

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3rd May 1974)



Ancestral Home of
The Clan Macfie

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Society Aims

1. TO ACT as the representative body of all Clan members in Australia in transacting Clan business with overseas organizations.
2. TO ENCOURAGE the research and recording of Clan history in Australia.
3. TO PROMOTE fellowship and social contact amongst members of the Clan in Australia.
4. TO TAKE AN INTEREST in the welfare of any disadvantaged members of the Clan in Australia and, where possible within the means of the Society, to assist those in need.
5. TO ESTABLISH and maintain close ties with other Societies of our Clan throughout the world.

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14 Mar 83

SOCIETY ADDRESS: The Secretary, Mrs H. Middle, 8 Somerset Court,
TOWNSHALL, N. 2228.
Telephone (075) 22-2465.

From Your President

Shortly after the investiture of our late Clan Commander, Dr. Earle MacPhee, he appointed three Lieutenants or Commissioners to act as his representatives in their respective areas. It had been Earle's intention to make further appointments and these were being considered at the time of his death. The three appointed were: Miss Sylvia MacPhee of Toronto, Clan Seneschal in Canada, Ulf Hagman of Uddevalla, Secretary of the Thorburn-Macfie Family Union in Sweden, and A. L. (Sandy) McPhee of Sydney, Clan Seneschal in Australia.

As Earle had first intended visiting Australia in early 1982, the announcement of Seneschal Sandy's appointment was held over so that Earle could make it in person when here. It was later deferred along with Earle's visit and then of course, this pending announcement was overtaken by events and still remains to be made. The Lord Lyon King of Arms has indicated to the three Commissioners that they should carry on pro-tem according to the terms laid down by Earle. By so doing, Lyon endorsed Earle's appointments and recognized their continuation of office.

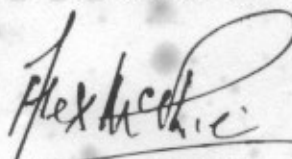
It is now my privilege to formally announce to Clan Macfie members in Australia that Alexander (Sandy) Lachlan McPhee of 47 Bellamy Street, Pennant Hills, N.S.W. was appointed Commissioner of Clan Macfie in Australia with effect from 1st January, 1982. A copy of the parchment appointing Sandy appears opposite.

My sincere apologies are offered for this late announcement. I am sure all Clan members will be delighted to learn of the appointment and will join with me in extending our heartiest congratulations to Sandy and assure him of our wholehearted support.

The position regarding the appointment of a new Commander for Clan Macfie is unclear at present. An ad hoc Derbhfine consisting of the armigerous members of our Clan is forming to consider the position. For the present, Clan leadership rests with the three Commissioners, with Miss Sylvia MacPhee, the Commissioner in Canada being responsible for chairing the second Parliament of the Clan Macfie at Nova Scotia in August this year.

With Clan members scattered throughout Australia it is inevitable that some come within the influence of the natural disasters which beset this continent from time to time. In the case of the recent tragic bushfires in Victoria and South Australia I know all members will join with me with concern for those in the devastated areas and extend sympathy to those where personal loss was experienced.

14 Mar 83


Alex. McPhee
President

SOCIETY ADDRESS: The Secretary, Mrs. H. McPhee, 8 Panorama Cres.,
TOOWOOMBA. Q. 4350.
Telephone (076) 32-3469.

Clan Macfie

Unto all and sundry

whom these presents do,

or may concern. Be it kent to all men that I, Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee, Ceann-Cath, Commander of the Honourable Clan Macfie, considering that the office of my Commissioner in Australia is now vacant and at my gift and disposal, and whereas the abilities, qualifications and good conversation of Alexander Lachlan McPhee are sufficiently known to me,

THEREFORE wit ye me, to have admitted and received, likeas I hereby admit and receive the said Alexander Lachlan McPhee to the said office of my Commissioner in Australia and I hereby give and dispose to him, the said office, with all and sundry privileges, liberties and immunities pertaining and belonging thereto, during my pleasure, which admission the said Alexander Lachlan McPhee hath accepted and hereby accepts, promising faithfully to discharge in person, the said duties of the said office, in which he is to continue during my pleasure, and I ordain these Presents to be recorded in the Books of the Court of the Lord Lyon, the Keeper of the Records of the Clan Macfie and any other Register necessary, therein to remain for preservation.

IN WITNESS thereof these Presents are subscribed by me and my commital seal affixed this first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-two before a witness, Jennie Minerva MacPhee.

Jennie Minerva MacPhee

Earle Douglas MacPhee
Ceann-Cath
Commander of the Clan Macfie

The Warracknabeal Herald carried this account of a McPhee family gathering at Bob and Helen McPhee's property 'Glentanna' at Watchupga in North West Victoria in its 3rd December '82 edition. Bob and Helen, as well as many others who attended, are Macfie Clan Society members. This is the second gathering of descendants of John McPhee and Bridget Loney - the previous one being held in Shepparton about five years ago. This gathering was highlighted by the launching of an excellent 'family history' book compiled after years of patient research by Father Bernie McPhee and containing contributions from many branches of this widespread family.

McPhee family celebrations

AN anniversary celebration for the McPhee family was held at the home of Bob and Helen McPhee of Watchupga on Saturday, November 20 1982.

* From left: Helen and Bob McPhee of Watchupga with Robert and Helen McPhee of Vermont at a family celebration held at "Glentanna", the home of Bob and Helen McPhee, on November 20.

Guests gathered at the family home, "Glentanna," to celebrate the anniversary of John McPhee of "Killiechanate" (pronounced "Killahonnett"), of Invernesshire in Scotland.

Some years after emigrating to Australia, John McPhee married Bridget Loney, and lived at Vectis Station, near Nailmuk on the banks of the Wimmera River, where their family of 12 children were born.

To mark the occasion, about 300 people gathered at "Glentanna".

Apart from it being fitting to celebrate this 150th anniversary, relatives in New Zealand (with whom contact had been lost for 122 years), who are descendants of John McPhee's sister, were also present at the celebration.

It was cause for great joy to meet long lost relatives.

It had been foretold by a member of the family from Shepparton, only a few weeks prior to her death, that relatives of the McPhee's of Scotland would be present at the celebration.

People quickly put this premonition aside, as contact with Scottish relatives had been considered completely lost.

Such was not the case. True to Nellie McPhee's prediction, some relatives from Scotland had not lost contact, and a family - Jessie (nee McPhee) and Maurice Mitchell - travelled from Scotland to attend the celebration.

Their presence added great sparkle to the celebration. Older ladies who were presented with a spray of rosebuds by Mrs Bob McPhee were visibly moved.

BOOK LAUNCHED

After a barbecue luncheon, Scottish pipers, from Swan Hill, playing "Scotland the Brave", marched into the garden area where the celebration was taking place and where they were given a tremendous welcome. The emotion of the gathering was clearly visible.



Shortly afterwards, Father Bernard McPhee launched the John McPhee family book upon which he had spent years of painstaking work and research. The book is documented with places and illustrations dating back to the early 1800's.

Later in the afternoon, between animated conversation and the strains of the bagpipes, Horrie and Dorothy Schmidt of Warracknabeal assembled representatives of the family for photographs.

The evening meal had been prepared by 5.30 p.m. and the pipers departed to the tune of "Will Ye No Come Back Again".

At this time, many long parted relatives and friends took the opportunity to talk over the loved events of the immediate and distant past.

Bob and Helen McPhee cut the anniversary cake and, later in the evening, Father Michael McPhee sang "Scotland the Brave".

After much applause, and in an emotional atmosphere, he sang "The Flower of Scotland".

Before the gathering was brought to a close, Tom Hassall (a McPhee nephew) of Nhill, recited "The Man From Snowy River," using a chair for the famous horse!

A concelebrated Mass by Father's Bernard and Michael McPhee, was held at 10 a.m. on Sunday for a congregation which packed the church in Watchupga. After mass, the family attended a luncheon at "Glentanna".

Looking for West Australian arrivals?

The J.S. Battey Library holds all existing passenger and immigrant lists for ships arriving at West Australian ports from overseas from 1829-1955. These have been indexed up to 1890. There are, however, gaps in the holdings, and any gap is significant. Passenger lists for port of Albany are far from complete before 1837 and they are also incomplete for other out ports. In early years Harbor Masters sometimes failed to send in lists

NOVA SCOTIA 1983.

Time is fast approaching for a final decision if you are intending to join the 1983 International Gathering of the Clans in Nova Scotia.

The latest schedule of events is reproduced below. If you are attending or thinking of attending, further information can be obtained by writing to: The International Gathering of The Clans, c/- P.O. Box 1983, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2R5, Canada.

Clan Macfie functions at the Gathering are scheduled from 5th to 13th August inclusive. The main sessions being involved with the Clan Parliament from Monday, 8th August to Wednesday, 10th August. A complete schedule of events is printed on page 12 of this Newsbulletin.

Please notify Miss Sylvia MacPhee, Clan Macfie Commissioner in Canada, at 111 Ridelle Avenue Apt 707, Toronto, Ont. M6B 1J7, Canada, if you are attending...AND... also notify Society Secretary, Helen McPhee in Toowoomba so she can forward a registration sheet for mailing to Canada.

international gathering of the clans 1983 schedule of events

Nova Scotia is a land of a hundred thousand welcomes – and a hundred thousand welcome discoveries. The International Gathering of the Clans in 1983 is a unique expression of the proud sense of tradition that sets Nova Scotians apart.

Scots will gather in cities, towns and villages across the Province to celebrate their special heritage. A partial listing of planned events provides a flavour of what a grand occasion the Gathering will be:

June 27-30 **Grand Opening Ceremonies.** The Nova Scotia Tattoo, a great entertainment spectacle at the Metro, Halifax, Capital city of Nova Scotia.

June 25- July 3 **Pugwash Gathering of the Clans.** Season's first Highland Festival with lobster dinners, Pipe-Bands and highland dancing.

July 1 **Liverpool Jaycees.** Privateer Days, Ceilidh, dancing, entertainment.

June 29- July 3 **Mabou Ceilidh.** Mabou, Cape Breton. Dancing, sheep shearing and dog show, barbecue, pageant and parade.

July 4-9 **North British Society.** Halifax. Banquet, Lecture, Concert, Piping.

July 8-9 **Baddeck Handcraft Festival.** Baddeck. Ceilidh, displays, demonstrations.

July 8-10 **"Chestico Days".** Port Hood. Dances, Re-enactment of first Scottish settlers arrival at Port Hood, boat races.

August 4 - 7 **Festival of Scottish Fiddling.** Glendale, Cape Breton, Family fun.

July 9 **Festival of Piping.** Dartmouth. Highland games and Pipe-Band parade, piping and drumming.

July 15-17 **Antigonish Highland Games.** Antigonish. Massed Pipe-Band Tattoo and traditional Scottish athletic events.

July 13-16 **Whycocomagh Summer Carnival.** Family fun.

July 17 **Scottish Concert Weekend.** Big Pond, Cape Breton. English

and Gaelic singing, step and highland dancing.

July 26-31 **Festival of the Forts.** Annapolis Royal. Commemoration of the landing of Scottish settlers in 1629. Grand entertainment. Trooping of the Color, West Nova Scotia Regiment, July 31.

July 20-24 **Inverness Gathering.** Family fun.

July 15-16 **Judique "On the Floor Days".** Inverness County. Concert, barbecue, sporting events.

July 30 **New Waterford Gaelic Society.** Band performances, workshops & demonstration dancing, carding, spinning, weaving, milling.

July 31 **Broad Cove Concert.**

August 1-13 **Gaelic Society of Cape Breton.** Banquet, Hospitality, Entertainment.

August 6 **Highland Village Day.** Iona, Cape Breton. Outdoor Scottish concert with pipers, fiddlers, and square dancing.

August 7-14 **Festival of the Tartans.** New Glasgow. Major festival featuring highland dancing, piping, drumming, sports and Scottish concert.

August 14 **St. Joseph-du-Moine Concert**

August 15-20 **Gaelic College, Baddeck, Closing Ceremonies.** St. Ann's Cape Breton. Festival dedicated to the preservation of Scottish heritage.

July & August **Wild Thyme Pipe Band, 5 Concerts.** Halifax / Dartmouth

August 21 **Mabou Ecumenical Services.** Richmond, St. Peters Highland Dancing, Dance Training Courses.

HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Society Historian Margaret Phee forwarded the following list of people who placed notices in the Genealogical Research Directory late in 1982, asking for help in tracing "Macfie" families. Margaret is sure that some of our members will recognize a possible connection with their own family and suggests you write without delay.

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| Mrs. D. J. Marshall, 4 Staveley St., Christchurch 4. New Zealand. | - | McPhee: 1787 Kilmallie, Inverness, Scotland |
| Mrs. R. P. Phillips, 91 Ely St., Revesby. N.S.W. 2212 | - | McPhee/McPhie: 1838 Hunter Valley District, N.S.W. Australia |
| Mrs. Z. Thornton, Box 59, Zillmere, Q. 4034 | - | McPhee: 1850 Barnet River, N.S.W. Australia |
| Mrs. F. E. V. Stewart, Greenhills R.D. 11, Invercargill. New Zealand. | - | McPhee: 1853 Geelong, Victoria. Australia |
| Miss B. A. Badcock, 1/58 O'Connell St., Parramatta. N.S.W. 2150 | - | McPhee: 1853-1920 Victoria/N.S.W. Australia |
| Mr. P. G. Kelly, 3 Lea Gay Cres., Frenchs Forest. N.S.W. 2086 | - | McPhee: All Woolwich, London, England |
| Mr. G. R. Traynor, 1 Campbell Pl., Merrylands. N.S.W. 2160 | - | McPhee: c1816 Woolwich, Kent, England |
| Mrs. J. H. Old, 50 Stanners St., Eltham, Taranaki. New Zealand. | - | McPhee: Pre 1830 Strontian, Argyll, Scotland |
| Mrs. E. J. Wilson, "Lockerbie", Innisplains, via Beaudesert. Q. 4285 | - | McPhee: Pre 1850's Strontian, Argyll, Scotland |
| Miss B. A. Badcock, 1/58 O'Connell St., Parramatta. N.S.W. 2150 | - | McPhee: Pre 1853 Strontian, Argyll, Scotland |

An additional query has come direct from Mrs. Margaret Mayhew of 6 Wattle Ave., Burnie, Tasmania, 7320 who is trying to trace the relatives of her Great Grandparents, Alexander and Catherine Macfie. Alexander was born in Rothsay in 1816 and Catherine (nee McDonald) in Moidart, Inverness-Shire in 1819. They had 10 children and came out to New South Wales and then settled at Scarsdale, Vic.

To follow-up these contacts can often be immensely rewarding. Society President Alex McPhie had traced his ancestors back to Scotland and found that a mother, 2 sons and 4 daughters had sailed from Greenock for Sydney in the "Minerva" on 13th August 1837. He has a complete record of the mother and 2 sons in Australia, but only slender leads on 2 of the girls and nothing on the other 2. Until, that is, Zelia Thornton of Zillmere Q. notified Robyn Phillips of Revesby NSW that her 'McPhies' appeared to tally with Alex's. Robyn made contact and information was exchanged with the result that both have been able to complete large, previously blank sections of their respective family trees - and two distant cousins with common Scottish ancestors have met and formed a firm friendship.

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31.12.82

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions

| | | |
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| 79 | 3.00 | |
| 81 | 66.06 | |
| 82 | 952.00 | |
| 83 | 111.00 | |
| 84 | 3.00 | 1135.06 |

Donations

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|-----------------|--------|
| -General fund | 27.00 |
| -Trust fund | 35.00 |
| -Standing Stone | 46.00 |
| -Earles visit | 229.00 |

Sales

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|-------------------------|--------|
| -Badges | 23.00 |
| -General meeting raffle | 153.00 |
| -S.A.H.C. raffle | 103.00 |

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| Bank interest | 14.81 |
| General meeting adjustment chq.077 17/12 | 548.00 |
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\$2314.67

Balance B/F 31/12/81 \$ 221.86

\$2536.53

EXPENDITURE

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| Newsbulletin | 730.89 |
| Postage | 109.07 |
| Printing/stationery | 97.06 |
| Telephone | 51.36 |
| Sundry expenses | 21.35 |
| Refund donations | 229.00 |

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| Affiliation fees | 30.00 |
| Anzac Day wreath | 20.00 |
| Scottish raffle | 60.00 |
| Dishonoured cheque | 8.00 |
| Stamp duty - cheques | 5.00 |
| General Meeting | 604.80 |

\$1966.53

Balance C/F \$ 570.00 *

\$2536.53

* NOTE

Trust Fund - The Executive has approved the transfer of earlier General Account interest of \$14.26 to the Trust Fund. Together with members donations during 1982 of \$35.00, this amounts to \$49.26 in the General Account for transfer to the Trust Fund.

Standing Stone - Donations held in the General Account for Standing Stone maintenance etc., are \$15.00 (1981) and \$46.00 (1982). This total of \$61.00 is to be forwarded to Scotland.

Clan Commander's Expenses - In accordance with the ratified decision of the Fourth Biennial General Meeting an amount of \$239.20 is due to be paid from the General Account towards the Clan Commander's expenses for 1982.

Working Capital After our C/F balance of \$570.00 above is reduced by these three amounts totalling \$349.46, \$220.54 remains as a credit for this year.

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| <u>Trust Fund</u> - Australian Savings Bonds | - | \$800.00 |
| Savings Account (Westpac) | - | \$129.02 |

1981 Subscriptions - The odd amount is due to exchange on an overseas cheque.

HERE AND THERE

- # Some time ago the Newsbulletin carried details of a Scottish appeal for funds to restore St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh. A member's donation was forwarded along with a modest contribution from the Society as a whole. The total raised to date for this appeal is over £1,359,000.
- # Our cousins from the MacDuffee Clan Inc. of America have their annual meeting at Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina on the second week-end in July. Contact Mrs Ruth Veeder, P.O.Box 5006, Albany, N.Y. 12205, U.S.A. if you are likely to be in the area.
- # The Fifth Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia is to be held in Toowoomba Q'ld. on the Australia Day week-end in January next year. More details in the next Newsbulletin.
- # Victoria Vice-President Bruce McPhie of Forest Hill reports an enjoyable Clan Dinner in Melbourne last November with 22 members in attendance.
- # Clan Commissioner Sandy McPhee of Pennant Hills and New South Wales Vice-President Bill Tyrrell of Sylvania, and respective wives Norah and Dorothy, were well to the fore as Clan Macfie representatives during Sydney's 1982 Scottish Week. There was a good roll-up for the Clan Barbeque at Bill and Dorothy's home and steady representation at other functions and events. The picnic and march on the Sunday, however, is a fun day and deserves a better attendance from Clan members.
- # The Scottish Australian Heritage Council Raffle was won by a Mrs M. Court of Woolley Street, Earlwood, Sydney....BUT...there is a second draw coming up on 18th June 1983 for the same tickets! This time the prize is two return tickets to the UK with AIR INDIA, free car hire and mystery (?) accommodation through the British Tourist Authority.
- # Sydney's 1983 Scottish Week Celebrations are scheduled from 26th November to 4th December inclusive.
- # Each Easter, Scottish Highland Games are held on the New South Wales north coast at Maclean - what about paying a visit this year if you're in the area?
- # Welcome to the following NEW MEMBERS who have joined the Society since publication of our last Newsbulletin:
 - S83-513 David Moore P.O.Box193 Gawler S.A.
 - S83-514 Mrs Ruby Violet Moore 1/19 Riverdale Rd Myrtlebank S.A.
 - V83-515 Shirley Dickson 8 Madder Street Nhill Vic
 - Q83-516 John McPhie 12/14 Gylanda St Carina Heights Q.
 - N83-517 Mrs Mairi Petersen 51 Boollwarroo Pde Shellharbour NSW
 - N83-518 Mrs Robyn Phillips 91 Ely St Revesby NSW
- # Clan Macfie Associates was formed some time ago in Scotland to hold and maintain Clan property. The Mhic-a-Phi Standing Stone on Colonsay, plus the land on which it stands, is the most significant item of responsibility at present. The Directors of Clan Macfie Associates recently decided to appoint Angus Clark of Colonsay as "Keeper of the Clan Macfie Monuments on Colonsay" and to pay him UK£25.00 per annum for services rendered. An additional UK£25.00 has been paid for material and work in painting the fence rails surrounding the Standing Stone and giving the wooden bridge on the walk to the Stone a good coating of preservative.

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SOCIAL NOTES

QUEENSLAND GATHERING - SUNDAY 8th MAY 1983

An informal afternoon gathering for Clan members will be held at No. 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba on Sunday 8th May, 1983 from 3:30 p.m. onwards. Panorama Crescent is off Prince Henry's Drive, for those not too familiar with the area.

If attending, please notify one of your hosts or hostesses beforehand:

Society President and Secretary, Alex and Helen McPhie on (076) 32 3469 or

Q'land Vice President Nevell and Linley McPhee on (076) 35 8454

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MORE NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

For a number of years membership gains have not quite matched annual losses and we are therefore steadily approaching a critical point where income will no longer support our operation. And yet new members, frequently Macfie descendants on the maternal side, often comment with surprise on "finding" a Macfie Clan Society has been functioning for almost ten years.

At the Fourth Biennial General Meeting in Canberra, Nella Rutledge (V76-126) of Burwood, Vic., suggested a tear-out slip be included in a Newsbulletin so that members could notify our Secretary of names and addresses of likely new members. A slip is provided below - please use it - Helen will take necessary followup action. Any number of names is acceptable.

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MEMBERSHIP ADVICE NOTICE

To: Mrs Helen McPhie
8 Panorama Cres.,
TOOWOOMBA. Q. 4350

From:(name)

.....(address)

Please contact the following people who I believe may be interested in joining The Macfie Clan Society of Australia.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscription notices for 1983 are attached; early payment is requested. Current fees are \$5.00 per member or \$10.00 per family resident at the one address. Members under 18 years or over 75 years are excused from the payment of fees. However, in the latter case, members are required to notify the Secretary when claiming an exemption.

Several members remain unfinancial for last year and their accounts have been annotated accordingly. Please give these accounts your prompt attention as membership rights may be withdrawn if subscriptions continue overdue.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Following ratification of the Minutes of the Fourth Biennial General Meeting, during which it was decided to forward 20% of the moneys collected annually in subscriptions to defray the Clan Commander's expenses, the Society Executive passed the following Standing Order (No 11/82) in relation to the method and timing to be used in determining the amount payable each year:

'Payment of the Society's annual contribution towards the Clan Commander's expenses is to be made as early as possible each year. Where calculations are based on a percentage of annual subscriptions paid, the amount received in subscriptions for the previous year is to be used in determining the amount to be forwarded to the Clan Commander for the current year.'

Consideration has been given to amending the Society constitution to provided for an Immediate Past President. This will be brought forward in due course.

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The death of Hector McFie (T77-306) of 'Rothesay', 78 Stewart Street, Devonport, Tas., is recorder with deep regret.

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MEMBERSHIP ADVICE NOTICE

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TO NOTIFY NAMES & ADDRESSES

OF LIKELY NEW MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY

SECRETARY.

GENERAL NOTES

- * Home from a family wedding on the Isle of Skye is Heather McLean (N75-091) of Lindfield, N.S.W.
- * Valerie McFie (T77-258) of Howrah Tas., is due to leave in late March for a trip to Scotland - one/^{she}promised herself many years ago when she was only seven. Good trip, Valerie.
- * Kay McPhee (V74-006) of 16 Smeed Street, Black Rock, Vic. 3193 wishes to consult someone on a "History of Early Clocks in Australia" - an expert or a publication! Kay owns an old family clock, handed down from her maternal great-grandfather, Alexander Kennedy Smith, an engineer who arrived in Melbourne in 1854. The clock has been dated between 1775 and 1810 - but Kay wishes to obtain more accurate details. Can anyone help?
- * Neil McPhie (Q74-027) formerly of St. John's Wood, Q'land, visited friends in England and Spain late last year and is now living in Clayfield, Q'land, and planning another overseas trip this year. Neil was 83 last October.
- * Lyndall Rutledge (Q74-028), (a cousin of Neil's) of Jondaryan, Q'land, celebrated her 80th birthday at home when a number of carloads of guests arrived for a surprise party. Thirteen Macfie Clan Society members were there - all relatives of Lyn's - and included her brothers, both armigerous members of Clan Macfie, Victor McPhie, aged 86 of Dalby Q'land, and Hector McPhie, aged 83 of Toowoomba, Q'land.
- * Charles (S78-438) and Margaret (S78-439) McPhee of Modbury North, S.A., and son Keiran (S81-495) have moved to Denver, Colorado, U.S.A., for a year as Charles has been granted a teaching exchange fellowship there. Fancy moving from the height of an Adelaide summer to the depth of a Denver winter. Charles and Margaret hope to make contact with some of the Clan Macfie societies in North America while they're over there.
- * Late last year Don McPhie (V75-103) at Colonsay Jersey Stud, Warragul, Vic., reported a severe winter with 75 frosts - 45 of them in a two month period with water troughs still frozen at 4.00 p.m. on some days. Don recently imported five top jersey heifers from New Zealand and has over 100 cows in milk most of the time.
- * Congratulations to Clan member Craig McPhee of Adelaide on winning his second successive national Heron sailing title at New Year.

South Australian yachtsman Craig McPhee won his second successive national Heron title at Lake Bonney, Adelaide, when he finished third in the fourth heat. McPhee steered his dinghy Eigen Vector into third place two minutes behind heat winner Outcast, skippered by Jim Armitage (SA) and David Llewellyn's Rastus from NSW, second.

He completed a hat-trick of heat wins, on Sunday, to grab a firm hold on the title, with the last heat still to be sailed on Wednesday morning.

McPhee has accumulated just 5.25 points while second placed Bejugaraway, sailed by Victorian, Ray Hale, is on 14 points and cannot catch him.
- * Happy birthday to Alex McWilliam (Q74-076) from the Gold Coast. Alex is one of the principals of one of Queensland's leading real estate and development firms. What better place could one find to discover that life begins at forty?
- * Congratulations too, to Peter McPhee (V77-373) of Nunawading Vic.. Peter won the Victorian State Final of the Australia Day Public Speaking contest organized by Toastmasters International, but was beaten in the national final.
- * Clan Macfie is still represented in the Federal Cabinet after the recent Federal elections. Michael Duffy becoming Minister for Communications with the new Government. Our previous representative was the well-performed Ian Macphee (V74-022) who was returned to parliament, but in the Opposition this time.

AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

AND SECOND PARLIAMENT OF CLAN MACFIE 5-13 AUGUST 1983

AT SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON, NOVA SCOTIA

Friday, 5th August, Registration

8:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Informal Ceilidh

Saturday, 6th August.

Trip to Highland Village Day at Iona, Cape Breton
Visit MacPhee Islands

Sunday, 7th August.

E nical Church Service (Sydney)
Clan Picnic
Mini Highland Games

Monday, 8th August.

9-12:00 a.m. MacPhee Clan Council of Canada Meeting
(Other National Societies of Clan Macfie
to meet as required)
1-3:30 p.m. Clan Macfie meeting to finalize reports
and recommendations
3:30-5:30 General Session - Opening of Clan Parliament
Reception

Tuesday, 9th August.

9:30-4:30 Clan Macfie Parliament
Luncheon
8:00 p.m. Social Evening

Wednesday, 10th August.

9:00-1:00 General Session and closing of formal session
of the Clan Macfie Parliament.

Wednesday, 10th August and Thursday, 11th August.

Visits to Louisbourg, Beeton Institute
(Genealogical Research)
Lingham Golf Club, Sydney Flying Club, Heavy
Water Plant, Miners' Museum, etc.

Friday, 12th August.

Visit St. Ann's Gaelic Mod
Tour Cabot Trail

Saturday, 13th August.

Closing Ceremonies at St. Ann's Gaelic College
Hall of Clans
Clan Macfie Finale

REGISTRATION FORMS are available from Society Secretary Helen McPhee,
8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba, Q. 4350.