



# The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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### INVITATION TO JOIN BROCHURE

This Newsbulletin is accompanied by an Invitation-to-Join brochure, and will be mailed to the majority of Clan members whose names appear in the Australian telephone directories.

It will go to all our current members too in order that they may see the brochure, and to a number of people to whom we have written in the past, but who have not joined the Society as yet. We ask this latter group to please reconsider. And we ask all of you, if you do not wish to use the Membership Application Form, to pass the brochure along to relatives or friends, eligible for membership, but with surnames other than those listed in the mailing list below.

The mailing of these brochures completes one of the earliest defined tasks of our Executive - to make as many members of the Clan in Australia, as it is possible to reasonably contact, aware of our existence. Hopefully it will also bring in quite a number of new members. The project has been financed through members donations to our general fund over the past twelve months and will probably be our biggest single expense for many years. The final typing of the brochure was done by new member Bev Knowles (V77-233). Much of its overall professional presentation is due to her efforts. Many thanks, Bev.

Costs, of course, prevent follow up mailings being made to any non-members, however, should any further information be required about the Society, please do not hesitate to write to Secretary Helen McPhie.

### Brochure Mailing List

Clan names and addresses extracted from the telephone directories were:

	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NSW	ACT	QLD	TOTAL
Duffie		1				6		3	10
Fee		6	1	6	9	7	1	5	35
McAfee		1	1	8	1	6		6	23
MacAfee				1		2			3
Macafee				9	1		2		12
McDuffie				2					2
McFee		3		10		5		2	20
MacFee	1								1
McFie		5	4		1	2	1	4	17
MacFie			3	4		6		4	17
Macfee		1							1
Macfie				6		2		1	9
McGuffie		5	2	20	4	7		5	43
MacGuffie				1					1
McHaffie		2		6				1	9
McPhee	1	38	5	213	29	168	1	66	521
Mcphee				1					1
MacPhee		2	1	7		6			16
Nacphee				6		1			7
McPhie		3	3	14	1	26	2	18	67
MacPhie		2		2		1			5
Mahaffy				11		9		3	23
Phoe				1		6			7
Phie								5	5
<b>Totals by States</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>855</b>

No of Directories 1 5 3 11 2 21 (in NSW) 9 52  
 No registrations were found for the following names : Afce Duffee Guffie  
 Haffie McDuffee MacDuffie MacHaffie Fie Dhubhsithe or MacDubhsithe.

In some of the newer directories no differentiation is made between the small letter and the capital letter following Mc or Mac - so in this regard numbers are not quite accurate.

Total mailing was 969 composed of 206 Society members etc and 763 Clan members from the above lists who are not already Society members.

#### SYDNEY DINNER

The next Society dinner in Sydney is scheduled for Friday 25th February. Same venue - The Associated Schools Club, 70 Pitt St., Sydney. Assembly 6:45pm. A smorgasboard meal. Society members, prospective members, and Clan members are all welcome. Please notify attendance to Donald McPhee of 60 Wellington Rd East Lindfield ( Telephone 46-4463 ) - or contact Donald for further details.

#### SOCIETY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Seneschal's Resignation. It is with regret that I record that Charles Macphee (N74-010) of Ferntree Gully, Vic., has, for personal reasons, resigned his appointment as Seneschal of the Macfie Clan in Australia. Charles was the first Seneschal appointed in this country; an appointment which the Society Executive may make when there is no Clan Chief or Chieftain resident in Australia. During his thirteen months as Seneschal Charles devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to Clan affairs, and was a great help to me personally during these formative years of our Society. Charles visited Scotland in the latter part of last year and while on Colonsay arranged for the completion of work initiated years ago by Ulf Macfie Hagman of Sweden to have the Macfie Standing Stone repaired and re-erected.

The Executive do not intend to make a new appointment in the immediate future.

New Members. Two new members of the Executive are :

Andy McPhee (N74-024) of 2 Beck Place, Warwick, WA 6024 (Telephone Perth 48-1807) as Western Australia Vice-President; and  
Victor McPhee (Q74-013) of 3 Coutts St., Dalby, Qld 4405 as an Armigerous Member.

Address Change. New South Wales Vice-President Colin Macfie (N74-015) and wife Joy (N75-110) have heard the call of the wild and migrated north from the turmoil of Sydney to the beautiful Myall Lakes area south of Taree. Their new address is P.O.Box 132, Forster, NSW 2428, and telephone Forster 1461. If you intend to call, I dont know where it is - but they've now got the only general store on a nineteen mile stretch of coastline. I'm sure you will all join with me in wishing them all the best with their venture.

#### HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL NOTES

##### JOHN MCPHEE - PIONEER

John McPhee, coach proprietor and owner of Woodstock Estate, Avoca, V. passed away on 3rd November 1899, aged 67. The following is an extract from a contemporary publication "Victoria and Its Metropolis : Past & Present" :

"John McPhee of Ballarat is a native of Scotland. He landed in Melbourne in 1852, and in company with two cousins made his way to Bendige, being amongst the first diggers at Ironbark and Pegleg Gullies. He went to Ballarat at the commencement of the Eureka lead and Little Bendigo, and left the diggings just before the Eureka Stockade riot, and was in Melbourne when the military left there for the disturbance. In 1854 he entered into a partnership with a Mr Hunter and started a coach from Melbourne to Kilmore, a distance of 40 miles, being about the first coach run out of Melbourne. After this he drove mail coaches between Tarcutta and Gundagai N.S.W., and has been a mail contractor ever since. He returned to Ballarat in 1858, tendered for and got the contract to carry the mails between Ballarat, Lexton, Glenorchy, and Horsham, and has ever since been connected with coaching. He joined Cobb & Co in 1860, and has since occupied an important position in the Company's business in the Ballarat and Geelong divisions. The magnitude of Cobb & Co's coaching operations then is well and widely known, but it may not be generally known that the business was started by Mr Cobb in person, and that there were at one time five different companies running in conjunction, but each on its own account. Mr McPhee was one of the few remaining of the original promoters of this business. About 40 years ago he began to acquire land and some 20 years ago he bought Woodstock. He has had many adventures during his coaching career, and was driving the

leading coach of the caravan engaged to convey a large body of Chinese from Creswick to Clunes to replace the Europeans during a strike on 9th December 1873, when as the caravan neared Clunes it was stopped by a barricade, behind which were several hundred men and women, who sent forth such a volley of missiles that both caravan and police had to retreat to Ascot. The 'Excelsior', the coach driven by Mr McPhee, though well preserved still bears marks of the affray. When the Clunes Waterworks were opened on 9th March 1872, Mr McPhee had his arrangements so perfect that the large number of guests from Ballarat were conveyed there and back the same day without inconvenience or mishap, the local papers being profuse in their eulogies on his ability as a coaching manager."

From another article comes the comment that one coaching company owned by Vines and McPhee had up to 900 horses supporting their operations. Visitors to Sovereign Hill at Ballarat will notice one of John McPhee's dodgers in the Cobb and Co coach taking tourists around the diggings. John McPhee was survived by his five sons and 1 daughter.

#### 1977 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Accounts are attached for 1977 membership subscriptions. The 1977 rates have been increased to \$3 per member, however, those under the age of 18 are excused from paying. Quite a number of members have paid already, thank you.

#### 1976 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

##### Receipts

Subscriptions	1975 (4)	8.00		
	1976 (164)	328.00		
	1977 (33)*	<u>96.00</u>	432.00	
Trust Fund			309.98	
General Fund Donations			388.00	
Miscellaneous	Sale of Badges	58.00		
	Sale of Histories	44.50		
	General Meeting	22.00		
	G.M.Raffle	24.20		
	Bank Interest	2.71		
*(1 @ \$1, 1 @ \$2)	Stamp Duty Refund	<u>1.14</u>	<u>152.55</u>	\$1 282.53

##### Expenditure

Newsbulletins		229.32		
Postage (excluding Newsbulletins)		70.01		
Printing & Stationery		54.77		
Telephone		17.94		
General Meeting		74.79		
Transfer to Trust Account		268.50		
Purchase of Histories		90.97		
Purchase of Badges		28.64		
Miscellaneous	St Andrews Flag	14.00		
	Raffle scarf	6.50		
	Stamp Duty	11.83		
	Subscription to Aust Highlander	<u>1.60</u>	<u>33.93</u>	<u>\$ 868.87</u>

413.66

Balance brought forward from 31st December 1975

17.46

Balance as at 31st December 1976

CR \$431.12

##### Assets 31st December 1976

Balance Working Account *		431.12		
Balance Trust Account		48.50		
Australian Savings Bonds - Trust Account		220.00		
Miscellaneous	St Andrews Flag	14.00		
	Scotland Lion Flag	14.00		
	Salcable Badges (21)	42.00		
	Salcable Histories (5)	37.50		
	Stationery on Hand	<u>15.00</u>	<u>122.50</u>	<u>\$822.12</u>

\* \$41.48 to be transferred to Trust Account.

Nil disbursements from Trust Fund during 1976.

GENERAL NOTES

International Gathering of the Clans. Some 10 members have indicated their intention to attend the International Gathering of the Clans in Scotland this May. Copies of the latest programme are enclosed with their Newsbulletins. We should have further information available for trippers in March. Any queries to Secretary Helen McPhee, please - but we don't handle bookings. They can be made through any of the leading Tourist Agencies, and in Sydney, Janet McPhee (N74-072) at Burns Philp Travel will be happy to help.

Clan Histories. Devaluation has forced us to increase the price of Dr E.D. MacPhee's clan history (2 volumes of a private printing) to \$8.50 per set posted.

Dreghorn Badges. These metal strap and buckle badges are available at \$2 posted.

Genealogical Congress. A genealogical congress is being held in Melbourne over the four days of Easter. There appears to be some debate in genealogical circles as to the status of this congress; however, interested members can obtain further information by writing to the congress secretary at P.O.Box 89, Hampton, V., 3188.

Tasmanian Tattoo. Tasmania's Military Tattoo is on again in Hobart from 11th to 23rd March. Leading Scottish pipe bands and dancers will be there. TAA and Ansett have package tours available.

House of Scotland, one of the popular Scottish accessory shops in Melbourne has moved to 115 Whitehorse Rd., Deepdene, V., 3103. Telephone Melbourne 80-5151.

1976 Membership Figures. During 1976 Society membership moved forward by 78. Annual figures are 1974 - 90; 1975 - 55; 1976 - 87; 1977 (so far) - 3 for a total of 235, but we have lost 10 members since inception, so actual numbers at 31 Dec 76 were 225. New members names and addresses appear below.

Melbourne Dinner 25th November 1976 The Society's St Andrew's Dinner in Melbourne on 25 Nov 76 was quite a success. Held at the Melbourne Savage Club (per special arrangements by Neil McPhee V74-017), some 44 members attended. A small profit for the evening was transferred to the Trust Account.

Hogmanay, New Year's Eve 1976 at Ross (V75-107) and Betty (V76-155) McPhee's home in Mt Waverley, Vic., was quite a night even though all our pipers had prior commitments elsewhere. Over fifty members and friends attended - including a number of our under 18 year old members.

Best Wishes to Historian Norah McPhee (N74-052) last heard of in Perth Hospital with a crook back - hope you're up and about by now Norah....to Bruce (Q76-191) and Roslyn (Q76-192) McPhee and family who have moved to Shropshire for twelve months and to Brian McPhee (S74-005) and family who have also moved to the UK for an extended stay.

The First Macfie in Australia? I mislaid the original information from Norah so will have to wait until next time.....

With happy thoughts...

*Alex McPhee*

Alex McPhee, President.

V76-221	Miss Joan McPhee	32 Gordon St	Hampton	VIC 3188
Q76-222	Mrs Heather Knowles	28 Gavin St	Dorrington	QLD 4060
N76-223	John McPhee	P.O.Box 663	Albury	NSW 2640
N76-224	Mrs Janet Hurley	5/22 Nelson St	Penshurst	NSW 2222
V76-225	Angus McPhee	3 Russell St	Caulfield	VIC 3162
V76-226	Mrs Martha McPhee	"	"	" "
V76-227*	Miss Fiona McPhee	"	"	" "
V76-228*	Miss Shona McPhee	"	"	" "
V76-229	John MacPhee	8 Elaroo St	Chadstone	VIC 3148
V76-230	Grant MacPhee	23 Eastgate St	Oakleigh	VIC 3166
V76-231	Mrs Rosalie Taylor	18 Moorookyle Ave	Oakleigh	VIC 3166
V76-232	Mrs Phyllis Smith	114 Cornwall St	Sunshine	VIC 3020
V77-233	Miss Beverley Knowles	8/103 Barkers Rd	Kew	VIC 3101
Q77-234	Mrs Ena McPhee	P.O. Box 2	Dalby	QLD 4405
Q77-235	Donald Knowles	Dental Section	Thursday Island	QLD 4875