for some of the comments gave me a totally different view of the whole concept. With regard to the name change I like the look of the new name but there is certainly some sorrow in seeing the 'McPhee' spelling go - almost like losing an old friend. Incidentally, some McPhees voted for the new spelling, and some non-McPhees voted for the retention of McPhee.

When we formed our Society on 3rd May 1974 the name was chosen by only 24 members and it was suggested to me that it was an opportune time to reconsider the name when we voted on the constitution as our membership had increased by over a hundred members. This was a reasonable suggestion and so it was done and a definite majority of members voting have decided on the change. Re-reading my comments relating to Resolution 2 and dealing with the name change, I'm afraid I may have given an incorrect impression by stating that 'Macfie' had historical and traditional support. I did not intend this to mean that I thought 'Macfie' to be the original spelling on the Clan name - I dont, and it isn't. But this spelling of the Clan name can be traced back into the 17th century at least and is the spelling generally used by Scottish historians since that era, and more significantly, it is the spelling used in Frank Adam's book The Clans, Septs and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands as revised by Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, Emeritus Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Under paragraph 7 of our constitution nominations are now called for for the election of the following Society Office Bearers for the 1976-1977 term of office :

President

Vice-President

State Vice-Presidents for New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland

Treasurer

Nominations close with the Secretary on 20th November 1975 and are to be in writing specifying the nominee's name and nominated office. They must be signed by the proposed, seconder and by the nominee.

Only financial members are eligible to accept nomination for office, or to propose, second, or vote for nominees for office. Additionally, in the case of State Vice-Presidents, only financial members in the State concerned are eligible to accept nomination for such office, or to propose, second, or vote for nominees for such office.

A SIGNAL HONOUR

I have recently been notified that the Lord Lyon, King of Arms, has made a Grant of Arms to Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver, Canada. I feel that this is an honour justly deserved by Dr MacPhee - Earle - in recognition of his untiring and selfless work over a number of years in writing the history of our Clan and in initiating action to reactivate the Clan. It is fitting that the Grant of Arms be made to Earle as the first of, we hope, a number of our Clan members to matriculate over the next few years.

The actual design of Earle's Arms is very similar to that of Macfie of Dreghorn which is the commonly published Coat of Arms for the Clan but which really only belongs to the Dreghorn family. Earle's motto is 'PRO HONORE'.

GENERAL NOTES

This Newsbulletin is early - to give you the result of the constitutional voting at the earliest opportunity, and to call for nominations for office bearers. There will be another Newsbulletin before Christmas. (I think)

An apology to several members. In the last Newsbulletin I ran out of room for my usual signing off - but worse still I omitted 3 names and addresses of new members from the list at the end of the Newsbulletin, and on checking back through old Newsbulletins I found that a fourth name had been missed also. So, my apologies to :

Mrs A.J.(Glenys) McPhee	6 Aitchandar St	RYDE	2112
Stewart L. McPhee	9 Yarra Rd	CROYDON	3136
Mrs S.L.(Edith) McPhee	9 Yarra Rd	CROYDON	3136
Mrs C.A.(Joy) Macfie	PO Box 178	COLLARROY	2097

Amended Address. You may have noticed on the back of the envelope enclosing this Newsbulletin, and in the heading to the Newsbulletin, that I've used Glen Waverley as my address instead of Syndal...No I haven't shifted camp.... either one will do, its just that according to the Post Office Glen Waverley is more correct - if that's possible -

And an Amended Name While we're changing things I may as well join in too. My Christian name is Alexander and I always sign myself ALEX McPHIE - But everyone calls me Sandy, and I've been signing Newsbulletins etc as that. I know its confusing but I'm going back to the old signature - however, I hope you'll still call me Sandy -

Colonsay I understand that Lord Strathcona has withdrawn Colonsay and Oronsay from sale, but I have no further details at present.

Clan History. I have copies of 2 volumes of Dr E. D. MacPhee's Clan History available for sale. They deal with the areas in Scotland and Ireland where the Clan originated, and with the lives of our ancestors over there. Price is \$7.00 for both, postage paid.

Membership Numbers. Our two Historians, our Treasurer and Secretary, and myself have all struck problems with the many similar names amongst our members - some are even identical - this is especially so when delving back into old family records. We have thus decided to give all members a number and as I work for an organisation that delights in having everybody and everything identified numerically I have evolved (in consultation) a suitably confusing system whereby each membership number will contain a letter to indicate the State a member resides in, two numbers to indicate the year of joining the Society, and a second series of numbers to indicate the order in which members joined. As an example N74-079 is the membership number of Miss Barbara McPhee of Pennant Hills - Barbara lives in New South Wales, joined the Society in 1974, and was the seventy ninth member to join. Foundation membership was extended to those members who joined during the first year - ie 3rd May 1974 to 3rd May 1975. To indicate the Foundation members in the numbers given they have all been given 74 as the year of joining irrespective of whether they joined in 1974 or 1975. Confusing? Maybe, but it beats Medibank and our Equipment Store any day. I hope to enclose a complete list of members with their numbers and even their addresses with the Newsbulletin after next.

Membership Records In Sydney one of our members is working on a computer course and as an exercise associated with the course he has recorded all our membership records. The print out looks most impressive and is very useful. Thanks Andrew for this and for other assistance too.

Newsbulletin Printing I appear to have solved the problem of printing Newsbulletins thanks to the assistance of a local Church group which is willing to duplicate stencils for me at small cost. The printing of the constitution and voting papers enclosed with the last Newsbulletin was attended to, once again, by my friend Neil. Thanks Neil, a tremendous help.

Social Gatherings There's no doubt that social gatherings are a great boost to the Society membership and they are essential if we are going to develop as a Society and get to know one another. The Melbourne dinner in July was great success. Sydney members are now considering a social function early next year. There is a possibility of a pre-Christmas gathering in Melbourne. As you know social functions must be self supporting financially, but they can be organised by anyone who is prepared to hop in and do the work. Have you ever thought of holding one in your area?

Highland Dress & Accessories If you wish to be resplendent in a kilt at the function you're about to organise for the Clan, or wish to buy any Highland thingemys, or even want to obtain a copy of Frank Adam's The Clans, Septs and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands and thus find out all about it, why not try one of the two following firms?

SYDNEY: William Christie, 125 George Street North, Sydney 2000
GPO Box 5344 Telephone 27-8664

MELBOURNE: The House of Scotland, 591 Whitehorse Road, Mont Albert
Telephone 83-5771 3127

The Christies run the shop themselves in Sydney, while in Melbourne Bill Gibson is your man. I've had pleasant and satisfactory dealings with both.

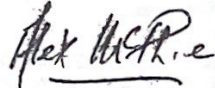
Membership Fees Some members have not paid their 1975 subscriptions yet. As I am sure they have overlooked this fact - easily done as we haven't been forwarding notices when subs become due - I have taken the liberty of enclosing a reminder with this Newsbulletin for those members who are unfinancial.

Congratulations are due to member N.A.(Neil) McPhie formerly of Chatswood. Neil was married late last year - I only just found out - and has moved to 2 Cotter Place, Macgregor ACT. Best wishes Neil - I hope you and your bride have a happy time in Canberra.

Gathering of the Clans. There is to be a Gathering of The Clans at Cabarlah near Toowoomba Q on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October 1975. The Toowoomba Caledonian Society & Burns Club and The Toowoomba Caledonian Pipe Band are the main ones behind the Gathering. There'll be a Dinner Dance in Toowoomba on the Saturday and the Sunday programme at Cabarlah gets under way at 9:30am. Further information can be obtained from The South East Queensland Clan Gathering Committee on Toowoomba 34-1763 or 32-5950. The Toowoomba LSD - cops - I mean STD number is 076.

New Members. Our 127th member was enrolled a few days ago. A list of new members who have joined since the last Newsbulletin was published appears **below**. With age restrictions now removed from membership requirements all ages are eligible to join the Society and I will always be pleased to process new membership applications so KEEP THEM ROLLING IN.....

With best wishes,



Alex McPhie
Acting President

In addition to the four members listed above who joined sometime ago new members are :

Don McPhee	12 Raward St	Banora Point	NSW	2413
Mrs Jean Paton	Wuln Park	Mt Egerton	VIC	3345
Norman J. McPhee	11 Broadway	Camberwell	VIC	3124
Mrs Beryl Scholz	144 Perth Street	Toowoomba	QLD	4350
Kerneth A. McPhee	RM Box 160	Ulmarra	NSW	2462
Ian Robert McPhee	22 Jindivik Place	Seullin	ACT	2614
Mrs Catherine Watson	7 Neilson Street	Chermside	QLD	4032
Mrs Nella Rutledge	7 Glentilt Road	Garliner	VIC	3146
Peter J. McPhee	20 Janos Street	Surrey Hills	VIC	3127

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