



# THE DOWNUNDER

Newsbulletin of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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## From Your President

Welcome to our Society's new year.

On the international scene we have the International Gathering of Clan Macfie in Gatlingburg, Tennessee in May. Caenn-Cath Sandy McPhie and Helen are going and we hope some other Aussies as well.

As can be seen from the financial statements appearing in this Newsbulletin our Society's finances are satisfactory and so the Executive has decided to keep subscriptions at the same level as last year ie \$10 for single members and \$15 for families. In fact subscriptions haven't increased for years. Subscription notices for 2003 will go out in March.

Because our membership is ageing and we are losing some we would really appreciate current members suggesting to a Macfie (by whatever spelling) they join our Society as members. To encourage this, new members will receive a Macfie stick pin or lapel badge as a welcome gift.

Last year finished on a high at the McPhee gathering at Natimuk, near Horsham Vic. to honour the memory of John McPhee, who died a century ago in December 1902, and his wife Bridget. The gathering included Vice President, Bernie McPhee, a grandson, who organised the day, and many direct descendants of John and Bridget McPhee and Bernie knew them all by name!

When I sat down to dinner the evening before the memorial service I sat next to a young woman who was drawing her family tree on her paper serviette.

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### From your President cont

She then told me her mum sitting opposite had 9 children and her aunt sitting next to her had 7 and so on around the room. No wonder it was such a big gathering.

After Father Matthew McPhee, Bernie's brother, had conducted the service at the cemetery, Father Pat, also a brother, officiated at mass in the local church.

There Pat told us about the amazingly resilient and resourceful Bridget McPhee. One morning, having seen husband John off to work, she realised she was going to have the baby she was expecting in the next few hours. With no neighbours nor horse nor help of any kind she was on her own. She called her 3 children together, packed a picnic lunch, and asked her eldest to take his 2 sisters out for 3 or 4 hours and collect wildflowers. When they returned there she was nursing a baby a few hours old.

I'm glad Caenn-Cath Sandy wasn't at Natimuk. A stickler for protocol Sandy would have had a fit. You see Merylyn and I wore highland dress to add to the Macfie flavour of the day and so a number present insisted on calling me the Chief. Pointing out I was merely President of the Clan Society was to no avail so a Chief for a day I was.

**Yours in Clanship,  
Brian**

### Did you know

Membership of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia is open on application to all interested men and women who have surname spellings as listed below; are connected by marriage with, descended from or are adopted by persons qualified under this list.

ATHIE	ATHEY
CATHIE	CATHEY
COFFEE	COFFEY
DUFFIE	DUFFEY/DUFFY
FEE	
GUFFEY	
HAFFIE	
MACGOFFIN	
MAHAFFY	MAHAFFEY
PHEE	PHIE
MacAFEE	MacAFIE
McAFEE	McAFIE
MacCAFFERTY	McCAFFERTY
MacCAFFREY	McCAFFREY
MacCAFFIE	
MacCATHIE	MacCATHEY McCATHEE
McCATHIE	
MacDUFFEE	MacDUFFIE McDUFFEE
MCDUFFIE	
Mac DUFFEY	McDUFFEY
MacFEE	MacFIE
McFEE	McFIE
MacGUFFIE	MacGUFFEY
McGUFFIE	McGUFFEY
MacHAFFIE	MacHAFFY
McHAFFIE	McHAFFY
MacPHEE	MacPHIE
McPHEE	McPHIE

### Where are these Members

Does anyone know the whereabouts of these members below whose Newsbulletins have been returned unclaimed. If you know of the new address of these members please let President Brian McPhee know:

Anna McPhee	13/49 Leahy close Canberra ACT 2604
Bruce R Macfie	563 Sth Dowling St, Surry Hills NSW 2010
John A McPhee	7 Chauvel Close, E Wahroonga NSW 2076
John R. McPhee	Heyjohn 9 Darwin Dr, Lapstone NSW 2773
Heather Price	PO box 534, Albany Cr QLD 4035
Trish Daunt	46 Cowan Cr, Emerald QLD 4720
Duncan McPhee	53/9 Salford St Victoria PT QLD 4165
John McPhie	12/14 Gylanda St, Carina Heights QLD 4152
Linda McPhie	12/14 Gylanda St Carina Heights QLD 4152
Jasmine McPhie	12/14 Gylanda St Carina Heights QLD 4152
Melissa McPhie	12/14 Gylanda St Carina Heights QLD 4152
Douglas McPhee	16/3-5 James St, Mordialloc VIC 3195
Joan Stow	114 McIvor Rd, Bendigo VIC 3550
Randall McPhee	Allen Hotel Townsville, QLD 4180
Christine Wood	23 Taylor Tce, Bundamba QLD 4304

#### Did you know that

The Clan Macfie Society of America has arranged for the Macfie tartan to be woven in cotton, details from Peter Wilson, Escot.net, Inc charlotte, NC (704) 556-15551

## WHAT'S ON

### 5 April Hornsby NSW.

Scottish House is holding a Champagne & Cheese evening at Willow Park 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby 6pm-8pm. This event celebrates the Declaration of Arbroath (April 6 1320) and Hornsby Shire National Trust Heritage Week. (02) 9477 4619 for details

### 12 April Bundanoon .

#### April 12 Rockdale NSW. Hurstville

Scottish Assoc social Uniting Church Rockdale  
(02) 9587 3436

#### April 18-19 Maclean NSW. Mclean

Highland Gathering held in the Scottish Town of Australia.

#### April 26 Hornsby NSW.

Genealogy for beginners workshop at Scottish House  
(02) 9477 4619

#### 4 May WA.

Combined Scottish Clans in WA picnic in the pavilion Manners Hill Park (08) 9457 2632

#### 17 May Caboolture QLD

Highland Gathering Apex Park

#### 29 June Brisbane QLD.

International Tartan Day Brisbane Cultural Forecourt South Bank. (07) 3359 8195



Father Mathew & Bernie McPhee with the plaque (See page 7 of NB 93)

## Know your Scotland

1. Which famous malt whisky is distilled at Tain, Easter Ross?
2. Where was Sir Walter Scott born? Edinburgh or Glasgow?
3. In auld Scots, what would you have kept in a type of box called mull?
4. What is the largest island in Loch Lomond?
5. In which year did the famous Gleneagles Hotel open a 1924, b 1928, c 1932
6. Which river runs north of Aberdeen— the Dee or the Don
7. The Jacobite song 'Hey Johnnie Cope' celebrates which victory?
8. Fort George, built in 1748, is near which Scottish city?
9. Who led the English forces at Culloden?
10. When was the Caledonian canal opened  
a 1900, b 1880, c 1822

Answers: Back page  
Source The Scottish Banner

### 1. Theft : simple grand larceny, Mary Duffy , 17 Oct 1744

473. Mary Duffy, of Pancras, was indicted for stealing a poker, value 12 s. a fender 18 d. 3 brass cock, 1 s. a dripping pan, 2 s. catering-pot, 18 d. forty-eight gallons of strong 20 and fifteen gallons cherry beer, 10 s. the goods of Richard...

From the Old Bailey Records

## GENERAL NEWS

**General News of the Clan Society****New Members**

The Executive and members give a warm welcome to new members who have joined recently.

Pam Tidmarsh (N02-965)	Baulkam Hills	NSW
Nancy McHaffie (V02-966)	Hawthorne	VIC
Elva Hamann (Q03-967)	Nanango	QLD
Elizabeth Murphy (S03-968)	Oakbank	SA

**Donation**

The Executive is very appreciative for the donation from Bruce McPhee (V75096) Box Hill North Vic

**Birth**

Congratulations to Jane (nee McPhee) & Nick Smith on the birth of Kiara born 29<sup>th</sup> October 2002. .

**Vale**

It is with much sorrow that we record the death of several Clan Society members:

- Keith Worland (N91-763) of Caringbah, N.S.W. died on 22 September last year, aged 80.
- Heather McLean (75-091) of Lyndfield NSW

**They have moved**

Jane and Nick Smith who have moved from Adelaide to Mt Gambier. Nick is with the CIB

Heather and Robert McKee to Unit 1/42 Witt Street Benalla VIC 3672

**Correction to Newsbulletin No 93**

The photo which appeared on page 6 of the Newsbulletin was correctly headlined "From Bruce McPhee"

But then read "this photo shows Brian McPhee and his father Malcolm McPhee on his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday.....". It should have of course read "Bruce McPhee"  
My humble apologies Bruce~ Editor.

Catriona **McPhee** ( Collection manager of Entomology at the Melbourne Museum) with a Ulysses Butterfly in the storage room.



Source: Melbourne Leader/Yarra Leader  
8/10/2001

**RODEO**

Dusty McPhee (5 years ) and Cadillac (19 years) were completing in the Knox Rodeo.

Dusty has riding on the competitive circuit for more than a year and began training at the age of three and half.

Dusty 's father is Gary McPhee, otherwise known as Mr Rodeo in riding circles. He has won more than 20 national rodeo championships.

Dusty's mum, Anna McPhee said Dusty had a natural instinct with horses.

Source Victorian newspaper. (Sent in by Heath McKee)





**Houses in Canberra suburb, Duffy, destroyed by fire**

#### Canberra Bush Fires

The ACT experienced one of the worst devastating events. A fire storm swept through Canberra western suburbs on January 18th 2003. Four people were killed, over 500 homes destroyed, 300 people treated for burns and 2500 people displaced. The 20 million dollar Mount Stromlo observatory was destroyed.

Sue Larkey, (Macfie Clan Society member) lives in Chapman one of the most affected suburbs. Sue and her family survived the ordeal and their house was spared. Sue lives in Rafferty St Chapman which is almost encircled by burnt houses.

Sue said that the water helicopter came to the rescue and water bombed the houses in Rafferty Street.

**If you know of any Clan Members affected by the recent bush fires please let President Brian McPhee know.**

#### McFie lead by example

Henry Hector McFie, OBE JP and coroner, was the foundation president of the Devonport Agricultural and Pastoral Society, and instrumental in many other improvements around the town of Devonport.

Serving on the Agricultural and Pastoral Society board since its first show in 1908 till 1946, Mr McFie was instrumental in establishing the strong tradition on the event which continues today.

Born in Hobart in 1869 the son of Captain E.J McFie, he was educated and served his apprenticeship as a tailor before establishing his own tailoring business-firstly in Stewart St then in Rooke St Devonport, Tasmania.

Mr McFie was active in public affairs moving for the completion of the Spreyton-Devonport road, which enabled produce to be brought to Devonport rather than Latrobe.

He was a member of the Devonport Town Hall Board, advocated the establishment of the Town Hall, the sports oval, high school, town electricity and water supplies.

He was also a member of the Devonport Chamber of Commerce, the Improvement Association, Debating Society, Federal League, Rowing Club, Mersey Regatta Association, captain of the football and cricket clubs and was founder of the Devonport music and literary competitions.

McFie was elected as a Member of the House of Assembly and served the electorate for 20 years.

He married Hannah, daughter of harbour master Capt William Chapman and they had a family of five.

One of his sons, Hector, was elected to the Legislative council and was also a prominent citizen.

**Military News:** Back in November 2002, the Veteran Affairs Department released a 'Nominal Listing' of all World War 2 soldiers which is also available on the 'Internet'. You can access this information by going to [www.ww2roll.gov.au](http://www.ww2roll.gov.au)

The list contains only basic information such as name, rank, service number where and when they enlisted, when they were discharged or killed overseas, if they were decorated and if they were a POW. I have just had a brief look at this site and found the following in regard to:

**McPhee** there were 210 enlisted in the Army, 14 enlisted in the RAN, 59 enlisted in the RAAF and 1 in the Merchant Navy. For

**McPhie** there were 10 enlisted in the Army, 1 enlisted in the RAN, 5 enlisted in the RAAF and none for the Merchant Navy.

For those who do not have a computer and would like to see these records in regard to a family member, just send me (Trevor Phee) the family member's full name and I will send you the information from this site.

Some examples of the information available on Macfie Clan members are:

Name	Service No	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Service
Duffie, Andrew Ross,	NX89813,	29Jan1909,	Scotland,	Army
Duffie, James,	N288371,	6Jun1909,	Lochgelly Scotland,	Army
Duffie,John,	VX131601,	14Feb1905,	Glasglow Scotland,	Army
MacAfee,Arthur Robert,	PM6499,	31Jul 1925,	South Yarra VIC,	RAN
MacAfee,James Gibson,	NX134884,	29 Oct 1911,	Guildford,NSW,	Army
Mahaffey,Robert Clive,	QX16894,	28 Mar1917,	Harristown,QLD,	Army
Mahaffey,Robert John,	N469200,	29Jan 1925,	Wickham,NSW,	Army
Mahaffey,Roland Thomas,	166187,	2Oct 1926,	Moree,NSW,	RAAF
McPhee, Donald,	QX116281	6 Aug 1916,	Charters Towers QLD,	Army * <u>see below</u>
McPhee, Donald,	VX111265,	24 Jan 1919,	Lismore,NSW,	Army
McPhee, Donald Alexander,	N294357;	2May 1888,	Inverell,NSW,	Army
McPhee,Donald,Bruce,	NX72822,2	1Jul 1903,	Scone,NSW,	Army
McPhee,Donald,Cameron,	N467170,	31Mar 1910,	Mudgee,NSW,	Army
McPhee,Donald,elwyn,	440005,	20Aug 1925,	Coraki,NSW,	RAAF
McPhee,Donald James,	NX132579,	28Jun 1915,	Merbein,VIC,	Army
McPhee,Donald,John,	TX2460,	15Jun 1912,	Colebrook,TAS,	Army
McPhee,Donald,Joseph,	V170518,	4Nov 1902,	Penhurst,VIC,	Army
McPhee,Donald,William,	VX104683,	8Nov 1910,	Brisbane QLD,	Army
McPhie,Alexander Cumming David,	N323534,	2Jun1900,	Roma,QLD,	Army
McPhie,Alexander William,	20091,	20Apr 1915,	Geraldton,WA,	RAN

\* This is an example of the information available for each person listed above

McPhee, Donald;  
 Service Australian Army Service  
 Number Q42159  
 Date of Birth 20 Feb 1902  
 Place of Birth DALBY, QLD  
 Date of Enlistment 21 Feb 1941  
 Locality on Enlistment TOOWOOMBA, QLD  
 Place of Enlistment TOOWOOMBA, QLD  
 Next of Kin MCPHEE, S  
 Date of Discharge 29 Dec 1941  
 Rank Private  
 Posting at Discharge 49 BN DET N C WW2  
 Honours and Gallantry None for display

*Irate golfer, on his way to a round of 150:  
 "You must be the worst caddie in the world!"  
 Scottish caddie (dryly): "That would be too  
 much of a coincidence, sir."*

## GENEALOGY

Submitted by Trevor Phee Chief Historian

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The General Register Office (UK) made the following announcement on 16 December 2002. The cost of obtaining a standard birth, death or marriage certificate after the initial registration will increase from six pounds fifty to seven pounds, a short certificate will rise from five pounds to five pound fifty from 1 April 2003.

### Family History Day

In a major development, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently announced that to celebrate Family History Day, the complete US 1880 Census and the Canadian 1881 Census have been added to the British 1881 Census and is available 'FREE' on their web-page

### Seeking Assistance

Does anyone know and have any information to the following servicemen:

**W.J. McPhee:** was from Western Australia. He served in the WA contingent of the Bushman's contingent that went to the Boer War.

**Hector Kitchener McPhie:** served in WW1. He was born on 6 January 1900.

**William James Oliver McPhee** service number 119, 32 Battalion was in France on 20 July 1916.

**J. McPhee:** 2/1 Battalion WW2. This chap does not appear on the Nominal Listing. There is a number of J McPhees mentioned, but none in the 2/1 Battalion.

### The Church of England Record Centre

(CERC) will undergo a major renovation of its premises in the New Year. Consequently from Monday 9 December 2002, their search room at Bermondsey will be closed to the public and their search room service transferred to the Lambeth Palace Library on a trial basis. However their records will continue to be stored at Bermondsey. Go to

[www.lambethpalacelibrary.org](http://www.lambethpalacelibrary.org)

### From the Victorian Argus Newspaper:

**McPhee:** Alex (second officer). Died 9 May 1860. An accident at Wollongong NSW.

**McPhee:** Angus died 19 July 1859. Son of John, brother of John.

**McPhee:** Donald (Captain). Died 2 October 1855, at Sydney aged 68.

**McPhee:** John. Died 21 March 1853 at Prahran aged 40. Funeral 22 March 1853 at Prahran.

**McPhee :** John. Funeral 19 July 1859 at Prahran.

**McPhee:** Mrs. Alexander 25 July 1860. Born a daughter Elizabeth Ross? Mary Jane.

### James Stanhope Mason McPhee

In the last Newsbulletin, there was a photo that had been taken recently in the Fletcher Jones factory complex at Warrnambool in Victoria, and one Stan McPhee's name was mentioned. The following is what I have been able to put together in regard to 'Stan McPhee' from records I hold, from Army service records and from information sent to me by Sonia Phee of Cooma, NSW.

**James Stanhope Mason McPhee** known to everyone as 'Stan' was born at Warrnambool, Victoria on 24 May 1915 and died at Warrnambool on 4 August 2002. His funeral notice has his birth date as the 24 May but his Army service records has his birth date as being the 25 May.

Stan was the son of John McPhee and Ernestine Stanhope, they were married in Victoria in 1914. Stan had a sister, Jean McPhee who was born at Warrnambool in 1918. I only have Victorian birth records to 1920, so do not know if there were any other siblings.

**Service Record:** James enlisted in the Army on 18 April 1943 at Albury his service number was VX126386 and his rank was Craftsman. At the time of his enlistment his next of kin was given as Helen McPhee. He was discharged on 30 January 1946, his posting given at the time of his discharge is listed as 12 Australian Advanced Work Shops.

### Richmond Cemetery:

**Arthur McPhee:** Died 25 November 1871 aged 5 months.

**Isabella McPhee:** Died 25 July 1876 aged 18 yrs. Does anyone know who these two children belong to ??



President Brian and Merilyn McPhee at the grave of John McPhee who died on the 13th December 1902.

### Newsbulletin Title

We have named the Newsbulletin of the Australian Society of Australia

## THE DOWNUNDER

Do you like the new name the Newsbulletin

Let us know what you think

### Special Offer

Introduce a new member to the Macfie Clan Society of Australia and receive a 50% discount on your next annual subscription.

## THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2002

Income		
Subscriptions	2001	145.00
	2002	2498.36
	Fully paid	180.00
Donations		623.03
Interest- Debentures		354.51
Bank		8.38
BGM -Surplus		<u>35.00</u>
Total Income		3844.28
less Expenses		
Postage & Telephone, P&S		251.50
Newsbulletins(Printing & Postage)		1563.69
Per-capita levy to Clan Macfie		445.50
Bank fees		15.00
Subscriptions		80.00
Contribution to cost of Dun Eibhinn marker on Colonsay		<u>157.32</u>
Total Expenses		<u>2513.01</u>
Surplus for year		1331.27
less Appropriation to Trust Fund	271.35	
Appropriation to Fully Paid Membership	<u>48.34</u>	<u>319.69</u>
To Members' Funds		<u>1011.58</u>

Notes:

1. The appropriation to the Trust Fund is the interest received for the year on the debenture with AGC of \$4050 of \$271.35.
2. The appropriation to Fully Paid Membership is calculated by applying the interest rate received on the AGC Debenture of \$2000 (now matured) of 6.55% to the balance of Fully Paid Subscriptions of \$738.00 as at 1st January 2002 amounting to \$48.34.



**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2002**

**Current Assets**

Bank		3590.40
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**Investments**

AGC Debenture	6.7% maturing 1.4.2003	4050.00	
AGC Debenture	@6.55% matured 21.10.2002	0.00	
Adelaide Bank Deposit	@5.35% maturing 31.7.03	<u>5000.00</u>	9050.00

<b>Total Assets</b>			<u>12640.40</u>
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**Current Liabilities****Trust Fund**

Balance as at 1st January 2002.	5293.47	
add Appropriation	<u>271.35</u>	
Balance as at 31st December 2002		5564.82

**Fully Paid subscriptions**

Balance as at 1st January 2002.	738.00	
add Appropriation	<u>48.34</u>	
	786.34	

less taken into account for 2002	<u>180.00</u>	
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Balance as at 31st December 2002		606.34
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**Subscriptions paid in advance**

2003	370.00	
2004	<u>10.00</u>	380.00

**Other Liabilities****Society Funds****Archive Fund**

Balance as at 1st January 2002	100.00	
less Paid during 2002	<u>100.00</u>	0.00
Balance as at 31st December 2002		

**Society Travel-Fund**

Balance 1st January 2002	130.00	
Received during 2002	<u>50.00</u>	
Balance 31st December 2002		180.00

**Clan Macfie Funds****Standing Stone**

Balance 1st January 2002	75.00	
Received during 2002	<u>50.00</u>	
Balance at 31st December 2002		125.00

**Working Account**

Balance as at 1st January 2002	25.00	
less Paid to Clan during 2002	<u>25.00</u>	
Balance as at 31st December 2002		0.00

**Projects Account**

Balance as at 1st January 2002	0.00	
Received during 2002	<u>70.00</u>	
Balance as at 31st December 2002		70.00

**Commander Travel Account**

Balance as at 1st January 2002	142.32	
Received during 2002	<u>151.71</u>	
	294.03	
less Paid to Clan during 2002	<u>142.32</u>	
Balance as at 31st December 2002		151.71

**Total Liabilities**

	<u>7077.87</u>
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**Net Assets**

	<u>5562.53</u>
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**Members Funds**

Opening Balance as at 1st January 2002	4550.95
Surplus for year	<u>1011.58</u>
Closing Balance as at 31st December 2002	5562.53

Ian McPhee

Brian McPhee

Treasurer

President

## McPhee Reunion Descendant of John McPhee (Killiechonate Scotland),— Natimuk

Our McPhee family greatly appreciated the support it received from the Macfie Clan with their recent Memorial Day at Natimuk, Victoria. Sandy McPhee, Clan Commander, kindly sent greetings from Helen and himself, and we received warm messages of greeting from the Victorian Vice-President Maggie Mulherin, Kaye MacPhee, Peter McPhee, and from many other Clan Society members. Norah McPhee and Trevor Phee our Clan Historians also sent messages of support.

We were honoured by the presence of Australian Society President Brian McPhee and his wife Marilyn who came from Adelaide for the occasion. It was especially fitting that Brian and Marilyn, in their Macfie kilt and regalia, were present at the Natimuk Cemetery, when our piper Bob Cameron played a lament on the pipes, just as his great grandfather had done one hundred years before at the funeral of John McPhee. Cameron played "The Flowers of the Forest". It was a very touching moment, since we knew that Bob Cameron had been sick, and had not played the pipes for ten years or so.

This is how it happened: a couple of years ago, Norah McPhee from Mount Vincent had mentioned to me that she had some contact with a Cameron, and his family still had the same bag pipes which had been played at the 1902 funeral of John McPhee. Norah gave me the address of Keith Cameron in Sydney. I contacted Keith, sprightly and energetic, in his mid eighties. It appears that the bagpipes still exist in their family, but would be unplayable. But Keith told me of his cousin, the same Bob Cameron of Horsham who played for us on 2 December.

So the first part of our Memorial Day, at the Natimuk Cemetery, was a great success. Father Matthew McPhee led the prayers and words of dedication, after

each group to be remembered had been read out by Phillip Barker, grandson of Marie O'Sullivan who is a grand-daughter of John McPhee. The metal plaque itself is some four hundred words in length, and mentions both McPhee family and locals. Elsie Lange and Anne Lowe, members of the Natimuk Historical Society, represented the Natimuk residents of today. On the front of the stand for the plaque, we had set into the concrete a few representative symbols: the galley, to suggest the Macfie role as the Keepers of the Records for the Lords of the Isles: the sword, to recall our McPhee's Lochaber origins: the Celtic Cross, to remember the Loney heritage. Father Matthew McPhee ended the cemetery ceremonies



**Bernie McPhee with his sister and brothers at Natimuk**  
Back Row: Pat McPhee, Mathew McPhee, Marie O'Sullivan  
Jack McPhee  
Front Row Cath Garland, Bernie McPhee (VP)

with his unaccompanied singing of the Latin motet: "Salve Regina".

At Saint John's Catholic Church in Natimuk, for the second part of the Memorial Day, representatives of the James McPhee, Charlotte McPhee Brasier, Archibald McPhee and Hector McPhee families each read

from the family book, an episode about the life and experiences of John and Bridget McPhee. It was getting a bit hot in the little Church by now, with one hundred and eighty people crammed in, and hired chairs occupying every available inch of space. Frances McPhee Allan of the Robert McPhee family, introduced each reading and led a prayerful response at the end of each one, with the people all responding in the words of Psalm 139: "O God, even though I should go to the sea's furthest end, even there, your hand will be guiding me, you are with me, your right hand holding me fast".

Singing throughout the following Eucharistic Liturgy was led by Pauline Marum of the Emily McPhee Murphy family. Celebrant of the Mass was Father Pat (Anscar) McPhee OSB from Kalumburu, WA, who also delivered a thoughtful, amusing and challenging homily on the theme of Psalm 139 as mentioned above.

John McPhee and his sons and daughters had been instrumental in the building and funding of the first Catholic Church on this Natimuk site. A cyclone blew it over later on. In 1875, John McPhee had owned a town block of ground just a few doors away from the Church site. For shade, on 2 December, we had hired one very big tent, and we had a couple of others, and nature itself and the Church founders had provided a couple of giant Cyprus trees, so refreshments were served comfortably in the Church grounds. Natimuk has no water, which one can drink, so an added task for Robbie McPhee who catered superbly for the function, was to provide something for us.

Mr Keith Lockwood, a Natimuk resident, gave our function a full page spread with well chosen pictures in the Horsham Mail Times in the week before the Memorial Day.

We were very happy with the response from the descendants of John and Bridget McPhee to this Memorial Day, commemorating the hundred years since John McPhee died. And we were delighted also with the response from descendants of our grandparents' siblings, either by their welcome presence, or by their greetings by letter and phone, including three New Zealand messages. There was at least one representative from all the John and Bridget McPhee families who had descendants. And nearly all the surviving grandchildren of John McPhee were present, with apologies from Jim McPhee of Wonthaggi and Tom McPhee of Horsham. So, Michael Murphy of Mildura, and Kath Liston from Horsham were the two of the grandchildren to attend. Sadly, Michael Murphy's sister Marie O'Shea formerly of Mount Martha had died just two weeks before the Natimuk Day. We welcomed also Mary Kelly from Sea Lake and her sister Jean Baker from Ouyen. And the other eight grand children present were Jack McPhee of Oakleigh, Marie O'Sullivan of Vermont, Cath Gartland of Mitcham, Father Matthew McPhee of Bridgetown WA, Robbie McPhee of Vermont, Bernie McPhee of Oakleigh and Father Pat McPhee OSB of Kalumburu WA.

### MAIL BOX

Dear Editor

I was please to see some of my great uncle's diary in the November Newsbulletin , James Edmund McPhee 3rd Field Ambulance.

He enlisted with his brother, Victor, and they served from December 1914 until Vic was killed on the 10th April 1918. Jim returned home on Christmas Day 1918.

Father was named after Victor. Jim was awarded the Military medal, the third highest bravery award.

See next page for diary notes of James McPhee

**Mr Peter McPhee 0412 342 426  
7 Shrewsbury Road Nunawading**

Dear Editor

I found the information below and thought that one of your members might be interested.

Convict number	5130
Surname	McPhee
Given name	Robert
Ship name	Palmyra
Departure Port	Portsmouth
Departure Date	01/05/1846
Arrival Date	23/08/1846
Conduct Record	CON14/36
Description List	CON18/47

Reference: Qsearch Tasmania Convict Records

### Named After Paternal Grandfather/Maternal Grandmother

The oldest boy was named after the paternal grandfather, the second oldest boy was named after the maternal grandfather and the third eldest boy was named after the father.

If the father and the grandfather had the same first name then the third oldest boy was named after the oldest uncle etc..

The mirror image was true with girls. The oldest girl was named after the maternal grandmother and so on.

As a result you, can imagine in a small hamlet where possibly three generations existed that the number of people with personal names John and Mary soon became prolific.

**Extract from the Diaries of 2007 Sergeant J E McPhee** MM 4th Field Ambulance 1st A.I.F. The originals are with the Australian War memorial and this extract is from a rewrite he made of his diaries prior to sending them to Canberra

10/4/18 My thoughts were of relieving Vic in charge "B" Sec. With ½ "A & G" Sectns when Capt. O'Regan MC told me he had been killed. It was a long partnership. Farewell brother Vic. always unselfish and doing that extra bit. Piece of Shell caught him in back a minor wounds about knee and ankle. He fell about 400 ft. away from the ALH at Foncquervillers on or near road leading to R A P's at Heburteme. Munro Carmody Murphy & French Botterie quickly at his side, dressed his wound but he expired a few minutes later. They brought his body down to A E S

11/4/18 Digger Ride took bearers up line in my place- Vic's body brought down on stretcher in G S wagon- beautiful conception of death, he looked calm and at peace. No mutilations, scarcely realised he was hit. Capt. O'Regan arranged with Chaplain Fr. Lonergan of 4<sup>th</sup> Bgde to conduct burial service. Vic buried in little old world civilian cemetery outside Crouin, his immediate neighbours being French soldiers and countrymen of the Gallant defenders of Verdun. All the boys in camp attended. A sad farewell to dear old Vic

12/4/18 Scotty Harris Jack O'Callaghan and self tried to make the grave worthy by building up earth and supporting it with white stones. Planted white cross of daisies with violets at two bottom corners- Colours of B E M blue and white Cpl. Jim Ogilvie, Cpl Jefferies and Capt. O'R. arranging about cross.

13/4/18 Scotty H. Jack O'C. both found 4 pieces of angle iron, 2 iron rods from ammunition boxes and a light chain.- drove an angle iron in at each corner of grave and 1 rod in middle at each side festooning chain around grave from the iron stakes. Then we painted the stakes and chain with black enamel, the stones being gone over with white paint. Cross with "To Memory of No. 2006 Sgt. V.A.D. McPhee, 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. F Ambul A.I.F. Killed in Action 10/4/18 R.I.P. nicely painted and erected at head of grave. The simple beauty of it and kindness of the bypassers very consoling.

14/4/18 Ziesseling, Tim Godfrey and a few other RC's in camp with self attended mass at 9.00 a m in Crouin and rec'd sacraments. Father offered for the repose of the soul of Vic. Afterwards made small offering of 10 fr to Monsieur La Cure to say mass for some worthy object. A sad feature, Vic on leave boat for England when recalled. His leave money which was handed to me I am arranging to have sent to our parents & from my own pay I'll send some maintenance money for grave c/o M'sieur Le Cure.

I have tried to use all the words, abbreviations grammar and structure that are used in the diaries



#### WORLD WAR I

No. 999, Private C. Duffy, 2nd Battalion, AIF  
K.I.A 21.5.15.

One of the first thousand men to volunteer, Private Duffy was killed in action at Gallipoli during a broken ceasefire called to clear the battlefield of wounded and to bury the dead.

The major Turkish attack to "throw the ANZACs into the sea" was launched on May 19th at 3.30am. Turkish infantry crept forward and attacked the ANZAC front line trenches in mass, by noon over 10,000 Turks had been killed or wounded by our entrenched ANZACs who fired every rifle and machine gun continuously into the attacking enemy. Three hundred ANZACs were shot dead at their posts, or as they struggled up to the front line with fresh supplies of ammunition.

Not all who lay in No Man's Land after the attack were dead, many wounded were within sight and sound of the ANZAC trenches and their plight concerned the troops. An informal armistice was arranged on May 20th to collect the wounded and bury the dead - this work proceeded during the day. Unfortunately in a remote section of the front Australian troops did not know of the armistice and fired on the Turks who had ventured into No Man's Land, at about 7.30pm under a red crescent [Red Cross equipment] flag to collect the wounded. The Turks returned the fire and firing continued all night and next day, May 21st, causing casualties on both sides. The truce was renegotiated on May 24th, the battlefield cleared of dead and wounded. "At 4.30pm that day Turks and ANZACs exchanged souvenirs and both sides returned to their trenches as friends."

The 2nd Battalion was in the front line trenches on May 20th and 21st when Pte Duffy was killed. After this failed attack the Turks relied on their defensive trenches to contain the invaders - no more attacks were launched.

Thanks to Clyde Smythe for collecting and formatting the information on the Macfie Clan people serving in the Australian Services

**Search for an ancient set of Highland Bagpipes.**

A nationwide search for a set of bagpipes, with major historical significance, has commenced at Elwood in Victoria. The bagpipes were brought to Australia 150 years ago on the (26<sup>th</sup> October)

The pipes were used at the Battle of Culloden in 1746 when Bonnie Prince Charlie fled the English. They were brought to Australia by Norman McKinnon, on the Ship "Chance" which landed on 26 October 1852 at Elwood, then the Quarantine station for Victoria.

**"These pipes were a symbol of the independence of my forebears from domination." said Peter McPhee**

Their location is shrouded in mystery but we know they exist and will move mountains to locate them. We believe they are with a family that came from the ship."

"If your name is McGruerer, Fraser, McPhee, Crawford, Van der feen, Stewart, Podger, or McKinnon you should look in all the cupboards and boxes under your bed". Mr McPhee said

It is hoped to have the pipes for a major reunion to be held at Terang in May 2003. When located it is hoped to present them with the names of all descendants of Norman McKinnon to the Immigration museum after restoration.



Peter **McPhee** inspects Beaconsfield resident Ian Arrell's bagpipes in his hunt for the pipes used at the battle of Culloden.

Source Berwick Leader October 29, 2002:

**- Billy Connolly (1942 - )**

Billy was born on 24 November, 1942 in Anderston in Glasgow. His parents separated when he



was five and he was brought up by two aunts in Partick (they have often featured in his humour). He started his working life as a message boy and then an apprentice welder in the Clydeside shipyards. His stage career began in 1965 as a singer and playing the

banjo with the "Humblebums" folk group. The occasional jokes he told grew more frequent after he forgot the words of a song - and his ad libs to cover up got a laugh.

His observation of life (often recalled from his childhood), his Rabelasian style, his obvious enjoyment of what he is doing, his wild hair and beard (now more under control), his long rambling stories, his props such as his Banana Boots (now in a Glasgow Museum - see picture above), his banjo and his use of the "F" word ensured his popularity but also disapproval from some. Surprisingly, he was able to take his Glasgow humour to the world and be an even greater success. Despite eleven "Fs" a minute, his sell-out appearances at the Sydney Opera House don't seem to have lowered the tone of the place. He has also expanded into "straight" acting both with American sit-coms and films such as "Mrs Brown".

His remarks about Glasgow (such as "The great thing about Glasgow is that if there's a nuclear attack it will look exactly the same afterwards") and furthering his career abroad and apparently "neglecting" Scotland have sometimes been looked upon disapprovingly over the years by some Scots but setting up home in Scotland again (even if it is a baronial castle in Aberdeenshire) and popular TV shows about Scotland have all helped to endear him once more both at home and abroad.

**Caption: Central Coast Express Advocate (Wednesday) December 4, 2002:**



1/12/02 Mitchell **Duffy**, takes the baton from Adelaide Kershaw, Toowoomb Bay, all age relay, junior nipper carnival, Avoca.



**Muriel McPhee** was a darkhaired slight young woman, and in the years of World War I, on the Grafton dairy farm where she grew up, she carefully stitched and embroidered her trousseau in preparation for her wedding.

She embroidered nightdresses and bedjackets, chemises and camiknickers, petticoats and drawers out of linen, cotton and silk. She made tablecloths, doilies and mats. She decorated every item with broderie anglaise or crochet. She added applique flowers to net edging. She even added a touch of blue and pink embroidery to one petticoat.

She put them all into her glory box. And then the shattering blow came: her intended, the young man she was to marry, never returned from the war. The quiet 19-year-old never spoke much. Muriel just bundled all the underwear, unworn, into woolsacks and sugar bags and stuffed them into the back of a cupboard. The rest of her life she lived in the farm house, never marrying, milking cows morning and evening, and using her skills to make wedding dresses for the other

girls up and down the Clarence River.

Her cousin, Ian McPhee, a former principal of both Scullin and Fraser primary schools (from where he retired in 1993), and his wife Judy, a former teacher of needlework and craft, found the sacks of underwear when they inherited the house in the bicentennial year.

- "I just cried when I found them," Judy said. "I kept on saying - look what I have found."
- "She was such a fine seamstress," said Ian, "but we will never know about the young man, because she burned all her papers"

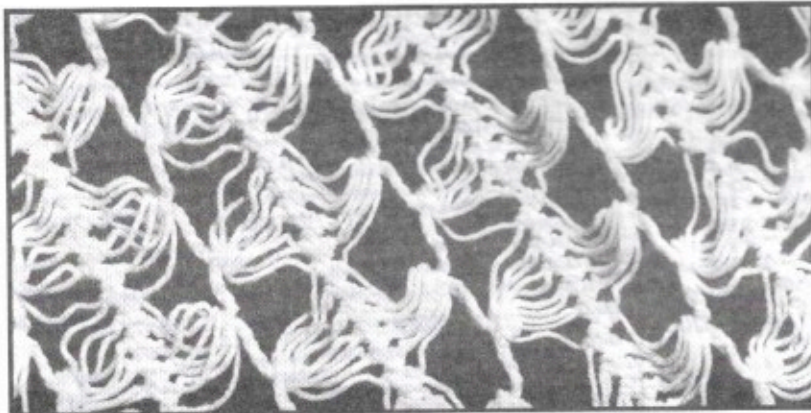


Ian and Judy McPhee of Scullin ACT who found the treasures

There was no engagement ring to be found - just a piece of twisted wire decorated with bone from the handle of his battalion toothbrush, a common betrothal ring for lovers a bit short on cash. And a beautiful Parisian powder box, still filled with powder, decorated with blue lilies in an art nouveau style. Did he send it to her from France? It doesn't look like the sort of object you could buy in Grafton in the early 20th century, and Muriel seldom went to Sydney.

Muriel's story was echoed across the country at the time, as the names of young men who died were engraved into the memorials in every country town. But what is unusual about her story is the exquisite needlework on her underwear, and the fact that it has never been worn. There were so many pieces it took Judy weeks to launder it all.

But then she couldn't give it away every historical society she approached was short of space until it came to the attention of the National Museum of Australia, to whom the McPhees donated much of the collection. The museum will show Muriel's unworn unmentionables in a tour of the Mitchell Repository as part of the Women's History Tour.



Examples of Muriel's fine work

## Scottish Wills

The Will below is reproduced (in part) with the kind permission of the Scottish Archives

Many Wills are now available on the internet from [www.scottishdocuments.com](http://www.scottishdocuments.com)

**DUFFY, At Glasgow the 12 May 1857 Compeared AW**

Stewart Writer Glasgow and gave in the Inventory to be recorded where the tenor follows:

Inventory of the personal Estate of Edward Duffy labourer residing at Cambuslang who died on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1856 with interest due on principal sum at that date:

Cash in Calton Branch of the City of Glasgow (Bank) Saving Bank at the credit of the deceased, Ten pounds one shilling and thripence.

Interest due thereon at 3,1/2 percent one shilling and two pence. Value of the deceased Estate in Scotland Ten pounds two shillings and five pence.

In presence of William Steel Esquire one of the Commifary Deputies Lanarkshire appeared James Duffy labourer residing at Maryhill near Glasgow eldest son and Executor of the deceased Edward Duffy Labourer on Cambuslang who being solemnly sworn and examined.

Despones that the said Duffy died on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1856. That the Desponent is about to enter upon the management of his personal and moveable estate as Executor and nearest of kin. That the Desponent knows of no Settlement or other writing left by the deceased relatives to the disposal of the his personal estate or effects or any part to them. That the foregoing inventory which is signed by the said Commifary Depute as relative hereto is a complete inventory of the personal estate and effects of the said deceased wherever situated.

A copy of the original document, hand written in a register, is available on request.  
([glenmcphee@webone.com.au](mailto:glenmcphee@webone.com.au))

## Bunadoon features

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- Scottish goods

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### Scottish Humour

Ther A young Scottish lad and lass were sitting on a low stone wall,holding hands, gazing out over the loch. For several minutes they sat silently.

Then finally the girl looked at the boy and said, "A penny for your thoughts, Angus."

"Well, uh, I was thinkin'...perhaps it's aboot time for a wee kiss."

The girl blushed, then leaned over and kissed him lightly on the cheek.

Then he blushed. The two turned once again to gaze out over the loch.

Minutes passed and the girl spoke again. "Another penny for your thoughts, Angus." "Well, uh, I was thinkin' perhaps it's noo time aboot time for a wee cuddle."

The girl blushed, then leaned over and cuddled him for a few seconds.

Then he blushed. Then the two turned once again to gaze out over the loch.

After a while, she again said, "Another penny for your thoughts, Angus."

"Well, uh, I was thinkin' perhaps it's aboot time you let me put my hand on your leg."

The girl blushed, then took his hand and put it on her knee. Then he blushed. The two turned once again to gaze out over the loch before the girl spoke again.

"Another penny for your thoughts, Angus."

The young man glanced down with a furled brow. "Well,noo," he said, "my thoughts are a wee bit more serious this time."

"Really?" said the lass in a whisper, filled with anticipation.

"Aye," said the lad, nodding.

The girl looked away in shyness, began to blush, and bit her lip in anticipation of the ultimate request.

Then he said, "Dae ye nae think it's aboot time ye paid me the first three pennies?"

We wish to thank **Instant Colour Press** for the quality job of printing the Macfie Clan Society Newsbulletin for the past several years



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