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From the President



TWO BIG EVENTS

It is an exciting time down here in Melbourne, not because of the Commonwealth Games, but because of our Australian Macfie Clan Society. Well, perhaps we are excited about the Games *too*. Firstly, our Clan Society Chief Historian Trevor Phee is announcing

how you may purchase a copy of his book: **McPHEES FROM SCOTLAND TO AUSTRALIA IN THE 1800's**.

Secondly, we are inviting you to attend the Biennial (Two-Yearly) Meeting of the Macfie Clan Society, to be held over two days in Melbourne.

There are details, times, places, and bookings, for these two important events in Macfie life in this issue of The Downunder. Trevor Phee has agreed to give an address on his Shipping booklet at the Biennial Meeting.

Programme for the Biennial Meeting weekend

27th May 06 Saturday - The Dinner, Trevor Phee's address, and Royal Scottish Country Dancing, commencing at 12 Noon at the Celtic Club at 320 Queen Street Melbourne. This should finish about 5pm.

28th May 06 Sunday - Church Service at St Benedicts 299 Warrigal Rd Burwood Vic at 12 Noon, and BBQ Luncheon afterwards at Vin McPhee's home at 23 Waratah Street Burwood Vic.

Invitation to attend

So I issue a warm invitation to Macfie Clan Society members to attend, and to make up a group. Even if you have never been to one of the two yearly meetings in the past, please come along. You will love the graceful old atmosphere of the Celtic Club, the Haggis and other Scottish traditions and customs, and the group of eight Melbourne members of the Royal Scottish Country Dancers, and to meet and mix with the other very warm hearted Macfie-McPhee-Coffey-McFie-MacDuffie-Mahaffey-McFee-Phee-etc folk. There is a lift to first floor of the Celtic Club to the Shamrock Restaurant.

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Clan Commander in attendance

The Macfie Clan Commander, AC (Sandy) McPhie, the world head of our Clan Society, and his wife Helen McPhie, one of our Australian Society Historians, have expressed their readiness to attend our BGM and the Sunday functions as well. Sandy was a Wing Commander in the RAAF and he spent some time in Melbourne in those years. Later he moved to Queensland, and he served a term in the Parliament of that State. You will have the chance to meet and talk with Sandy and Helen who have done so much for our Clan Society over all the years of its existence.

Bookings

We are enclosing a FORM for you to fill in and return, to indicate your wishing to attend the BGM at the Celtic Club and/or the Sunday functions. Please return these to me Bernie McPhee, at 30 Wilson Street Oakleigh Vic 3166.

In this Issue of The Downunder

Sally McPhee has provided introductory reviews of two important books, standard works for people with an interest in their Scottish background. Perhaps these will be most valuable for those with Lochaber connections. Dr Kerr Chatfield also has provided an enlightening insight into Loder's Australian connections and he gives an explanation for Loder's great familiarity with the Island of Colonsay. And I have taken the opportunity to publish some original writing about the well connected Lochaber identity John Correychoille Cameron whose path crosses that of McPhee.

Thanks again to Glen McPhee for his great work in getting this publication to you, and for his continuing this generous task into the future.

I look forward to seeing you in Melbourne. Phone me if you have difficulty with transport and accommodation for Melbourne in our much anticipated weekend in May.

**With every best wish,
Bernie McPhee**

ACCOMMODATION IN MELBOURNE- BGM

If you are keen to stay in the City of Melbourne itself when you come to the Biennial General Meeting, you will have to pay about \$200 a night for accommodation. Just to give you a starting point, I phoned the **SOMERSET GORDON PLACE** (which used to be called the *Oakford Serviced Apartments*) at 24 Little Bourke Street Melbourne on 9663 2888, and there is room there for weekend of 27 and 28 May 2006. People I know from Tasmania stay there and are happy with the arrangements. It is still a bit of a walk (four city blocks) to get to the Celtic Club, but there's a tram which you could catch which runs along Latrobe Street.

NOTICE OF THE 16TH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEET- ING OF THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that the 16th Biennial General Meeting of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held in the Celtic club Cnr Queen and Latrobe Street Melbourne, at 11.00 am on Saturday 27 May 2006.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. Apologies and greetings
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 15th BGM
4. Business arising from those minutes
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
7. Election of Executive Members for 2006-2008
8. General Business
9. Address by our Ceann-Cath
10. Closure of Meeting

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE 2006-2008

Nominations are now called for the following Executive Office Positions.

For 2006 2008

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

* State Vice Presidents for

- NSW
- Queensland
- Victoria
- Australian Capital Territory
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Western Australia

Notes Nominations are to be in writing stating the nominee's name and intended office and are to be signed by the nominee accepting nomination and by a proposer and seconder.

Nomination forms are available from the President

Only financial members can accept nomination or propose or second a nomination. In the event a ballot for any position is necessary it will be conducted prior to the BGM.

**Nominations close with the President
on the 30 April 2006**

Vale

Noel Napier McPhie (Q77-267)

The Brisbane Courier Mail of 11 August 2005 reported the death of a former member Noel Napier McPhee formerly of 18 Rathlyn Ave Corinda Qld.

Noel McPhie was a good supporter of the Clan Society in the early days of the 80's, and was well known to Sandy McPhie Clan Commander, but not related to him.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Noel Napier McPhie who was 89 years old at his death.

The Courier Mail gives the following details in the death notice:

Beloved husband of Irene (dec'd) and Vera (dec'd). Much loved Father and Father-in-law of Pamela (dec'd), Graham and Suzanne, Robin, Mark, Julian and Marie-Lou. Adored Grandfather and Great-Grandfather of their Families. Loved Brother, Brother-in-law and Uncle of Jean, Betty and Ron, John and their Families.

Marshall John "Mac" McFie (Q95-895)

We extend our sincere sympathy to Joan McFie 'nee Purser' and family of Pialba, Hervey Bay Queensland, on the death of their dearly loved husband and father who passed away quite unexpectedly on the 28.10.05 .

Marshall was 77 years of age, and he had been living at Hervey Bay, and formerly at Maryborough, and he died at the Hervey Bay Hospital.

Marshall John McFie was the adored father and father-in-law of Greg and Renate McFie, Jenny and Jack Norton, Helen and Charlie Duncan, Leanne Angeles and Brian, Angie McFie and Graeme.

Marshall had fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. .

"Whistling in Greener Pastures"

Bruce Mac Cathie

We were saddened to hear of the death of **John Bruce MacCathie** of Melbourne, who passed away on 28th June 2005 after his long illness. We extend our sincere sympathy to his daughter Margaret MacCathie-Neville our Clan Macfie Society member (V90-724) of Maribyrnong Victoria and to all those who mourn John Bruce MacCathie's passing.



Rory Campbell's General Store that was in the TV series Hamish.



Statue of Wallace on the Wallace Memorial Stirling Scotland

MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 2005

	2005	
Current Assets		
Bank		1,295.14
Investments		
Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit @ 4.1% maturing 30/01/2006	7,211.71	
Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit @ 4.2% maturing 7/04/2006	6,123.58	13,335.29
Shipping Booklet		467.50
TOTAL ASSETS		15,097.93
Current Liabilities		
Trust Fund		
Balance as at 1st January 2005	6,075.04	
add Appropriation	255.15	
Balance as at 31 December 2005		6,330.19
Fully Paid Subscriptions		
Balance as at 1st January 2005	291.97	
add Appropriation	12.26	
	304.23	
less taken into account for 2005	180.00	
Balance as at 31 December 2005		124.23
Subscriptions received in advance		
2006	170.00	
2007	10.00	180.00
Other Liabilities		
Society Funds		
Society Travel Fund		
Balance as at 1st January 2005	80.00	
Received during 2005	10.00	
	90.00	
less paid during 2005	-	
Balance as at 31 December 2005		90.00
Clan Macfie Funds		
Standing Stone		
Balance as at 1st January 2005	65.00	
Received during 2005	75.00	
	140.00	
less paid to Clan during 2005	120.00	
Balance as at 31 December 2005		20.00
Projects Account		
Balance as at 1st January 2005	-	
Received during 2005	45.00	
less paid to Clan during 2005	45.00	-
Balance as at 31 December 2005		
Commander Travel Account		
Balance as at 1st January 2005	125.00	
Received during 2005	225.00	
	350.00	
less paid to Clan during 2005	350.00	
Balance as at 31 December 2005		-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,744.42
NET ASSETS		8,353.51
Members Funds		
Balance as at 1st January 2005		7,331.44
Surplus for year ending 31 December 2005		1,022.07
Closing Balance as at 31 December 2005		\$8,353.51

MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 2005

			2004	2005
Income				
	Subscriptions			
		2003	72.00	-
		2004	2,249.00	
		2005		2,415.40
	Fully Paid		180.00	180.00
	Donations		310.00	790.00
	Interest- Term deposit		442.20	335.29
		Bank	7.55	-
Total Income			3,260.75	3,720.69
less Expenses				
	News Bulletin (Print & Post)		1,120.78	1,628.76
	Postage & Telephone		620.35	269.00
	Subscriptions		20.00	69.00
	Bank Fees		21.25	120.75
	Sundry		150.00	35.70
	Per-capita levy to Clan Macfie		405.00	308.00
Total Expenses			2,337.38	2,431.21
Surplus for Year			923.37	1,289.48
less Appropriations				
	Trust Fund		247.65	255.15
	Fully Paid Membership		19.25	12.26
To Members Funds			656.47	1,022.07
Notes:				

1. The appropriation to the Trust Fund is the interest received for the year on deposit with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia @ 4.2% on that Fund's balance as at 1st January 2005 of \$6,075

2. The appropriation to Fully Paid Membership is interest received for the year on deposits with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia @ 4.2% on that Fund's balance as at 1st January 2005 of \$291.97.

New Members



A very warm welcome to our new members

Colleen E McAllister, North Haven SA (SA 06-1021)

Stuart and Nicloe McHaffie Brooklyn Park SA (SA06 1022)

- Daughters Charlotte (4yrs) and Ruby (3 Years)

Phillip McPhee Balgowlah NSW (N06-1023)

Ida McPhee, Korean Missionary

Following an article about Ida McPhee in issue Number 98 of The Downunder I received a letter from Bernie (Bernadette) McPhee (N04-994) of Blackheath. About twenty years ago Bernie McPhee had obtained a copy of a letter about Ida McPhee from her Aunty Faith who was a stalwart member of St Stephen's Church in Surrey Hills. The letter is addressed: 'To the members of the Korean Fellowship' (probably at Saint Stephens). It is a further warm tribute to the memory of Ida McPhee. Bernie McPhee has kindly sent a copy of this letter to The Downunder.

Dear Friends,

The story began in the Spring when an elderly lady whom I had never met came to see us. Her name is Kim Nam Jam and she said she was one of Miss McPhee's 'daughters'. She explained the reason for her visit. She has a bad heart, and because of that had not been up to Miss McPhee's grave for a long time.

However she managed to get up there recently and was disturbed to find that fields come creeping further and further up the mountain-side and coming within yards of the grave.

So she spoke of her worry to other of Miss McPhee's former pupils and they all contributed to a fund to clean up the graveside and build a low concrete wall around the grave.

The reason for her visit was to tell us of the plan of the women (and the Methodist Elder husband of one of them) to spend the following day at the grave supervising the activities of the workmen hired. Her specific request was for John to conduct a brief rededication service during the afternoon.

So we went up, and it certainly was a great pleasure to meet such a group of fine Christian women, and share their worship.

Everyone spoke so highly of Miss McPhee and it was good to know in what high esteem the local Christians hold our former missionaries. Certainly many of those present and of course many absent ones, have become the dedicated Christians they are because of Miss McPhee's gracious influence.

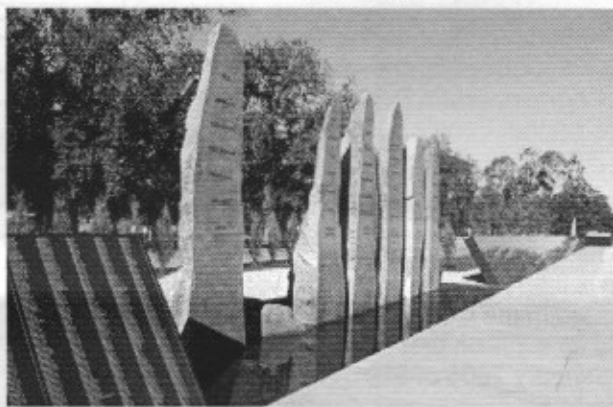
Prisoners of War Memorial at Ballarat

Between the Boer War at the turn of the last century and the Korean War in the 1950's, 34,737 Australian servicemen and women were incarcerated in Prisoner-of War (POW) camps.

The following McPhee names can be found on the touching and beautiful memorial in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens to Australian Ex-Prisoners of War:

McPhee AB	McPhee AJ
McPhee CC	McPhee CT
McPhee GS	McPhee HH
McPhee J	McPhee J
McPhee JA	

The POW monuments' design uses the basic idea of a journey through and an experience of time and place. The start of the pathway is long and straight heading off into the shape of railway sleepers, a reference to the Burma Railway. Running parallel to the pathway is a polished black granite wall, 130m long etched with the names of all the Australian POW's. Standing in a reflective pool are huge basalt obelisks up to 4.5m high with the names of the POW camps. The columns are out of reach and across the water symbolizing that all the POW camps were away from Australian shores. Further on there is another wall with the words Lest we Forget engraved, allowing for an area of contemplation and reflection after the "journey".



Scottish Act of Remembrance

The Macfie Clan has been invited to participate in the Scottish Act of Remembrance with a Massed Pipes and Drums on ANZAC Day, Tuesday 25 April 2006.

Assembly point will be on the corner of George and Bathurst Streets Sydney at 12.30 pm. The parade will then head down George Street to the Cenotaph .

The Macfie Clan will be represented by Mr Alexander (Sandy) McPhee of Mt Vincent in NSW. Sandy was a RAAF pilot in World War II and flew Stirling and Lancaster bombers with 149 Squadron based at Methwold in England.

WORLD WAR I

No. 30301, Gunner W. McPhee, 1st Field Artillery,
A.I.F.
K.I.A. 4.10.1917

The four Anzac divisions fought side by side to attack along the axis of the Menin Road to high drier ground of the Broodseinde Ridge at Ypres on 4.10.17. Moral was high, the 1st Field Artillery Battery had struggled forward across the low lying swampy ground and dug in to new positions to support the attack.

Duckboard tracks had been laid across the muddy swamp adjacent to Menin Road so the infantry could move up to the jumping off tape, at 12.30am on 4th October. It was raining and dark - white tape marked the routes each unit should take.

The Germans constantly fired flares from their concrete pillbox strongholds, causing the assembling troops to repeatedly drop to the mud to avoid detection. By dawn the whole attacking fire lay crowded about the front lines.

Some precautionary German artillery fire fell on the front and on our artillery positions at 5.20am - but the enemy was not aware of the impending attack. The 1st Field Artillery opened fire on the German positions at 6am and the attacking troops surged forward and overwhelmed German infantry who had been assembling in No Man's Land for their own attack on the Anzac positions.

Despite heavy German shellfire which knocked out several of our guns and caused casualties among the attacking troops, the first objective strongholds had been captured by 7.20am and by 8.55am most of the second objective concrete pillboxes had been taken.

Gunner W. McPhee was one of those who made this victory possible, but died by his gun in doing so.

Reference: C.E.W. Bean, *History of Australia in the War of 1914-1918, Vol.IV*



WORLD WAR I

No. 1777, Corporal K.M. MacPhee, 3rd Battalion,
A.I.F.
K.I.A. 9.8.1915.

Corporal K.M. MacPhee was killed in action at Lone Pine, the Turkish stronghold on the ridge above Anzac Cove, during a dawn counter-attack by Turkish infantry on 9th August 1915.

The Australians were actually in the Turkish trenches, having captured the position two days before. The Turks still held the adjacent interconnecting trenches only 15 metres away, and continually lobbed hand bombs into the Australian held section of the trenches.

The dead from the previous fighting still clogged the trench, and the defenders were sick with the stench and with the dreadful conditions of the position, but still attempted to catch and throw back the Turkish bombs as their fuses sputtered and burned. But one by one the men who were catching the bombs were killed or wounded. At 4am with burst of machine gun fire and a deluge of bombs, the Turks staged a ferocious attack. The Turks failed to retake the trench from the 3rd Battalion defenders, but inflicted heavy losses.

Corporal K.M. MacPhee was one of those who died defending the Lone Pine trenches against the Turkish attack in what was to be the last major attack of the Gallipoli campaign.

Reference:

C.E.W. Bean, *History of Australia in the War of 1914-1918, Vol.2*

Many thanks to Clyde Symthe for collecting and formatting the information on the Macfie Clan people who have served in the Australian Services

The Great Mahaffey of Dublin

In the early years of the twentieth Century, there was a very learned professor of Classics at the Sydney University Dr John Gallagher who was so knowledgeable about the Classics and enthusiastic about teaching the Classics that he was referred to as "the Mahaffey of Australia". Apparently the Dr Mahaffey to whom Gallagher was compared was a famous Provost of Trinity College Dublin who seemed to have all the classical lore of Ireland in his head.

John 'Corrychoille' Cameron Anniversary By Bernie McPhee

In 1985, Ann MacDonell of Spean Bridge gave me a small booklet entitled: "The Lochaber Drover Corrychoille" by Alistair Cameron FSA. It is such a coincidence really because as I write this today it is exactly 150 years since John Corrychoille Cameron died, on 16 February, 1856. I want to write some things in his good memory, especially after the article about Ewan MacPhee the outlaw in the last issue of The Downunder where he is mentioned. And I want to publish here what my grandfather wrote about him.

Ann MacDonell of Spean Bridge, who was a tireless and most helpful historian, has now died, and I understand that her treasures of Lochaber history are now in the West Highlands Museum in Fort William, Scotland.

Ewen MacPhee and John Cameron

Ewen MacPhee the Outlaw of Loch Quoich was in the Regiment of MacDonell of Glengarry (ie the same Clan as MacDonell of Keppoch) when he deserted and became an ageing annoyance to John Correychoille



Cameron. The same John Cameron who was living of course in the old MacDonell and Gordon lands, now (since 1836) privately owned by the Lord Abinger of Inverloch Castle. This Abinger-

Scarlett family was really big time, with Queen Victoria staying for five days with them in 1872, not twenty years after the arrest of the sheep stealing Ewen 'Corriebuie' MacPhee. "We know that the MacPhees in Glendessary occupied the forest grazings, and were keepers of the nursery or deer sanctuary of Corrie Buie and Coire Na Gall." (This last information is from 'The Camerons' page 157.)

Perhaps you will have noticed that nearly every history of Scotland will mention both these people: *Ewen "Corriebuie" MacPhee* and John "*Correychoille*" Cameron.

Ewen MacPhee is kept in memory for his being deserter from the army, his being outlawed, his skilful defence of the place of his refuge, his nicking a few beasts from the Cameron lands, his appropriating a patch of ground to grow his potatoes, his marksmanship with the rifle, his compatible wife, his friendship with the local Member of Parliament, his eventual arrest, the cholera which afflicted his children as they lived in squalor on the edge of Fort William in 1852, and his death in gaol.

John Correychoille Cameron is kept in memory for his success and his self made wealth, his hardy horse breeding, his small flock of goats because once they were all he had to live on, his being related to the King Cameron of Penola in South Australia and to Donald MacArthur of Penola and Limestone Ridge in South Australia, his victory over hardship, his central role in McMartin Cameron history, his pride in the Highlands and Highlanders, his shrewd dealing by cash and memory, his fifty years attendance at the trysts in three locations in Scotland, his twenty six miles of beasts being driven to the Falkirk Tryst mostly through lands which he himself had rented for agistment and his being more admired and respected than loved, although one cannot speak for his own family in this. We know that Corry Cameron had years of depression and low spirits when he went back to live for a while in a poor shack in the foothills of Ben Nevis, on the Inverloch Estate, after the death of his first wife.

My great-grandfather and my grandfather

John Inverary McPhee, born 1801, son of Duncan McPhee and Ann Cameron, and his son John Stronaba McPhee, born 1833, son of John McPhee and Charlotte MacArthur, both worked for John Correychoille Cameron, died 1856, reputed to be the second biggest cattle dealer in Europe. John Inverary McPhee was closely related to Corrychoille Cameron and to the MacDonells through the MacArthurs and his wife Charlotte MacArthur.



Ann MacDonell told me that this John Corrychoille Cameron is painted sometimes as the villain in the story of MacPhee the outlaw, a bit like the police in the story of Ned Kelly. Ann MacDonell also told me that in Lochaber in the 1930's there lived one Archibald 'Baldy', son of Alisdair, son of Donald the Weaver, Achluachrach, Roy Bridge, who claimed to be the nearest living relative of Corrychoille Cameron, presumably through the MacArthurs. The mother of John Correychoille Cameron of course was Ann MacArthur.

THE WHITTLESEA MCPHEES John & Bev McPhee Colac Victoria

John and Bev McPhee, now of Gerangamete, via Colac in Victoria, tell the story of the McPhee family moving to Gerangamete in 2003 from their farm at Whittlesea. Their McPhee families had been farming to the North and slightly East of Melbourne at both Yan Yean and Whittlesea since 1853. John McPhee writes:

After looking at several properties in Western Victoria, we purchased a 424 acre dairy farm 20 kms south of Colac at Gerangamete. Now came the task of moving, all of the livestock, tractors and farm equipment, dairy plant and silos, gates and fence posts, tools and other fittings, and trees in pots as well as the furniture of two houses.

Ken Hayes a livestock carrier moved all of the 172 head of cows and calves in two trucks – this was on the 20th March 2003. My wife Bev, with Sally and Andrew, moved down to Gerangamete to milk the cows. I remained at Whittlesea to pack and clean up. A lot of stuff after 150 years.

My son Andrew McPhee and son-in-law Stephen took their holidays and drove the truck; one tractor and loader was sent to Gerangamete and one remained at Whittlesea. The truck was loaded at night, left early morning, unloaded at Gerangamete by midday, and returned to Whittlesea to be loaded for the next day. After forty two trips everything was moved.

I left on 8th May 2003 and closed the gate of CONRON GRANGE for the last time, after 64 years on the farm

"Ken McPhee was born at Arthur's Creek in 1901 on his father's farm in Running Creek Road. Ken's father Norman had come from the Isle of Skye aged seven with his parents in 1852. Ken's grandfather Archibald had a farm in Chapel Lane in Nutfield. Ken's mother Catherine was born at Yan Yean in 1861 of Scottish parents also from Skye. Her father Alexander Morrison was a stone mason working on the Yan Yean Reservoir. Ken's father Norman McPhee was herdsman on the Yan Yean farmer's common until the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works closed the Reservoir and catchment. He was also ranger for the Shire. Norman died when Ken was only seven.

At the time of Norman McPhee's death they had moved into a new house they had built on the Yan Yean farm. The farm and the store on it had been bought from a cousin John McPhee, later Premier of Tasmania. The Arthur's Creek farm was sold soon after Norman McPhee died.

Ken McPhee's mother Catherine carried on as a postmistress and storekeeper until her retirement when the store was sold. Ken McPhee was a good sprinter and won many district foot races. He entered the Stawell Gift where he ran second in his heat to the Gift winner. He played in football premierships for Mernda and Whittlesea."

"Elsie was the daughter of Charles Andrew, the son of James Andrew who had come from Devon in 1850 and farmed at Kangaroo Ground. James bought three farms at Wills Estate farm sale. Charles married Anne Johnston at Kangaroo Ground and was working as a typesetter on the Evelyn Observer. He moved to Glenvale and was given one of the Wildwood Road farms. He called it: "View Hill". Elsie was born in 1899 at View Hill" and married Ken McPhee in 1924 at "View Hill".

Elsie's father Charlie Andrew became a keen cattle breeder and had an Ayreshire Stud. After his retirement he lived at "Wolserrey" in Wallan Road. He was a well-known character until his death aged 93. Ken and Elsie McPhee lived at Yan Yean with Ken's mother for fourteen years; their family, Gordon born in 1926, Joyce in 1932, and myself John in 1938, were all born at the Yan

Yean house. Ken McPhee was working as a contractor with his brother Alex carting fruit from Arthur's Creek to the Yan Yean Station, building bridges for the Shire. He was also working part time for Tom Hurrey and running the Yan Yean farm. Elsie was milking a herd of cows.



Charles Andrew with prized Ayshire cow at

Ken and Elsie later rented the farm across the road now known as "Seven Oaks" and expanded the dairying. "Ken and Elsie McPhee bought CONRON GRANGE and moved to Whittlesea. The Yan Yean farm was used by Alex and sold in 1951 when Catherine died. Ken died in 1975 at Austin Hospital. During his lifetime he had been a Councillor for the Shire of Whittlesea from 1944, President and Life Member of the Whittlesea Agricultural Society, Master and Life Member of the Whittlesea Masonic Lodge,

Movie—Nanny McPhee

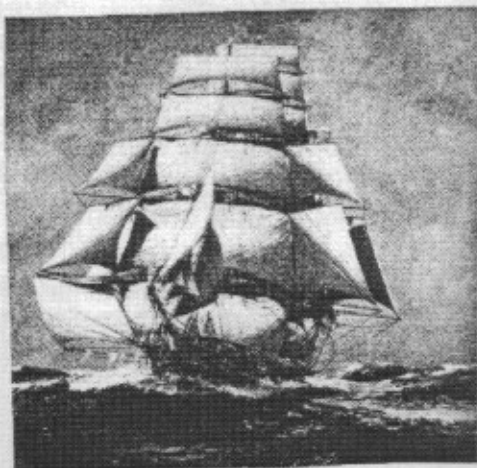


This movie has a wonderful quality that would bring any distant family together. My children and I loved watching it together. It's nice to have a movie finally come out that everyone can enjoy. I highly recommend seeing it. Emma Thompson is so endearing. Colin Firth is such a lost soul trying to avoid everything and everyone around him. Angela Landsbury is so over the top, but very funny. Together they make such an interesting trio. The love, the comedy, the magic, and the unbelievable happy ending make it more than just a fairy tale, they make it a story that

makes you wish that it was all happening to you. For children, it sets their minds imaginations into over-drive. It sends them to a place that lets their minds run free to believe in everything on the big screen in front of them. For just an adult, I would say, it would be less special, as apposed to an adult who has children to watch get engaged with this magical movie.

*McPhees From Scotland
To Australia*

In The 1800's



The Lightning

McPhee's From Scotland to Australia

President Bernie McPhee has discovered the Trevor Phee's book has the following information

517 people of our Clan name come to Australia in the period in which Trevor studied.

Various Clan names a different spellings were:

Cathie	14	2.7%
Fee	19	3.6%
Macafee	2	0.4%
MacFee	1	0.2%
MacFie	1	0.2%
Macfie	1	0.2%
MacPhee	1	0.2%
Mahaffey	8	1.5%
McAfee	7	1.3%
McCathie	6	1.1%
McCathy	3	0.6%
McFeat	1	0.2%
McFee	25	4.8%
McFie	23	4.4%
McGaffy	1	0.2%
McGuffie	17	3.3%
McHaffey	3	0.6%
McHaffie	11	2%
McHaffy	1	0.2%
McPhea	1	0.2%
McPhee	334	65%
McPhie	26	5%
Mehaffey	1	0.2%
Phee	4	0.8%

McPhees from Scotland to Australia

Trevor Phee has written a wonderful account of the McPhee's arriving in Australia. He has had copies available at \$15.00 that including packaging and postage. This cost covers all states in Australia.

Congratulations to Trevor on a job well done. Trevor will be speaking about the book at the BGM in May.

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Spean Bridge

Wherever you go in the Highlands, you keep coming across bridges and other structures constructed by Thomas Telford in the early 1800s. And you could be forgiven for thinking that Spean Bridge was named after his crossing of the River Spean here, built in 1819. The village itself is well equipped, with a good car park, a Tourist Information Centre, and the attractive Spean Bridge Mill. It also houses the imposing Spean Bridge Hotel, which is mentioned again below.

Spean Bridge is also home to a railway station, on the line to Fort William. Its buildings have been converted into the Old Station Restaurant. Though the land immediately to the south is heavily forested, it is still possible to gain excellent views up to the imposing northern faces of Ben Nevis and Aonach Mor, plus the entire range of the Grey Corries sweeping away to your left.

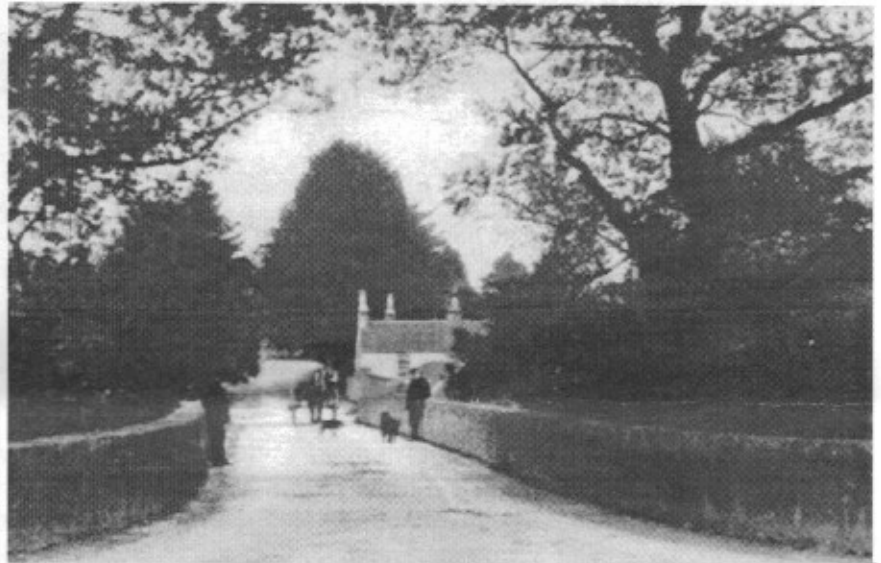
The views are still more spectacular from the northern side of the river, where the lovely Kilmornaig Church and churchyard form a pretty and peaceful oasis. And a little further north again,



Commando Memorial Spean Bridge

where the main A82 crests the hill, is the dramatically imposing Commando Memorial, a bronze monument crafted by Scott Sutherland and placed here in 1952 to commemorate the many members of the elite commando units who trained in the area during the second world war. Associated with the memorial is a Commando Exhibition open during the summer in a room at the Spean Bridge Hotel; and a Commando Trail, which takes in many of the locations used during training. Their headquarters was a little further west, towards Loch Arkaig.

Spean Bridge's one earlier claim to military fame came in 1745, when during the first skirmish in the conflict that culminated in failure for the Jacobites the following year at Culloden, a handful of noisy highlanders persuaded a very much larger force of government troops to run away (see our Historical Timeline).



Spean Bridge , 1905 (Photo provided by Bernie McPhee)

Acknowledgement: <http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/speanbridge/speanbridge/>

Bundanoon 8 April 2006

In the beautiful but rugged area of the Southern Highlands in New South Wales, slightly reminiscent of the Highlands of Scotland, lies the village of Bundanoon. This village over the past 27 years has gained the envious reputation throughout Australia as the Premier location for hosting the traditional Scottish Highland Games. Every year in April up to 15,000 Australians many, not necessarily of Scottish descent make an annual pilgrimage to this outstanding event to enjoy and participate in the gathering known, as

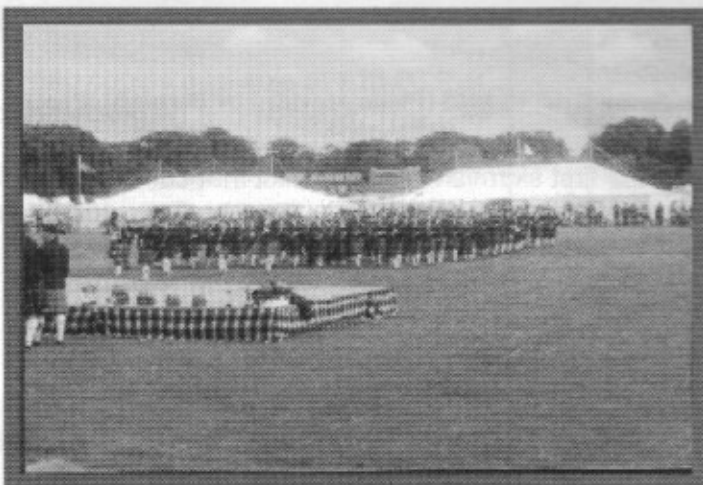
**"Bundanoon
is
Brigadoon".**

Aberdeen Highland Games

Aberdeen is situated on the New England Highway approx 2 hours drive up the valley from Newcastle and approx 3 & 1/2 hours from Sydney, depending upon where you leave from. For those who wish to stay, there will be a Ceilidh at night and Kirkin of the Tartan on the Sunday morning. There are two hotels, a motel and a B&B in Aberdeen with numerous motels, hotels and B&B's in both Scone and Muswellbrook which is approx 10 minutes drive either side of Aberdeen.

There are several factors that have led to Aberdeen being selected as the site for the initial games,

- The name of Aberdeen obviously lends itself for such an event, together with the Scone, Muswellbrook, Rouchel, Roxburgh and Strathearn to name but a few. Further, Aberdeen has the following street names McLeod, McAdam, McQueen, Perth and MacKenzie.
- Jefferson Park would have to be the best sporting and recreational ground in the Upper Hunter and includes tennis, golf, bowling, cricket and football facilities.
- The closure of the meat works after 100 odd years of operation has been a great slug to the town. The games, gives to the town an opportunity to brighten both the town and to lift the local community.



Meet Scotty.

Scotty has just recently arrived and he is very keen to visit the Highland Games around Australia.

Why not meet Scotty and put your face in the picture.

See you Bundanoon.

**Anyone got a good name
for the wee lad**

AN AUSTRALIAN CONNECTION WITH COLONSAY

In 1935 a volume was published by Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh and London, which remains the most comprehensive work on Colonsay. The title was "Colonsay and Oronsay in the Isles of Argyll, their history, flora, fauna and topography." The author was John de Vere Loder. Born in London in 1895, Loder was the only son of the 1st Baron Wakehurst of Ardingly, conservative M.P. for Brighton 1889-1905. John was educated at Eton and was destined for Trinity College Cambridge and the study of Egyptology when war intervened and he was commissioned into the 4th battalion Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914. He served on Gallipoli, in Egypt and Palestine and on discharge entered the Foreign Office and was later posted to the League of Nations from 1919 - 22. In 1920 he married Margaret Tennant, daughter of Sir Charles Tennant, British chemical manufacturer.

Both had private means and visited Australia in 1924 and thereafter he was elected unionist (conservative) member for East Leicester from 1924-29 and for Lewes in Sussex 1931-36. On the death of his father in 1936, Loder succeeded as 2^d Baron Wakehurst. Appointed Governor of N.S.W. in 1937 he became the last "imported" vice-regal appointee and was created K.C.M.G.. He and his wife loved the outdoors life and travel and were very popular in N.S.W. Premier Jack Lang did demand his recall over the Mair affair in 1939 but Loder, a left leaning conservative, was on good terms with (Sir) William McKell, labour Premier in 1941. Their three sons went to school here and the appointment lasted until 8th January 1946 when they returned to England but always promoted the cause of Australia. His portrait is in Government House, Sydney.

Loder wrote six books and many articles including "Bolshevism in Perspective" (1931) and thrillers under the pen-name Comelius Cofyn. In 1935, while member for Lewes, he had published "Colonsay and Oronsay in the Isles of Argyll". This definitive work on the two Scottish Hebridean islands is not mentioned in any obituary or biography to my knowledge so where was the connection between Loder and Colonsay?

Donald Smith, an enterprising Scot from Forres, Morayshire, emigrated to Canada and in time became chief executive of the Hudson Bay Company. As a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, he was responsible for the completion of the railway across the Rockies in 1885 and opened a gate to the west. He was created 1st Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal and in 1904 bought the islands of Colonsay and Oronsay for 44,000 pounds which was sufficient to meet the liabilities of the previous laird Sir John McNeill. Lord Strathcona died in 1914 and was succeeded by his daughter "in virtue of a special remainder" as Baroness Strathcona and Mount Royal. She married Dr R.J.B.Howard and their son Donald Sterling Palmer Howard followed his mother on her death as 3rd Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal. Donald Howard in 1922 married the Hon. Diana Evelyn Loder, daughter of the 1st Baron Wakehurst and sister of John de Vere Loder, later 2nd Baron Wakehurst.

Thus the Strathconas and the Wakehursts came together by marriage and, although no mention is made in the book, one assumes that John Loder must have visited his sister and brother-in-law on Colonsay on many occasions to be able to record in such minute detail the topography, plants, animals, birds and even reptiles, amphibians and fishes of the islands.

Thanks to Kerr Chatfield of Penrith NSW for this article.

Selkirk Grace

Some hae meat and cannot eat,
Some cannot eat that want it;
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be thankit.

Book Review

John Stewart of Advorlich, *The Camerons - A History of the Clan Cameron*, 4th Ed, Clan Cameron Association, 2001. 344p

It is very difficult to get a handle on McPhees (McFie, McPhie, McDuffie) in Lochaber without having a knowledge of the Camerons and their subsidiaries.

The Camerons provides a history of the Locheil line with some detail of other Cameron descendant lines. The book has several chapters with more detail on the Jacobite risings and life surrounding the period.

There is small section on the McPhees in Glendessary under the Chapter on Tribes and Cadet Branches of Clan Cameron. The book gives locations for each branch of the clan, so it is possible to get some idea of why and where people moved as the fortunes of a group changed as a result of the many battles for the area.

There is a valuable listing of place names in Cameron country which also gives the associated family. Some of the place names are no more, but can be found on old maps held by the National Library of Scotland (<http://www.nls.uk/>).

The book can be obtained through the Clan Cameron Association <http://www.clan-cameron.org/> under merchandise.

Somerled MacMillan, *Bygone Lochaber*, K & R Davidson, Glasgow, 1971. Printed for Private circulation, 284p

Bygone Lochaber is one of the key sources often referred to by those interested in old Lochaber. Somerled MacMillan was the parish in the area of Kilmallie from 1952-6. MacMillan spent his time there with an eye to history, and got to know his parishioners well.

The Gaels were a people who passed their stories down through stories and song, which were the basis of socialising. Once, many could recite their father's line back 10 generations, and could often include related families. As well as the parish records, MacMillan accessed many other records that added facts to the stories he heard. MacMillan provides background on all the key family groups in the area with some genealogy, and indicates the emigration of some people or groups, particularly to the Americas.

He includes a list of people who emigrated to Canada in 1802 under the auspices of Archibald MacMillan of Murlaggan, and there are **McPhees** as part of the listing generally telling you where they came from. From an Australian perspective, the clansmen really only began their emigration here from the 1840s, and the focus of the book predates this period.

The **McPhees** of whatever spelling were closely allied to the Camerons. We are somewhat lucky because unlike many other followers of the Cameron clan, our families tended to keep their clan genealogy or surname. MacMillan provides background on each of the family groups of Lochaber by their place of origin. There is a separate section on **McPhees** which gives times and location of some of our clan based on estate rental information. Some of this detail is listed in Appendix 1 as claims for damages as a result of Cumberland's forces 1745-7 following Culloden. The value of some of the losses listed for our clansmen would suggest that they were significant local families who leased sizeable parcels of land from the Camerons.

The book is not easy reading, but can be read in conjunction with other sources to assist in giving your family a background context. It includes an appendix of place names with some description. It is not readily available, but you may be lucky in acquiring a copy through one of the rare book seller on the web.



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The McPhee Family at Yan Yean about 1903

Margaret (Maggie) Mrs Preston, Margaret Jane (Jinne) Mrs Tighe, Alexander Archibald Norma, Father Norman, mother Chathrine, Catherine (Kitty) front Kenneth, (John McPhee's father)

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