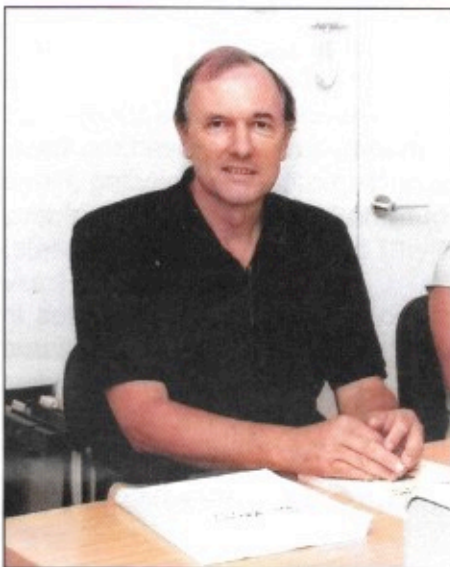




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President's Message

How lovely it is to be back in the saddle again - the Clan Society saddle that is, at the start on another year. Both my broken wrists caused by a fall from a real horse at the end of last year in South Africa have healed nicely.

After becoming president of our Society, I made a determined effort to make our newsletter *The Downunder* available for use by as many members as possible, especially to those who do not live in a capital city.

One way I sought to do this was through the 'Members in Profile' section of our newsletter. It was formatted in a set manner to be concise and informative, but also to provide historical information. Listing selective historical facts such as Migrant forebears, Emigrant ship etc, was aimed at connecting members who may have common ancestors, and also drawing out historical information and answering genealogical questions.

This year has started off in with some good news as a direct result of a 'Members in Profile' article in the last issue of *The Downunder*.

Shirley Dickson from Naracoorte in South Australia did not know in what year, on which ship or at what port her forebears arrived in Australia. Her article was picked up by our historian Trevor Phee, who, after some research, was able to provide the answers for Shirley. What a great result and great work by Trevor. The information Trevor forwarded to Shirley can be seen on page 11 in the section on genealogy.

On 22nd May 2010, the Society will hold its Biennial General Meeting (BGM) in the heart of Sydney. Our BGM is held as near as practicable to 'Macfie Day' which is May 27th. It will be a friendly occasion where every member is welcome. I would urge all those who can attend to do so and get to meet and know some fellow clansmen. For all the details see page 5.

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The following is my brief update on the Society for the year ended 31st December 2009:

1. Subscriptions: Through 2009 subscriptions have remained unchanged at \$10.00 for a single and \$15.00 for a family. It could hardly be said membership of our Society was too expensive or a reason for not paying a subscription. Again those low subscription rates were made possible by those generous enough to include a donation with their annual subs.

2. Finances: Society treasurer Geoff McPhee will present the 2009 financial report to the Biennial General Meeting to be held at the end of May. If all goes according to plan, it should be available for inclusion in the next issue of *The Downunder*.

3. Membership: Renewing and increasing the membership continues to be the main challenge facing our Society. As mentioned previously, it is the same challenge faced by nearly every Scottish interest group and clan society like ours. Last year, the consistent decline in the membership, evident during the previous 12 plus years was arrested. Unfortunately that result was not repeated in 2009.

During 2009 the Society gained only 4 new members compared to 17 the year before. I mentioned in last year's report that a very lenient approach had been taken to those members who for one reason or another failed to pay their subscriptions. At the end of last year a significant number of those same members had still failed to rectify their un-financial status despite being sent 2 and sometimes 3 reminders. Others were members who had moved and were uncontactable. A total of 32 such members (including 1 overseas) were removed from the Society's membership list. The balance of removals were made up of those who had passed away or relinquished their membership.

Members failing to advise the Society of a change of address is an ongoing problem and depletes the membership base. Last year, contact was lost with 8 such members after their *Downunders* were returned by Australia Post.

	2007	2008	2009
Australian Capital Territory	12	12	10
New South Wales	101	105	99
Northern Territory	0	0	0
Queensland	68	74	65
South Australia	23	22	17
Tasmania	6	5	5
Victoria	88	92	79
Western Australia	17	15	14
Overseas	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
	328	333	294

4. Inventory/Expenditure: In 2008, NSW Vice-President Morris McPhee helped organise the purchase of 8 pull-up banners. They included 6 bearing our clan names & 2 with a map of Scotland. Currently, QLD Vice-President Susan Spinks has 1 banner, SA Vice-President Judy Moore 1 banner, Society Piper Bob McPhee 1 banner, NSW Vice-President Morris McPhee 2 banners (1 name + 1 map) and 3 banners are with the President.

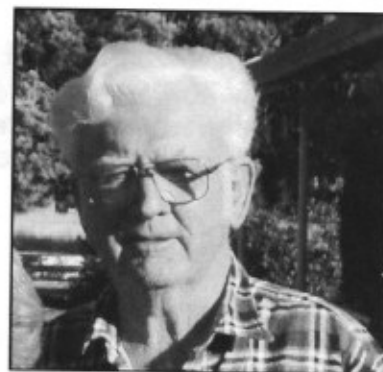
In 2009 the Society produced and had printed 2,000 colour brochures titled 'A Brief History of Clan Macfie'. Printing cost \$847.00 and art work \$100.00. The leaflet is for members as well as for promotional material at gatherings and for any future mail out campaigns.

Other items of inventory on hand include a gonfalon, one Scottish flag and one Royal Flag of Scotland. The Society's Australian Flag was taken to the 2009 Nethy Bridge Parliament in Scotland, where, at the suggestion of the Clan Commander, it was left for future occasions.

Ian McPhee

MEMBERS IN PROFILE

- NSW member:** Ross McPhie (N74-066)
- Migrant forebears:** Archibald McPhie, wife Janet & 6 children
Occupation: ploughman
Home in Scotland: Kilhamar, Isle of Skye
Emigrant ship: Walter Morris from Skye & Plymouth
Arrived Australia: Sydney Harbour, February 1849
Pioneer forebears: David McPhie & Margaret Robertson



Member's story in brief: Ross was born in 1934, the son of Archibald & Maude (nee Willy) McPhie. He was born at Moree where his father was a farmer & tank sinking contractor. As a child he went to Moree Primary & then to high school as a boarder at Knox Grammar in Sydney.

After finishing high school, Ross had no intention of going to university as that meant staying in Sydney. He returned to the bush to work on the family property 'Emby'. Back in the Moree district, Ross met Phyllis Pitman, the daughter of a local grazier. He married 'the girl next door' in 1955 and soon after moved onto a property called 'Noondoo' at Biniguy not far from Moree. At 'Noondoo' Ross established a thriving border leister sheep stud. Ross and Phyllis raised 3 children on their Biniguy property – Murray born in 1956, Jane 1959 and David 1972.

Nowadays 'Noondoo' produces mainly grain crops such as wheat, barley and sorghum and no longer has border leister sheep. Ross is active in rural affairs and has been president of the Pastoral & Agricultural Society, a group he has always taken a keen interest in. He has also been involved as a volunteer in a financial counselling service run by a Federal/State body, is an active member of the NSW Farmers' Association, a keen golfer and an amateur historian.

- NSW member:** Geoff McPhee (N77-339)
- Migrant forebears:** John McPhee, wife Sarah & 5 children
Home in Scotland: Glenelg opposite the Isle of Skye
Emigrant ship: departed Isle of Skye on William Nicole
Arrived Australia: Sydney Harbour, December 1837
Pioneer forebears: John McPhee & Elizabeth Caslick



Member's story in brief: Born in 1930, Geoff is one of the Scone McPhees. The son of Malcolm and Ethel (nee Wallbank), he grew up on the family's grazing property at Scone called 'Melvern', with 3 younger siblings - Jim (deceased) born 1935, Mary 1937 and William 1946. Geoff did his primary schooling by correspondence and then went to Maitland where he boarded while attending Maitland Boy's High School.

After high school, Geoff went to Teachers' College but didn't like it, so returned to the farm. His parents then purchased a dairy farm but realised dairy cows were not to their liking and the farm was sold. Geoff then moved to Newcastle where he worked for pastoral company Elders Smith. In 1960 he married school teacher Ruth Quigley, a Scone girl he had met at church when she was 17. In 1962 they moved to Sydney where Geoff qualified in accounting, & secretarial practice. They built a home at Lugarno, the suburb they still reside in, and had two daughters, Elisabeth in 1966 and Fiona in 1970.

Over the years Geoff worked in the finance area for a number of companies until he retired at the age of 75. Geoff has always been an active member of the Presbyterian Church and is currently the Session Clerk at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Penshurst. Both Geoff and Ruth are keen gardeners and have travelled extensively. Both take a keen interest in our Society of which Geoff is our treasurer.

GENERAL NEWS

Lost Touch in 2010

If you know how to contact the following member who has moved from her address listed below, kindly advise president Ian McPhee:

N74-032 Mary E Watson 2 Mt Errol St
Blayney NSW

Donations

Many thanks to the following members for their generous donation made to the Society and the Clan. Those donations, banked between the beginning of November 2009 and the end of March 2010 are an essential part of our funding and greatly appreciated.

Gwen Hubert	Pearce	ACT
Ian R McPhee	Scullin	ACT
Dr Kerr Chatfield	Penrith	NSW
W R & R L McVie	Gordon	NSW
Robyn Hancox	Wollstonecraft	NSW
Brenda Herd	Randwick	NSW
Colin & Beth McPhee	Bonnells Bay	NSW
Dr Ian R McPhee	Kingscliff	NSW
Margaret Banes	Drummoyne	NSW
Esmá McCarthy	Lismore	NSW
Marion McPhee	Maroubra	NSW
Michael & Mary McPhee	Vaucluse	NSW
Beryl McPhie	Nowra	NSW
Andrew Pardoe	Bundanoon	NSW
Neville & Sonia Phee	Cooma	NSW
Stuart McWilliam	Moree	NSW
Zillah & R Scott	Yamba	NSW
Clyde & Barbara Smythe	Turrumurra	NSW
Norm Chambers	Underwood	QLD
Janet Mackay	Bracken Ridge	QLD
John A McPhee	Carseldine	QLD
Neville J McPhee	Caloundra	QLD
Sally R McPhee	Cleveland	QLD
Sandy McPhie	Heatley	QLD
Robyn M Young	Jimboomba	QLD
Dr John McPhee	North Adelaide	SA
Patricia Chapman	Kew	VIC
Jan Harper	Mont Albert Nth.	VIC
Bruce McPhee	Box Hill	VIC
David McPhee	Traralgon	VIC
Dr Ian McPhee	Rosanna	VIC
John W McPhee	Hawthorn East	VIC
Peter McPhee	Abbotsford	VIC
Ross McPhee	Rosebud	VIC
Dene Rutledge	Doncaster E.	VIC
Father Anscar McPhee	Wyndham	WA
Margaret McPhee	Nedlands	WA

Subscriptions

Subscriptions have been sent out to all members. It is important the return - the lower half of the notice, be included with the payment so that members can be correctly identified.

Change of Address

It is a shame to lose members because they move and fail to notify the Society. Trying to locate members with a new address is a time consuming exercise.

Over the past few months a number of members have been kind enough to provide their new address. That is greatly appreciated. Interestingly, email seems to be an increasingly popular way of passing on this information.

New Brochure

All members should now have received a copy of the new brochure produced by the Society titled 'A Brief History of Clan Macfie'. They were sent out to each member with the subscription notices.

As mentioned in my report on page 2, the brochure has been produced not only for members but to use at Scottish gatherings and to assist in any future mail out campaign.

The DNA Project

The McDuffie DNA Surname Project was started over 5 years ago by Rod Macduff, an Australian radio engineer who wished to trace his ancestry. He has organised and funded this independently of Clan Macfie but has co-operated closely with the clan and is a member.

Although a final report was issued to the Clan Parliament (see the last issue of *The Downunder*, Nov 2009) the project is continuing. Since the report was covered in the *The Downunder*, there have been a few requests from members for the projects contact details. The DNA website is:
www.Mcduffiedna.com

In Memoriam

It is with sadness we report the passing of:

David Moore of Gawler SA (S83-513) who passed away on 27th February 2010.

Notice & Invitation:
18th Biennial General Meeting
of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia

Notice is hereby given: that the 18th Biennial General Meeting (BGM) of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held at the Bowlers Club, 95-99 York Street, Sydney on Saturday 22nd May 2010. The Bowlers Club is near the Queen Victoria Building, a short walk from Town Hall Station. Parking is available at the rear - 168 Clarence Street and the club can be accessed via a lift from the car park.

Order of Business

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| 1. Welcome | 6. Membership: recruitment, subscriptions etc |
| 2. Apologies and greetings | 7. Treasurer's report and financial statement |
| 3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 17th BGM | 8. Election of executives 2010 - 212 |
| 4. Business arising from those minutes | 9. General business |
| 5. President's report | 10. Closure of meeting |

Executive Committee

Nominations are now called for the following Executive positions.

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| • President | • Queensland Vice-President |
| • Vice-President | • South Australian Vice-President |
| • Secretary | • Tasmanian Vice-President |
| • Treasurer | • Victorian Vice-President |
| • ACT Vice-President | • Western Australian Vice-President |

NB: Nominations are to be in writing, stating the nominee's name and intended office. They are to be signed by the nominee accepting nomination and by a proposer and seconder. Only financial members can accept nomination or propose or second a nomination. Nomination forms are available from the president and close with him on 30th April 2010.

Weekend Programme

The cost for morning tea & lunch at the BGM is \$28.00. The following day, Sunday 23rd May, all members, family and friends, are warmly invited to attend a church service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 118 Penshurst Street, Penshurst, followed by morning tea. Afterwards, Geoff and Ruth McPhee will host a B.B.Q lunch at their home, 43 Cedar St. Lugarno. Cost for the lunch will be \$15.00 per person.

Saturday 22nd May		Sunday 23rd May	
Morning tea	10.30am	St Andrews, Penshurst	9.30 am
General Meeting	11.00am	BBQ hosted by Ruth & Geoff	12 noon
Society Lunch	Bowlers Club,		
Afternoon	At your leisure		

Attendance & Information

Members are encouraged to wear Scottish dress to the BGM and church service. Please indicate your attendance by either telephoning, emailing or writing to NSW Vice-President Morris McPhee by the 15th May 2010. If anyone needs assistance with transport or requires any further information please contact Morris:

Home telephone:	98681521
Mobile	0439 407492
Email:	colonsay@bigpond.net.au

If possible, please come along on either or both days & share the clanship spirit.

Clan Name Research

It was discussing the possibility of a membership drive with Rosemary Szente that she suggested the Society utilise the clan names which are listed in the various telephone directories throughout Australia.

Conducting a mail-out campaign can be expensive not to mention the effort required by volunteers to prepare advertising material and fill envelopes etc. It also requires suitable literature and some idea who are to be targeted and where resources are to be deployed.

As a starting point Rosemary offered to find out how many people with clan names actually appear in Australia's White Pages Telephone Directories. The table on the opposite page is the result of Rosemary's research. It should be pointed out, there are a handful of clan names which are not represented. It provided some interesting and hopefully information.

Set out below are the 5 most common clan names found in the White Pages Telephone Directories which accounted for about 83% of the total number of names. They are listed with the actual number of times they appeared, and have been calculated as a percentage of the 4,970 total names listed. Those same names were then compared with how many we have in the Macfie Clan Society of Australia, and what percentage of the Society's total membership of 294 they represent.

<u>Telephone Directories</u>			<u>Macfie Clan Society of Australia</u>		
Name	No. of Entries	%	Name	No. in Society	%
Duffey	1,868	= 38	Duffey	0	= 0
McPhee	1,055	= 21	McPhee	106	= 36
Coffey	865	= 17	Coffey	0	= 0
McCaffrey	191	= 4	McCaffrey	0	= 0
McPhie	135	= 3	McPhie	24	= 8

What startling figures. The Society does not have one single member with the name Duffey, the most common clan surname in Australia! It does not have one member with Coffey or McCaffrey the 3rd and 4th most common clan names in Australia. Those 3 names of which we have not one representative, together account for nearly 60% of all the clan names in the white pages list. It is hard to believe. Put in the context of the long term decline of the Society's membership, one would have to ask why that is the case.

In addition to the above figures which are rather astounding, are 2 other interesting statistics:

1. With a membership of 294 the Macfie Clan Society of Australia has only 5.9 % of the 4,970 people with clan names (potential members) listed in the Australian White Pages telephone directories. It would be fair to say there are probably many more times that number of potential eligible members not listed in those pages.
2. The surname 'Macfie', used to identify our Society and the Clan occurred only 44 times and accounted for less than 1% of the clan names. No doubt stranger things happen in China! Perhaps it's a good thing, as it demonstrates the clan is inclusive by not favouring the most popular names such as Duffey and McPhee.

Rosemary's research is important in more ways than one. The fact this sort of information has not been sought, documented or acted upon long ago, says a great deal in itself. The Society just needs more people like Rosemary (in every state) who are prepared to actually do something to see that the organisation moves ahead and does not wither away.

The positive thing, plain for all to see, is the potential to attract new members. Clearly it is up to the Society to market itself, by approaching people, attracting people, and providing people with something they value. If the Society sits back and waits for members to come its way, it may not have a long term future.

Clan Names in 2009 Telephone Directories

compiled by Rosemary Szente

NAME	ACT	NSW	Qld.	VIC.	S.A.	TAS	W.A.	Total names in White Pages
Athey		6	6	3	1			16
Cathey			1					1
Cathie	4	19	5	26	2		2	58
Coffee	1	43	9	7	3		1	64
Coffey	22	305	103	240	70	8	117	865
Duffie		11	7	1	1		1	21
Duffey	2	51	25	6		2	10	96
Duffy	44	724	430	349	105	60	156	1868
Fee		26	18	14	8	5	15	86
Haffey		1	2	1				4
MacAfee	4	6		10				20
McCaffer				2	2			4
MacCaffer				2	1			3
McCaffrey	3	68	45	46	12	2	15	191
McCathie		15	8	5	2		3	33
MacCathie			1					1
McCuish				4	2		15	21
MacCuish				0			1	1
McDuffie		1	2	4			1	8
MacDuffie		1		0				1
McFee		20	4	14	6	1	2	47
McFie		8	20	1	4	2	6	41
MacFie		9	12	17		4	2	44
MacGuffie				1				1
McGuffie		28	15	37	1	1	8	90
McGuffin	1	5	7	3	1		2	19
McHaffie		1	3	5	1		2	12
McHaffy		1	3	5	1		4	14
McPhee	13	359	189	304	89	9	92	1055
MacPhee	3	19	8	1	4		1	36
McPhie	2	52	30	40	5	4	2	135
MacPhie				0		9	1	10
McVee		2	1	0	4		1	8
McVie	2	11	10	3				26
Mehaffey		3	5	4	5			17
Phee		17	11	11				39
Phie		1	12	0	1			14
TOTAL	101	1813	991	1167	331	107	460	4970

Wartime Evacuation from London

submitted by Cass McHaffie

I was the youngest of a family of 5 children and was born in Stratford East London in 1933. My eldest brother and eldest sister joined the forces at the beginning of the World War 11 and my middle sister was working on war munitions. This left my brother Arthur (16 months older than me) and me to be evacuated out of London in 1939. Arthur went to a place called Rowhedge and I went to Arlesford both in Essex. I remember only seeing him once and cannot recall how long we were there.

Vaguely I believe we were returned to our parents when they thought it was safe again in London. This was not so, as the sleepless nights of air raids and sleeping in the London Underground and backyard shelter are still with me .

Arthur and I were then tagged along with a lot of the school and sent to a village in Northamptonshire named Stanwick. The memory of standing in the local hall waiting to be picked by the local people is vivid. Fortunately I was approached by a very nice lady, Mrs Humphries, and asked if I would like to go with her to her home. I remember saying my brother was with me but he was not so smart and refused to come. He unfortunately was mistreated and abused by people who had moved from Coventry to the country.

The house I went to was called "Beechtrees" as it was surrounded by beech trees & stood in its own grounds with a lovely garden and orchard. I had my own room and a bathroom which I had never seen as we used the local Baths in London to have a bath! There was a maid named Edith who turned out to be very kind. I still recall my hair being cut short almost straight away. Weekends I was taken to the local Squire's home for afternoon tea. I was educated both in and out of school during this time.

The Humphries family had a shoe business in Rushden so I was supplied with good shoes. The orchard was raided at times by my brother as he did not get much food but even at 8 years old he was too proud to come to where I was staying, and so had a sad time. I am not sure how long I was with the Humphries but long enough to have always remembered them. When illness occurred in the family, I went to 2 more billets and did not have such a good time! My parents came to fetch us back to Stratford where I sat for the Eleven Plus exams in 1944 winning two scholarships to go to high schools. I chose to go to St Angelas in Forest Gate. Though a Protestant I was fortunate to be able to go.

When in 1964, my husband Brian McHaffie and I, with two children aged 7 and 4, decided to emigrate my wish was to see the Humphries before I left England. It had been 20 years since I left Stanwick and the village hall was still the same as I remembered.

There were new people in "Beechtrees" but they told me an elderly lady lived in the cottages across the road and she would know the Humphries address in Rushden where they now lived. Edith the maid lived in one but she was not home, so we knocked at the house next door. Imagine our amazement when a lady opened the door and said, "Its Kathleen the evacuee"! She made us tea and gave us the address in Rushden so we motored on to find Mr & Mrs Humphries. Another lovely home and the same greeting of "It is Kathleen the evacuee". I was then 31 years old and she had not seen me for 20 years. She was so thrilled to think we had gone to see them and delighted to see the children. They were happy to think we were starting a new life in a new country.

About ten years ago we visited Stanwick again and the hall is still there but "Beechtrees" has gone and the village has changed so much. The church still stands after a few hundred years!

My brother always seemed to have the scars of abuse and sadly died at aged 66. Fate has been kinder to me. My Maiden name was Kathleen Huth but from birth I was called Cassie. I have been Cassie McHaffie now for 52years! I married on July 14th 1956.

On September 1st 2009 there was a 70th Reunion Service in St Paul's Cathedral in London and my husband Brian McHaffie and I were fortunate to have tickets to go and be present at the unveiling of a monument which will stand near St Paul's as a tribute to the 3.5 million children that were sent out of war zones in the UK.

10th Clan Parliament Update

from Clan Commander Iain McFie

"At the Parliament I reinstated the Clan committee system and introduced a new one, the Legal Committee, with a remit to look at the possibility of setting up a clan trust.

There are complications over ownership of the Clan finances and other assets. The simplest way of ensuring The Chief, if we ever have one, or the Cean Cath, does not become liable for any debts the Clan may accrue, is to form a Clan Trust. The Legal Committee met twice and it requested that I update everyone on the progress being in the development of a Clan Trust.

The development and resolution of such a document is not something that happens very quickly, however, I am pleased to be able to say that we have made a start.

Finlay, the Clan Treasurer, had noticed that a Law Firm in Oban and Fort William is called 'MacPhee and Partners' and suggested that we should engage this Company to advise on the formation of the Clan Trust. Why not give business to a clansman? An arrangement was made to meet Duncan MacPhee, the senior partner, in Fort William on the 16th of November.

Finlay and I met with the lawyer at the Fort William office: Duncan experienced in writing up such articles said he was willing to help develop a Trust. I briefly outlined how a Clan is not a recognised entity and what we hoped to achieve by forming a Trust. He and Finlay then discussed the basics of making such a document.

Finlay produced a first draft, which he gave to me for oversight. I have only within the last few days returned it to him saying to my untutored eye it looked a fair representation of what we are trying to achieve. The document will now be passed to Duncan MacPhee for his qualification and remarks.

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Clan Committees

In the letter above, Clan Commander Iain McFie advised that he reinstated the Clan committee system. On the second day of the Clan Parliament, the Clan Society representatives presented their reports to the Parliament. Afterwards reports were presented from the following committees:

1. Legal - details were discussed at length in the last issue of *The Downunder*.
2. Music, Dance & Arts - USA participant Pam Merriman, requested art and literature be made available to produce a book
3. Nomenclature - discussed another list of acceptable Clan names and also the DNA project. Rev. Jim McAfee recommended Family Tree Maker as a superior programme.
4. Special Projects & Memorials - Was amalgamated with the 'Vision Committee'. There are at present no special projects or new memorials under consideration. Glen Cathy, one of John Rosser's Vision Committee members, spoke at length about establishing a facebook page.

Facebook

Glen Cathy from the Cathey Reunion Association in the United States has done a great job in assisting Clan Macfie by setting up a Facebook page. The page can be accessed using the following link:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Official-Clan-Macfie-Page/177565770680>

Commander Recognised

In recognition of the sterling job the Commander did in organising the Clan Parliament & Gathering, donations for a gift were collected from participants by Linda McPhee Gilcrest from the USA. Linda duly organised for Bobby McFie, President of The Clan Macfie Society in Scotland, to purchase a sporran and have a backing plate suitably inscribed. The handsome sporran was presented to Iain at the Robert Burns' Day Celebration in January when the Scottish Clan Society held an Extraordinary General Meeting in Bishops, Stortford, south of London.

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GENEALOGY

Scottish Christian Names

In the Highlands of Scotland, parents named their children after grandparents, themselves, their brothers and their sisters. Christian names were not plucked out of the air, or apportioned in an ad hoc manner, they were given to offspring in a set order. Families had particular names that were passed on from generation to generation. Tradition followed the pattern below:

Sons

- 1st son after the paternal grandfather
- 2nd son after the maternal grandfather
- 3rd son after his father
- 4th son after the father's eldest brother
- 5th son after the mother's eldest brother
- 6th son after the father's second brother
- and so on

Daughters

- 1st daughter after the paternal grandmother
- 2nd daughter after the maternal grandmother
- 3rd daughter after her mother
- 4th daughter after the mother's eldest sister
- 5th daughter after the father's eldest sister
- 6th daughter after the mother's second sister
- and so on

Christian names, occupations and the location of individual Highland families are valuable indicators in establishing a line of descent when comprehensive records are absent. The above naming pattern is one of the few ways that can help identify individual families. In some ways of course it can lead to confusion in the identification of individuals within families, because there can be several members with the same name. Also a Christian name was used again if a child died.

Chiefs of Clan MacDhubhsith (McPhee)

The list below was published in *The Mythology, Traditions and History of MacDhubhsith – MacDuffie Clan Vol. VI* by Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee, Emeritus Dean University of British Columbia Canada. Earle was responsible for re-establishing Clan Macfie in 1981. As to be expected a number of the Christian names below are derived from Gaelic.

1.	Cormac	1100 – 1125
2.	Ferchar	1125 – 1150
3.	Murdoch I	1150 – 1170
4.	Finlay	1170 – 1190
5.	Murdoch II	1190 – 1210
6.	Duffie	1210 – 1240
7.	Dugald Mor	1240 – 1270
8.	Malcolm I	1270 – 1300
9.	Gilchrist	1300 – 1330
10.	-	1330 – 1360
11.	Gillespec	1360 – 1390
12.	Malcolm II	1390 – 1420
13.	Neil (MacDuffie of Colonsay)	1420 – 1450
14.	Donald	1450 – 1480
15.	-	1480 – 1490
16.	Malcolm III (Lord of Dun Eibhinn, Makoffee)	1490 – 1520
17.	Donald II	1520 – 1530
18.	Murdoch III (Morphe, Makphe, Mcphe)	1530 – 1539
19.	Archibald I	1539 – 1549
20.	Murdoch IV (M'Duffyhe)	1549 – 1593
21.	Donald III	1593 – 1605/9
22.	Malcolm IV (Makfeithe, McDuffphie, Mcphie)	1605/9 – 1623

NB. 2 the names and time frames should not be viewed as definitive or absolute.

NB. 3 The names in brackets may have been ascribed to that particular chief

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From Clan Historian Trevor Phee

I am still working on my next publication for the Macfie Clan Society, its title being The Fighting McPhees. I know there are members who were in the old Citizen Military Force and there are those in the Army Reserve who have been going to send me their details, but so far they have not. Also several other members have been going to send me information in regard to their immediate relatives who served in the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force, but again they have not.

I like to be optimistic in this regard, so, can anyone supply me with information and possibly photos of the the three brothers mentioned below? They were all in the Royal Australian Air Force during WW2.

Robert Cumming McPhie was born at Roma, QLD on 26 May 1911.

James Johnstone Gray McPhie was born at Roma, QLD on 17 September 1912.

Keith Cumming McPhie was born at Roma, QLD on 26 November 1916.

The following website gives detailed service records of 250,000 Medieval Soldiers, including archers who served with Henry V at the Battle of Agincourt.

Also the databases of those who fought in the 100 Year War, reveals salaries, sickness and those who were knighted plus more. This is the URL for the above. news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8160081/stm

The following is part of the National Library of Australia. There are published works, photos, audio, newspaper articles and much more. Go by surname. <http://trove.nia.gov.au>

Family Search Indexing Search Page. <http://tinyurl.com/v8me5zq> News & Updates.

21 January 2010: Record Search has just published the Australia Cemetery Inscriptions in the Sydney [branch] Genealogical Library 1800 -1960. This is an indexed collection with images of the original cards.

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Historian's Advice to Shirley Dickson:

Clan Historian Trevor Phee provided the following information to Shirley Dickson about her forebears: "The Runnymede left Liverpool on 21 February 1852 and arrived in Portland, Victoria, on 3 June 1852. On board was Donald McPhee (do not take any notice of the spelling of the surname, as this was the most spelling on the shipping records) aged 38. Donald was from Argyle, Scotland. He was a shepherd. With Donald was his wife Janet (nee McKinnon) aged 37 and their children. The three boys were Angus aged 17, a shepherd, Norman aged 15, an agricultural labourer and John. No age was given for John, so we assume he was just an infant.

Norman was born at Coal Corpach in Kilmallie, Scotland on 15 October 1834 and married Euphemia MacFarlane on 18 July 1869. They had 11 children, 7 male and 4 female. He had 80 acres at Granite Hill, Victoria, which was in the family for nearly 40 years."

Shirley's Reply:

"Norman's date of birth, name of wife and number of children (Dad can remember all their names!) agree with the information my Dad has. We had his place of birth recorded as Corpach. Dad sold our farm, including Granite Hill, during the 1968 drought and bought another just out of Ararat. The farm consisted of three lots of land: Granite Hill, the homestead and land at Chute and some more land a few kilometres away.

Dad thought that his grandfather Norman arrived in the early 1850s aged about 18. Given that he was born in 1834, he would have been 18 in 1852 - a three year discrepancy according to the shipping record. We believe that this probably is our ancestor. It is thought that he spent some time ship building on the Clyde River, but probably had ties to the land as well. We know he had two brothers. When Dad's cousin Donald MacPhie (a clan piper whose father David was one of Alexander's brothers) tried to trace John he could find no record of him. Angus may have gone to Queensland. It is thought that Gary MacPhie, the buckjumper, was one of his descendants."

HISTORICAL ORGANISATIONS

by Ian McPhee

The Society for the Benefit of the Sons and Daughters of the Clergy

As far back as 1720 The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland proposed a 'Geographical Description of Scotland'. During 1743 the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. Robert Wallace organised the distribution of questionnaires as part of a project to find out how to support a scheme for the widows and orphans of the clergy. This work helped develop actuarial methods, and explains the involvement of a society for ministers' widows and orphans in later times.

Born in Thurso Castle, Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster (1745-1835) was a highly educated Scottish agriculturalist, statistician and parliamentarian. In 1790, he sent pre-planned questionnaires to over 900 parish ministers throughout Scotland, seeking answers to 160 questions covering 4 topics: Geography and topology, population, agricultural and industrial production and miscellaneous questions.

The result of Sir John's surveys was presented to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and became the first 'Statistical Account of Scotland'. It was a county by county survey published in 20 volumes between 1791-1798 and is now generally known as the '*Old Statistical Account*'. Some of the reports written by parish ministers are meticulous accounts of life at the time, and make for wonderful reading. For those interested in Scottish History, they are a treasure trove of information.

In 1792 the Society for the Benefit of the Sons and Daughters of the Clergy was incorporated as a legal body of the Church of Scotland. What would seem at first glance to be a rather innocuous group with a restricted objective, turned out to be something different.

In 1832 a committee of the Society for the Benefit of the Sons and Daughters of the Clergy approached the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland with the idea of producing another statistical account of the country. They proposed to do this 'by requesting from the parochial clergy a description of their respective parishes'. In their report to the Assembly the committee stated:

'The Society were led, as they formerly stated, to engage in this undertaking by the circumstances of their having possessed the property of the first Statistical Account, which was conveyed to them by its benevolent and public-spirited projector. This, and the relation in which they stood to the Church, seemed to afford them an opportunity of doing a farther service to the public, by means of a new Account adapted to the present circumstances of the country. The proposal to obtain such an Account was first made to them by their Secretary, Sir Henry Jardine.'

The General Assembly was receptive to the idea and went on to 'recommend to the members of the Church to give all the aid in their power toward its completion'.

The new account was taken of a virtually new nation, one that had been changed by the industrial revolution and a number of Jacobite uprisings. The second or '*New Statistical Account*' of Scotland came out in 1845. It was another great work that expanded on, and updated the 'Old Statistical Account'. Historians can be grateful for the efforts of that little known group of people who could not have foreseen the importance of their work to later generations.

Today the Society is a registered charity constituted under the Clergy Societies Scheme 1934. It provides grants to assist in the education of children of ministers of the Church of Scotland. Preference is given to families with a low income.

Story of the 'Furphy'

part of our military history

From Peter McPhee, Shepparton

Ever wondered where the term furphy came from? The following article sent in by Peter McPhee is taken from a newspaper article written by David Wood and appeared in the Shepparton News last year. It is an interesting story related to our early military history.

"The dear old furphies. They made life on various fronts worth living. What could we have done without them?"

..... We should not bid them goodbye for they are still with us.

May they ever remain with us and may they long retain the name, even of such lowly birth, but a name that came to us while we were making our country a nation.

Captain T.A. White 13th Battalion Australian Imperial Force, on the Furphy water cart, from *Furphy: The Water Cart and the World.*

It seemed so fitting that it is a wonder it took so long to happen, as the two are so closely linked.

Yesterday J Furphy and Sons presented the Shepparton RSL branch with the donation of the front of one of their iconic water carts to hang on the RSL club wall as a continuous reminder of the connection between the two groups.

Andrew Furphy, a great grandson of the foundry founder John Furphy, told a story set at the AIF Broadmeadows training camp 92 years ago about how soldiers hanging around the company's water carts telling tall tales and spreading rumours, helped to develop the phrase, 'telling a furphy'.

'It's pride and it's been wonderful for our marketing,' Mr Furphy said of the term furphy and what it meant to the family. 'The fact that it's unique, probably in the world, it's a bit of a surprise.'

The company supplied water carts to the military during World War I and World War II. Although their carts were not used overseas, they were used in Darwin by forces repelling Japanese invasion.

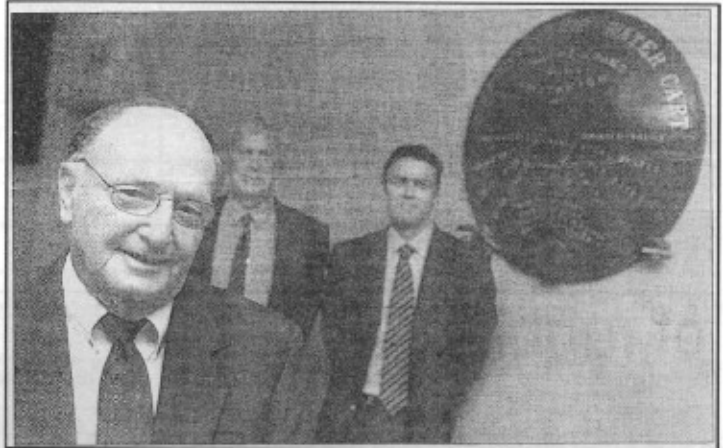
And similar carts from other companies were used in Egypt and Gallipoli during World War I but were still referred to as furphies.

Shepparton RSL branch President Peter McPhee said the gift was important to develop the partnership between his group and the company.

'It is important to link an old organisation like the RSL with a family company in our area,' Mr McPhee said.

'It's an important relationship to be bolted together.'

Mr McPhee said he believed the cast iron cart front mounted on the wall would encourage members to gather around, with some furphies a certainty."



Shepparton RSL branch President Peter McPhee stands in front of the donated end of a Furphy water cart with Andrew and Adam Furphy.

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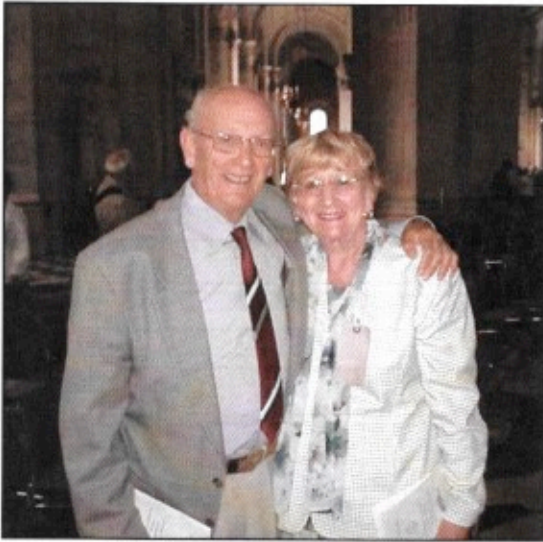
Date	Event	Location	Contact
ACT & NSW			
17/4	Bundanoon Highland Gathering	Bundanoon	Morris McPhee 98681521
25/4	Scottish Act of Remembrance	Martin Place, Sydney	Morris McPhee 98681521
29/4-2/5	The Australian Celtic Festival	Glen Innes	67302400
22/5	Grand Ceilidh	Petersham Town Hall	0435 154433
22/5	Berry Celtic Festival	Berry Showground	Col 42341346
27-30/5	Scottish Heritage Festival	Wingham	Warwick 65532582
1/7	Tartan Day	Martin Place, Sydney	Morris McPhee 98681521
4/7	Aberdeen Highland Gathering	Jefferson Park, Aberdeen	Geoff McPhee 95334195
Queensland			
3/4	2010 Tartan Spectacular	Caloundra Panthers ground	07 32574527
17-18/	Ipswich International Tattoo	Ipswich	0414 776361
29/5	Grand Highland Charity Ball	Bris. Convention Centre	39087203
4/7	Tartan Day	Sth. Bank Ctural F/court	Susan Spinks 46916206
South Australia			
25/4	Anzac Day March	North Terrace	Judy Moore 82641739
Tasmania & Victoria			
11/4	Ringwood Highland Gathering	Jubilee Park, Ringwood	Ross McPhie 0421 048207
Western Australia			
16/5	Combined Clans Picnic	Kings Park	

Diary

The 18th Biennial General Meeting of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia is to be held at The Bowlers Club, 95-99 York Street, Sydney on 22nd May 2010.

Historical Events & Anniversaries

Birth of Publius Aelius Hadrianus, who built Hadrian's Wall	76
Death of St Mungo, (also called St Kentigern) Patron Saint of Glasgow	603
Kenneth MacAlpin, King of Dalriada and the Picts, died at Forteviot	858
Treaty of Edinburgh between King Robert I & Edward III ending the 30 years of Wars of Independence	1328
Income tax was introduced for the first time	9/1/1799



Brian & Cass McHaffie in St Paul's Cathedral, London, to attend the 70th reunion of wartime evacuees. For the full story see page 5



Commander Iain McFie with the owner of Oronsay Island, Canadian Francee Coburn, who welcomed members of Clan Macfie when they visited the Priory ruins on Oronsay



The stately Hotel Nethybridge, Venue for the 17th Clan Gathering and 10th Clan Parliament of Clan Macfie at Nethy Bridge, south east of Inverness.



Ruby McHaffie from Gawler in SA turns 17 on Clan Macfie Day, 27th May. Ruby is the granddaughter of Brian and Cass McHaffie pictured above.



The McPhees from Eumundi on QLD's Sunshine Coast. At the back: Alistair & his 3 sons L to R Cameron, Angus & Lincoln. Front: daughters Jessie the eldest, Jasmine, Heidi, Jacinta & youngest Cecilia - Rose. Alistair's wife Kath is behind Cecilia - Rose.