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THE DOWNUNDER

News Bulletin of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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From Your President

Inverness, Scotland, the Macfie Gathering
Well, I am back from Scotland, and I must say that it was an honour for me as Australian President to represent our Society at the Macfie Gathering and

Parliament in Inverness in early September. My brother Jack paid for my expenses and my nephew Michael paid my fares, and I am most grateful to them both, and to Peter McPhee of Nunawading who loaned me his kilt for the occasion. I did not go with the Macfie group to Colonsay afterwards, but I have read wonderful reports of the Macfie visit there.

Australians attending Inverness.

As well as our Clan Commander Sandy and Helen McPhee, other Australians present were Helen McPhee and Wendy Kerley of Adelaide, Bill and Rebecca



Wendy Kerley and Helen McPhee at Loch Arkaig, Inverness Shire. St Columbia's Isle is in background, burial place of McPhee's.

McVie of Canberra, granddaughter Kylie and Betty Cairnie Trevor and Rhonda McPhee of Perth and Malaysia, Roderick and Valerie McDuff of Perth.

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Caroline Wadsworth of New Zealand at CAMERON Memorial Stone , Culloden.

Culloden Field. The Macfie group made three outings to local historical and natural features in the general Inverness area. I went on one of these, choosing to visit the site of the Battle of Culloden of 1746. We visited meditatively the special stone of CAMERON, and the one marked OTHER CLANS. I looked for the likely spot where they found, long afterwards, the one foot long remnant of the sword, hidden by his loyal Highlanders, of MacDonell of Keppoch, to which the poet refers:*"this is all that remains of the blade, of the bravest man, of the bravest race, that God has ever made."*

Financial Statement for 2004 It is that time of year again, and we have to give financial information to members, so in this issue we present some financial statements prepared by Anthony Gartland, Treasurer, for the Australian Society's year of 2004. (See Balance Sheet on Page 11).

Cawdor Castle I dropped my beloved old Pentax on the basement's unforgiving stone floor at Cawdor Castle. Cawdor Castle, the one from Shakespeare, is the exquisitely beautiful functioning castle and delightful gardens and residence of a dowager Duchess of the Campbells which our Macfie group visited in September.

Presidents' Report At the International Gathering each of the nine Presidents submits a Report. For the information of our Australian members, we will reprint in this issue of **The Downunder** part of the Report of the Australian Clan Macfie Society which I prepared and spoke about at the Gathering, for the years September 2001 to September 2005.

Biennial General Meeting This is something for all Macfie folks to look forward to – an opportunity to meet each other, and enjoy our Macfie heritage. I am pleased to tell you that the Executive have agreed that we hold the next Biennial Meeting of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia in Melbourne. I have arranged the Celtic Club for all Saturday afternoon, 27 May 2006. I know that this is early notice, but I hope that we can have a good attendance, and that this early notification gives you a chance to get it in your diary and make plans around it.

Macfie History in Australia: The Executive has approved the internal publication of a 72 page booklet on the arrival of the Macfie people in Australia, their origins, their ships, their destinations, their settlements, within the arrival range of 1838 to 1900. Trevor Phee has prepared all this, and we all in Australia appreciate and support his endeavours.

**With the greetings of the Highlands and the Islands and all Scotland,
Bernie McPhee, President**

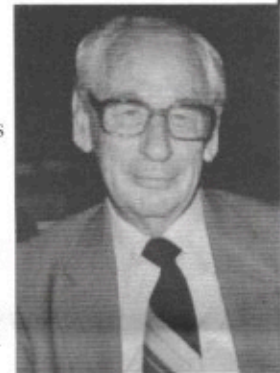
Society Foundation Members

Sally McPhee (Q74-045) of 63 Park Rd, Woloowin Qld 4030 has sent us two photo portraits, one of her



K. McPhee Black Rock
Victoria

father IG McPhee and her aunt K. McPhee. These are of great interest to our Clan Society members because both were listed in the last **The Downunder** as two of the Foundation Members of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia. Sally McPhee, whose registration number indicates her own very early membership of the Society, has been collecting material on the history of her family for many years, and her aunt K. McPhee provided her with much early information and documentation. Sally's grandfather was John Claude McPhee, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in South Australia, Gallipoli 1st Division, Colonel Chaplain, Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation for Victoria, MBE, Acting Master of Ormond College at the Melbourne University. Sally's contact Email address is sallymac@bigpond.com.au



IG McPhee Brisbane
QLD

These are from some notes about her grandfather **John Claude McPhee** sent to the Editor by *Sally McPhee*

Victoria Birth # 3865 of 1875; Victoria marriage #8129 of 1906; Victoria death #04576 of 1954

Resume: (Sent to a school mate who put a book together on a particular class)

Born: Talbot, Vic, 30 January, 1875

Educated: Various State Schools, then Grenville College, Ballarat; later University of Melbourne. Followed: Teaching profession for some years

1904: Entered Theological College, Ormond College, Melbourne, to study for the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church. Later in charge of the Parishes as listed below.

1914-1916: Service - World War I, Military Chaplain 1st AIF and Senior Chaplain, 1st Division on Gallipoli

1917: Special Magistrate for War Pensions

1918 - 1940: Repatriation Commission, Commonwealth of Australia;

1920 - 1926 - Secretary to the Commission

1926 - 1940 - Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation for Victoria

Awarded OBE for this service

1941 - 1943 Special Duty (Civilian), Department of the Army

From 1944: Acting Master, Ormond College, University of Melbourne

In Dugald McPhee's School correspondence, Enfield, May 1888 - he notes an allowance in the case of John C McPhee has not been paid. The letter was headed State School Scholarship. Letter dated 31 Oct 1889, says that John C McPhee is attending Grenville College, Ballarat, having passed scholarship in Dec 1887

The University of Melbourne: This is to certify that John Claude McPhee on the seventeenth day of September 1892 matriculated as a Student of the University of Melbourne, signed his name in the University Roll Book and made the Declaration required by the Statutes. Went to Gallipoli as Senior Colonel Chaplain. He is referred to in Patsy Adam Smith's *'The Anzacs'*: Presbyterian Minister and was at Gallipoli. War service records indicate that he had a number of admissions for typhoid fever and influenza during his time in the Middle East and he was repatriated home in January 1916.

On return he was made a Special Magistrate for War Pensions later becoming Secretary to the Commission (1920-26) and Deputy Director of Repatriation Commission of Victoria 21 Jan 1926-40 (became the Department of Veterans' Affairs). He resided at 17 Doncaster Rd, North Balwyn when he died in Heatherleigh Private Hospital, 759 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. Occupation noted as Public Servant. Spent 4 of his 79 years alive in South Australia, the balance being resident in Victoria.

Membership: Twenty eight new members have enrolled in the Macfie Clan Society of Australia since May 2004, but sadly, a few of our old pioneers have died, and we have lost track of others. We trust that the Society has added something to their lives, and we value and acknowledge the contributions they have made to our Macfie solidarity and worldwide family.

NEW MEMBERS The Clan Society warmly welcomes new members, and looks forward to their enjoyment and involvement in the Society:

Helen McPhee, Brompton, SA (S05-1016)
Laurie Liston, Horsham, VIC (V05-1017)
Caroline McPhee, Vermont, VIC (V05-1018)
Jane Fennessy, Abbotsford, VIC (V05-1019)
Lucy McPhee, Vermont, VIC (V05-1020)

Subscriptions

Quite a few subs have come in lately, and thanks to all our members for keeping up your interest in the Society. And thanks for the recent donations as follows: **To the General Fund –**

- Cherry McFee, Cowes, Vic;
- Margaret MacDougall, Aberdeen, NSW;
- Ross and Betty McPhee, Rosebud, Vic;
- Elizabeth Titmuss, Oatley, NSW;
- Barbara McPhee, Kurri Kurri, NSW;
- John MacPhee, Carseldine, Qld;
- Sheila Cogan, Williamstown, Vic;
- Julie Peters, Sandy Bay, Tas; and
- Stuart McWilliam, Maree, NSW:

To the Standing Stone -

David McPhee, Traralgon, Vic;
Ross and Betty McPhee, Rosebud, Vic.
It will be so nice to meet many of these good people if you can accept our very warm invitation to attend the Biennial Meeting in Melbourne on the 27th May 2006.

VALE - MAVIS ISABELLE MCQUAKER

In the early hours of Tuesday 24th May, 2005, Dalby Quilting and Applique Club Inc lost one of its Foundation Members at the wonderful age of 90 years, 6 months and 2 days. Mavis has been a loyal and active member of the club until she entered hospital five weeks earlier and had recently completed a large fully hand made hexagon design quilt started a number of years before to give to one of her grandchildren. Mavis was never an idle woman and sewing was her great joy, with three generations of families still using her expertise.

Mavis was born at Harrisville, near Ipswich on 22nd November, 1914, and later had two brothers join the family. By the time Mavis reached school age they had moved to Bunker's Hill and her path to school was though the prickly pear.

In 1930 her parents bought the now owned Diете farm near Bell. She became a dressmaker and travelled and stayed in homes, often for a full week until sewing was completed. In 1935 she married **Norman McPhee** and had four children, one of whom is Yvonne Perry, also a DQ&A Club member. Mavis made a shop and sewing room in her husband's garage and continued to supply the district's ladies with dresses, ball gowns, wedding regalia and many other unusual items such as a Nun's habit and jockey britches. Norman McPhee died in 1961 and Mavis moved to rental accommodation in Dalby. In 1975 Mavis married Jim McQuaker.

VALE

It is with regret that we record the passing of

• **Kenneth James Macafee** (A81-500) 11/9/1935—6/10/2005. Jim was a valued and long standing member of the Macfie Clan having been a member for 25 years.

• **Mavis McQuaker** (Q 75 092) 24 May 2005

Report for the Ninth Parliament of Clan Macfie from The Macfie Clan Society of Australia —President Bernie McPhee.

I am pleased to report that the Macfie Clan Society in Australia continues to do well. Brian McPhee of North Adelaide South Australia was the Australian President at the time of the last International Gathering in Oban Scotland in 2001. Brian remained in office as Australian President until July of 2004. Bernie McPhee took over as President from the time of the Biennial Meeting in Canberra. Bob McPhee (now of New South Wales) took over as Vice President. There were a couple of new State Vice Presidents: Susan Spinks took over in Queensland, and Ian McPhee of Brookvale took over in New South Wales. Maggie Mulherin continued as Victorian Vice President, as did Bertul Sundstrup at Pipers Brook in Tasmania, and Judith Moore in South Australia. Glen McPhee continues in his double role of ACT Vice President and is the Editor of The Downunder. Brian McPhee remains on the Executive as the Immediate Past President. Our Historians, Trustee, Clan Piper and Armigerous Member all thankfully retained their roles. The Executive meets face to face each two years.

Finances: Brian McPhee left the Society in an excellent position.

Social: Our big problem in Australia is the vast distances separating the spread of members, from Kalumburu in the furthest tip of WA across to the Northernmost Townsville in Queensland and South to the pleasant suburbs of Hobart in Tasmania. So the main social gathering is our Biennial Meeting. Forty two members attended the Canberra Meeting in May 2004 in an atmosphere of friendship, congeniality and kinship, and much of the credit for this success must go to Glen McPhee of Canberra who was the main organizer, helped by his wife Glenda McPhee and some other ACT members, under President Brian McPhee's leadership. There have been a few other gatherings, at Highland Games venues, and in one instance a well attended Church Service, and there was a Meeting arranged by Ian McPhee for the New South Wales members. But even within a State, the travel distances can be prohibitive.

Magazine: During 2005 we had the milestone number 100 of the Australian Society's Newsbulletin The Downunder. Glen McPhee keeps the cost of production well under control, so we could spend a little more in a special effort for the presentation of our magazine in the year of the 100th issue. People have expressed their appreciation of these efforts, and many correspondents have said how they enjoy the mixture of history, folk lore and local interest stories, personalities and pictures which all go to make our magazine achieve wide appeal. Glen McPhee does all the hard work towards this; Glen McPhee has turned The Downunder into our Australian Macfie Clan Society's greatest single asset and its principal vehicle of communication. In each issue the Clan Commander AL (Sandy) McPhie gives readers welcome information from the world wide scene for Macfie.

Genealogy

There has been an update on the NSW Birth, Death and Marriage register. Deaths have been updated to 1974 and Marriages updated to 1954. In regard to Copyright and downloading information on to family sites on the internet. The question of identity theft has come to light. I suggest those with a computer download the following from the Australian Copyright Centre. www.copyright.org.au/publications.infosheets.htm



SUMMARY OF BUSINESS BEFORE THE NINTH CLAN PARLIAMENT **Clan Commander (Caenn-Cath) A.C.(Sandy) McPhie,**

The Ninth Parliament of Clan Macfie was opened by the Clan Commander, Ceann-Cath A. C. (Sandy) McPhie of Townsville, Q'ld, Australia, at 9:30 a.m. at the Thistle Hotel, Scotland, on Wednesday, 7th September 2005. The Clan Commander welcomed all members attending and wished them well with their deliberations. He indicated he was confident that a positive contribution would be made during the term of the Parliament with the best interests of Clan Macfie always to the fore.

First Session (7th September) – Clan Business, Chaired by the Clan Commander. The Opening Prayer was given by Rev. Dr. Jim McAfee (U.S.A.). Past members of Clan Macfie were remembered for their contributions to Clan and Clan Society affairs. Greetings, Good Wishes and Apologies were acknowledged. There were no matters of business outstanding from the Eighth Clan Parliament in Oban in 2001. Reports to the Ninth Parliament were made by the Clan Commander and by him on behalf of the Clan Treasurer. The report by The Keeper of the Clan Macfie Records was to be given in the Second Session on Friday. No report was received from Clan Macfie Associates Ltd.. The Clan Commander introduced the only Notified Item of Business relating to the Clan by requesting members consider amending the title of the 1981 constitution document by inserting the word "Societies' " between the words "Clan" and "Parliament". He stated the 1981 document had been drafted by Dr. Earle MacPhee (Canada) before the Clan had again been recognised as an active clan. He pointed out that Scottish Clans do not have a constitution as such; that the wording of the 1981 document and its supporting papers clearly state that the document refers to a Parliament of the Clan Societies', and a clear distinction was necessary between Clan and Clan Society authority.

The title of the 1981 document should be corrected to reflect this. It was accordingly moved by Sheila Duffy (England) and seconded by Eric Wadsworth (New Zealand) that "The title of the 1981 Constitution Document be amended by inserting the word "Societies' " between the words "Clan" and "Parliament". Discussion followed, much of it directed to the Clan Commander in relation to the significance of the proposed amendment. The Clan Commander stressed that the amendment referred to the title of the document, not it's contents. In response to a number of requests from members for time to examine the 1981 document it was moved by Iain McFie (Scotland), seconded Shiona Thornley (Scotland) that discussion on the amendment motion be adjourned until the Second Session of Parliament in order that members could consider the 1981 document and the proposed amendment of it's title. This was carried and arrangements made for photocopying and distributing extra copies of the 1981 document. There were no other Items of Business raised in relation to the Clan.

Second Session (9th September). Deferred item of Clan Business was dealt with first, chaired by the Clan Commander. The proposed amendment to the title of the 1981 Constitution document was further discussed. The Clan Commander stressed that the amendment was to correct a shortcoming in the title of the 1981 document and did not refer to the document's content or the intent of that content. The amendment was put and carried by 27 votes for and 8 votes against by the 50 members present.

The Clan Commander then appointed Eric Wadsworth, President of The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand to act as Speaker for the remainder of the Second Session dealing with Business Relating to the Clan Societies. Reports were received from the Clan Societies and from the Parliament Standing Committees. There were no Notified Items of Business Relating to the Clan Societies and no Other Items of Business were raised.

Third Session (10th September). The Third Session of Parliament was jointly chaired by the Clan Commander (Clan matters) and Iain McFie, Vice-President of the Clan Macfie Society, (Scotland) – Clan Society Matters. The Commander introduced Mr. Rod McDuff of Australia who manages the DNA Project (www.mcduffiedna.com). Mr. McDuff gave a most interesting, illustrated account of the Project and it's implications for the future. He thanked Clan members who have participated to date and invited others to do so. The Clan Commander read a note from Mrs. Vanessa Duffy (England) regarding objections to his rulings as Chairman of the earlier sessions of Parliament. The Clan Commander noted the points Mrs. Duffy made and stated he did not intend to take action on them as several avenues had been open to Mrs. Duffy at the time to record her objections to the Chairman's rulings and she had not done so. The Clan Commander then handed the chair over to Iain McFie (Scotland) for the election of the following chairmen of Clan Parliament Standing Committees for the 2005-2009 term of office.

- **International Gatherings – Clan** Commander (Australia).
- **Memorials and Special Projects** – Vanessa King Macfie (Ireland)
- **Nomenclature** – Andrew Duffy (England) subject to acceptance.
- **Keeper of The Records** – Iain McFie (Scotland)
- **Music, Dance and The Arts** – Martha Traylor (U.S.A.)
- **Genealogy** – Dick Ledyard (U.S.A.) subject to acceptance
- **History** – Sheila Duffy (England)
- The term of the Constitution Review Committee was not extended.

The Clan Commander called for expressions of interest in holding a mid term Clan Gathering in 2007. Christer and Marianne Hemberg (Sweden) indicated that The Thorburn-Macfie Family Society could be interested in hosting a Clan Gathering in conjunction with the Clan Society's Triennial General Meeting in July 2007. To be followed up by the Clan Commander. The venue and programme for the 2009 Clan Gathering and Parliament was discussed briefly. To be followed up by the Clan Commander, the Clan Gathering Co-ordinators – Iain and Fiona McFie – and Bob McFie, President of Scotland's Clan Macfie Society. Iain McFie (Scotland) and John Rosser (U.S.A.) then conducted an open forum dealing with the future of Clan Macfie in Scotland, with the objective of leaving something tangible for our future generations, and associated fundraising possibilities. A number of sound ideas were brought forward

Victorian Society News

Church Service

Quite a good number of Victorian members attended the ANNUAL MACFIE CHURCH SERVICE in Scots Church Melbourne on Sunday 20th November 2005. Maggie Mulherin, Victorian Vice President wrote to Victorian members inviting them to attend and response was again gratifying.

Scottish Resource Centre in Melbourne

The Victorian Scottish communities and organizations have opened an office in Melbourne at the Celtic Club, at 316-320 Queen Street (on the corner of Queen Street and Latrobe Street). The office is attended each day by volunteers 10.00am—3.00pm. Bernie McPhee has been working there, since the Office opened, just for the one morning a week. On any Tuesday between 10 am and 12.30 pm you will find him on (03) 9670 6766.



Pearlie McPhee (93 years) from Ballarat continues to be awarded prizes at the Ballarat Show for her craft work. This year Pearlie was awarded second prize for creation of 'Hamish' the Scottish Piper dressed in authentic Macfie Tartan.

Queensland Society News

Macfie Clan Society Vice President Bob McPhee has recently moved. His new address and contact details are:

- No 7 Harvestview Place
- Fairy Hill NSW 2470
- Telephone 02 6663 3112.

Bob extends an invitation to any Clan Macfie Members travelling through the area and wanting a break.

Please ring Bob a few days earlier to make arrangements.

Northern Territory News

Two men in the Northern Territory were recently honored with Bravery Medals. Police Officer **Glenn McPhee** and Milton Ellis rescued two young men who had been clinging from the upper branches of tree for 22 hours. The men had been washing off mud in the Finiss River after a quad bike ride when a crocodile took their friend and they scampered up the tree for safety. Sgt McPhee and Mr Ellis were winched from a helicopter to rescue the pair.

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Please note an error on the front page. President Bernie McPhee's email should read berniepmcpee@hotmail.co



Scottish Placenames - Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

Of the names of the 73 suburbs in the Greater Hobart area, 20 (27.4%) can be found in Scotland. Some of the names are used in other parts of the British Isles as well, but half of them (13.7%) are unique to Scotland or are readily identifiable with places in Scotland that are based on the same names.

There are 12 metropolitan areas in Australia with a population of 100,000 or more. Of these, Hobart appears to have the highest proportion of suburban names with Scottish connections, with Townsville in Queensland being not too far behind. In the case of the smaller Australian cities, only Launceston (Tasmania) and Toowoomba (Queensland) appear to be even more strongly Scottish than Hobart in terms of their suburban names. The role that Scotsmen played in establishing and developing Tasmania's capital city is further attested by the names of several main roads, both in the city centre and in the suburbs. Examples include Argyle Street, Campbell Street, Clydesdale Avenue, Gordons Hill Road, Macquarie Street, Melville Street and Murray Street. Several parks and reserves also bear Scottish or Scottish sounding names, for example Cameron Park, Knocklofty Reserve, Roseneath Park and Waverley Flora Park.

Official suburbs and other localities with names that are definitely or most probably of Scottish origin are:

Berriedale (Highland and Orkney Islands)

Bonnet Hill (Moray, spelt Bonnethill)

Dynnyrne (a corruption of Dunnerne or Dunearn, Fife)

Geilston Bay (Argyll & Bute). Geilston House is now owned by the National Trust for Scotland.

Glenorchy (derived from the river Orchy in Argyll & Bute; this river flows into Loch Awe). It is thought that Governor Lachlan Macquarie bestowed the name in 1811 in honour of his wife's family home in Scotland. The 1904 Australian Handbook described the little town as "thoroughly English-looking"!

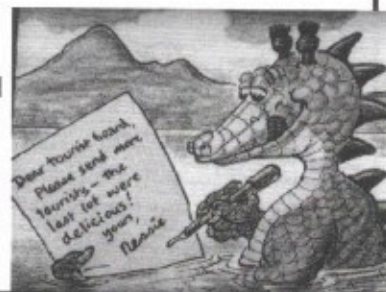
Granton (City of Edinburgh)

Lauderdale (Scottish Borders)

Montrose (Angus)

Mount Stuart (Clackmannanshire, Dumfries & Galloway and South Lanarkshire). Mount Stuart is also an amazing gothic mansion house on the Isle of Bute, created on the site of a building dating back to Queen Anne, at the start of the 18th century.

Rosetta (Scottish Borders and Dumfries & Galloway) though the name, both in Scotland and in Hobart, could refer to Rosetta in Egypt. The name of the Hobart suburb was actually derived from the Rosetta Seminary and/or the Rosetta jam factory, but considering that the suburb adjoins Berriedale, Glenorchy and Montrose, a Scottish connection seems quite likely.



Remembering Robert Burns

Address to a Haggis.

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o the puddin'-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy of a grace
As lang's my arm.
The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin wad help to mend a mill
In time o need,
While thro your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.
His knife see rustic Labour dight,
An cut you up wi ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like onie ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin, rich!
Then, horn for horn, they stretch an strive:
Deil tak the hindmost, on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve
Are bent like drums;
The auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
'Bethankit' hums.
Is there that owre his French ragout,
Or olio that wad staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad mak her spew
Wi perfect sconner,
Looks down wi sneering, scornfu view
On sic a dinner?
Poor devil! see him owre his trash,
As feckless as a wither'd rash,
His spindle shank a guid whip-lash,
His nieve a nit:
Thro bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit!
But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread,
Clap in his walie nieve a blade,
He'll make it whistle;
An legs an arms, an heads will sned,
Like taps o thrissle.
Ye Pow'rs, wha mak mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill o fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware
That jaups in luggies:
But, if ye wish her gratefu prayer,
Gie her a Haggis!

Auld Lang Syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne!
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne?
And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp,
And surely I'll be mine,
And we'll tak a cup o kindness yet,
For auld lang syne!
We twa hae run about the braes,
And pou'd the gowans fine,
But we've wander'd monie a weary fit,
Sin auld lang syne.
We twa hae paidl'd in the burn
Frae morning sun till dine,
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
Sin auld lang syne.
And there's a hand my trusty fiere,
And gie's a hand o thine,
And we'll tak a right guid-willie waught,



Rev Anscar McPhee of Kalumburu Mission, Kimberly, with Dr Fiona Wood, Australian of the Year.

Macfie Clan Society of Australia – Balance Sheet for the Year 2004

Current Assets

<i>Bank</i>	\$8,018.45
Investments	
Commonwealth Bank <i>Term Deposit</i> @ 4.2% maturing 08/01/2005	\$6,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,018.45

Current Liabilities

<i>Trust Fund</i>	
Balance as at 1st January 2004	\$5,827.39
add Appropriation	
<u>Balance as at 31st December 2004</u>	\$5,827.39

Fully Paid Subscriptions

Balance as at 1st January 2004	\$ 452.72
add Appropriation	\$452.72
less taken into account for 2004	
<u>Balance as at 31st December 2004</u>	\$452.72

Subscriptions received in advance

2005	40.00	
2006	10.00	\$50.00

Other Liabilities

Society Funds

Society Travel Fund

Balance as at 1st January 2004	\$205.00	
Received during 2004	\$80.00	
	Sub total	\$285.00
less paid during 2004	\$205.00	
<u>Balance as at 31st December 2004</u>	\$80.00	

Clan Macfie Funds

Standing Stone

Balance as at 1st January 2004	\$90.00	
Received during 2004	\$65.00	
	Sub total	\$155.00
less paid to Clan during 2004	\$90.00	
<u>Balance as at 31st December 2004</u>	\$65.00	

Projects Account

Balance as at 1st January 2004	\$40.00
Received during 2004	\$40.00
less paid to Clan during 2004	\$40.00
<u>Balance as at 31st December 2004</u>	Nil

Commander Travel Account

Balance as at 1st January 2004	\$105.00	
Received during 2004	\$125.00	
	Sub total	\$230.00
less paid to Clan during 2004	\$105.00	
<u>Balance as at 31st December 2004</u>	\$125.00	

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$6,600.11

NET ASSETS

\$7,418.34

Members Funds

Balance as at 1st January 2004	\$6,674.97
Surplus for year ending 31 December 2004	\$743.37
<u>Closing Balance as at 31 December 2004</u>	\$7,418.34

Saint Andrew's Day

St. Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland and his feast day is on November 30th, giving Scotsmen (and women) the world over another excuse to celebrate.

THE ORIGINS OF THE FESTIVAL

Saint Andrew was one of Jesus's original disciples, the brother of Simon Peter and a fisherman by trade, who lived in Bethsaida in Galilee (in present-day Israel.) He was originally a follower of St. John the Baptist until he was called to follow Jesus. After Jesus's crucifixion and subsequent resurrection, Andrew travelled widely in Greece and Asia Minor, preaching as he went and making converts to the new Christian religion. Eventually he fell foul of the Roman authorities who were trying to stamp out the new religion, which refused to worship the Emperor as a god, and he was crucified on a diagonal cross in Patras in southern Greece and buried there.

300 years after his death the Emperor Constantine decided to remove the Saint's bones to Constantinople, but according to legend the monk St. Regulus was warned in a dream by an angel, who told him to remove as many bones as he could to the "ends of the earth" to keep them safe.

As far as the Greeks and Romans were concerned, Scotland was as near to the world's end as you could get, so some of his remains were taken to Scotland. St. Regulus brought the relics ashore at what is now St Andrews (some versions say he was shipwrecked there) and a chapel was built to house the bones, followed in 1160 by a cathedral. St Andrews was the religious capital of Scotland and an important place of pilgrimage.

A more plausible version of how the Saint's bones found their way to Scotland is that Acca, Bishop of Hexham, who was a renowned collector of religious relics, actually bought the bones quite legitimately and took them there in 733 AD.

Unfortunately the bones have now disappeared, probably destroyed during the Reformation when anything connected with "Catholic idolatry" was removed without trace. The site where the relics had been is now marked by a plaque in the ruins of the Cathedral in St Andrews.

Not all of St. Andrew's bones were originally sent to Scotland, the rest were stolen from Constantinople by the Crusaders in around 1204 and taken to Amalfi in Italy, from where some fragments were sent in 1879 to Scotland, and in 1969 Pope Paul VI gave some further relics to the Catholic church in Scotland during a visit there and these are now displayed in a reliquary in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh.

The cross St. Andrew was crucified on has been adopted as the national flag of Scotland, later incorporated into the Union Flag. One old legend says that in 832 AD an army of Scots led by King Angus was facing an army from the kingdom of Northumbria under Athelstan. The Scottish king prayed to St Andrew for help, and the saltire of St Andrew (the diagonal cross) appeared above them against the background of a clear blue sky. This encouraged the Scots and the battle was duly fought and won, and the saltire is now the national flag (reputedly the oldest national flag in Europe).

CUSTOMS ACUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

St. Andrew's Day is mainly celebrated north of the Border and by Scots living outside of Scotland, and "St. Andrew's Societies" flourish. The Saint's Day is usually a celebration of general Scottishness with traditional food, music (especially bagpipes) and dancing, and of course good Scotch.

The **thistle** is widely regarded as the emblem of Scotland. There are several varieties of thistle, most of them common weeds throughout the British Isles and nearly all characterised by extreme prickliness. The legend of how the thistle came to be adopted by the Scots tells of how a group of Scots were sleeping in a field when a group of marauding Vikings crept up to attack. Fortunately one of the Vikings stood on a thistle, whose prickles penetrated through to his foot and made him yell with pain, waking the sleeping Scots who were able to fight off their attackers. So, from that day, or so the story goes the thistle has been adopted as **Scotland's national emblem**.

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EWEN MacPhee, was the last of the Highland bandits, and flourished a century and a half after Rob Roy. In effect, he was living in a time warp; he dressed as though the Highland way of life still existed. In actual fact, he was in the 1800's and the way of life was much different.

Admittedly, he could be classed as a champion, against the Clearances and the introduction of sheep. Ewen was born in the early 1780's on ancestral lands of Glengarry, around Loch Quoich. This was the time when the forfeit lands of Jacobite estates were being returned to their former, often bankrupt owners.

Glengarry - like his neighbour, Locheil - was quick to exploit new opportunities, evicting tenantry for sheep. In Ewen's case, he was enlisted by Glengarry, in the army during the Napoleonic Wars. He served some years in the wars, but hopes of promotion were dashed. He deserted by simply marching off from parade duty, and heading for the Highlands and home. He had a sister at Fedden, on the order of Glengarry - Locheil territory, and there Ewen lived for a few years, evading capture, until Glengarry turned him in to the authorities.

He was taken in chains to Corpach Pier, where he was put on a steamer with an armed guard. The wars were over, but desertion was still a capital offence, and people were being hanged at the time for stealing bread or, poaching rabbits. So, Ewen was taking no chances. As the steamer left the pier, he jumped, still chained, over the side to the shore, and ran, pursued by a hail of bullets, this is where his status as a folk hero began. Tales began to surround him, as is usual with outlaws, and it is difficult to know which are true. So many stories abounded that he was labelled as *"The Primitive Rebel fleeing The Modern World"*, of that time.

Loch Arkaig eventually became too hot for MacPhee, after he had attempted to kill a Mackenzie who had been part of a scheme to "take" him. So, he fled back to his homelands around Loch Quoich. First he settled at Corriebuie, hence his Gaelic appellation, - *"Eoghann Ban a Choire Bhuide"*. But, ever fearful of capture, he moved to an island in Loch Quoich, which became known from then on, even on maps, as Eilean Mhic Phee. Here, heavily armed and understandably cautious, Ewen spent the rest of his life.

But he needed a wife, and in the true fashion of the previous century, he crossed the mountains to Knoydart, and carried off a much younger woman, whose acquaintance he had made earlier. She appears to have been a loyal wife, bearing him five children, and *"standing by her man"*, in true fashion. They lived by Ewen's gun and rod, with game and fish in abundance. He also kept a heard of goats and also helped himself freely of sheep which now infested the glens on shore.

In the age of evictions, Ewen became a real folk hero to the neighbouring peasantry, standing against the laws of the landlords and graziers. He also took care to instill fear, being constantly heavily armed. His fame also brought income; when a Glasgow baillie by the name of MacPhee, passing through the Caledonian Canal, heard of his outlaw. Clansman, he left a sovereign with instructions that it be conveyed to the *man* on Loch Quoich. At this time, Glengarry was so deep in debt that he had little time to worry about an aging outlaw on Loch Quoich. In fact, he sold the western part of his estate, including MacPhee's island, in 1838, to Edward Ellice, a Liberal M.P., who had just steered the Reform Bill of 1832, through the Commons, he had now inherited an outlaw.

MacPhee heard of the change, and when Ellice arrived with a friend, MacPhee decided to pay them a visit. He simply walked in to Glen Quoich Lodge (the old one) and presented Ellice with a *"keybuck"*, of his goat's cheese as a tribute. He told Ellice, that as long as he was left alone, he would do likewise. Ellice asked Ewen, by what right did he hold the island. Ewen plunged his Dirk into the table between Ellice and his friend and said, *"by this right I have held it, and by this right I will hold it!"*

Ellice and MacPhee became firm friends, often chatting over drams of Whisky. Ellice even arranged for Ewen to pose for a portrait, in full Highland Dress of course. Unfortunately, the great artist *"Landseer"*, who painted *"The Monarch of the Glen"* at Ellice's Lodge, does not seem to have been the artist.

To Ellice's credit, he bought the eastern part of the Glengarry Estate when it came onto the market for his tenants, and he publicly took the side of the Crofters from Knoydart who were evicted in the 1850's, giving their case national publicity by raising it in Parliament.

But even Ellice could not save MacPhee from what was about to befall him. The spread of sheep farming and commercialisation of the Highlands gave many opportunities to drovers to make money. The greatest of these was a native Gael, John Cameron of Corriechoille, who never missed a Falkirk Tryst for 50 years, and who annually drove 2,000 cattle and ten times as many sheep south.

Ewen MacPhee continued

Cameron's business was on a vast scale, with leases on eleven sheep farms in the Lochaber area alone, and extensive grazings being rented for his beasts on the route south. He was described as, **"a badly dressed little man, of thin make, with a sharp hooked nose and Lynx eyes. He rode day and night on a pony, carrying a little cheese and bread in his pocket . . ."**. MacPhee was a small fly in Cameron's big tub of ointment.

In the first place, MacPhee grazed his goats on land rented by Cameron of Loch Quoich, without paying **"grass-mail"**, faced with MacPhee's obstinacy, Cameron's men arrived one day when MacPhee was absent, and drove off his whole stock of 60 goats. However, they had not reckoned with MacPhee's wife, who pursued the men, and sent a hail of bullets around their ears.

The goats were recovered and MacPhee continued to graze them free. But, the net was closing, Ewen was in his sixties now, and his rustling was increasing, to a point beyond what the graziers - Cameron in particular - were prepared to accept.

Around 1846, a Sheriff and two officers tracked MacPhee and some of his stolen beasts through the snow, and set about apprehending him. But, again, MacPhee was away, and his wife stood her ground sending well aimed salvos of shot whistling around their ears. However, the next week, a large body of men arrived to arrest him, and MacPhee went quietly with them. There is some confusion, as to which prison he was sent, some say Fort Augustus, some Fort William. Fort William would seem to be the most likely and, would tie in with his wife and family taking up residence there.

Living in a black house, they contracted Cholera, from which, even the Doctor treating them also died. MacPhee himself died in prison in 1850. Ellice continued to prosper, and later took over the estates, and became a respected landlord.

The Drover, Cameron, suffered in the following depression of the late 1840's and died in 1856, **"virtually penniless"**. So, perhaps there was some justice. Glenquoich Lodge, was submerged when Loch Quoich was dammed. Eilean Mhoc Phee also disappeared under the waters, as did another island which had served as a graveyard, and where, MacPhee had buried one of his sons in a coffin made from herring barrel staves. MacPhee's career began as the first steamboats were penetrating the firths of the Highlands, and ended just as the first Highland Railway was about to connect Perth and Inverness. A man of the old Highland traditions, trapped in the then, modern era.

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The arrest of Ewen MacPhee at Loch Quoich 1846.

Greg Jorgenson made this drawing showing from the left, John Inverary McPhee, John Corriechoille Cameron, an arresting officer, and Ewen MacPhee, on his weather beaten nag, portrayed as just another humbled and dispossessed Highlander. Jorgenson depicts John McPhee as being ashamed of the action taken by his kinsman John Cameron in having Ewen MacPhee arrested

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