



Ancestral Home of Clan Macfie

Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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Minutes of the Biennial General Meeting (BGM)

Clan Macfie Day

Saturday 27 May 2023 at 2:00pm.

At the Broadbeach Bowling Club, 169 Surf Parade Broadbeach, QLD 4218.

1. Meeting opened at 2:00 PM

2. Welcome President Peter McPhee

3. Clan prayer: Ian McPhee

4. Present:

Morris McPhee (N84-701), Peter McPhee (V77-373), Andrew McPhee (N74-024), Ian McPhee (N81-496), Barbara McPhee (N74-079), Jim Knowles (N74-079), Robyn McPhee (N84-701), Roger McPhee (Q77-350), Hought Benett (Q08-1073), John Benett (Q08-1073), Sharron Benett (Q08-1073), Barbara McPhee (V77-373), Sally McPhee Mellick (Q74-045), Robyn Cole, Robert Lansdowne (Q06-1028)

Sally McPhee (N23-1110) and Terence McPhee Guthridge (V20-1103) attended via Zoom.

5. Apologies:

Heather Grove (N75-141, ACT VP), Trevor McPhee (W88-662, WA VP), Lachlan McPhee N90-722)(and Joanne McPhee (N90-723), Bev and Roger Knowles (V08-1057)

6. Minutes:

The President's Report from the last Biannual General Meeting held in Sydney of the 22nd BGM held at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, 30 June 2018 was circulated in the Downunder No 139, July 2018. This is attached.

7. Business arising from previous BGM

Given the period of time between the 22nd and 23rd BGMs, due mainly to the Covid Pandemic, it was considered that it was difficult to detail anything.

8. Reports

President's Report

The President read his report. This is attached.

It included one from Tom McDuffee, President of the Clan McDuffee Society of America on the current situation regarding the Clan Commander.

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He acknowledged and extended his thanks to Echo Jimenez-Sarta for her work in designing the Society's new website.

Peter also noted that he has books and Society records that need to be handed over to the incoming President.

Treasurer's Report

Morris presented the Treasurer's report, in Ian McCathie's absence. The Society is well placed financially but there will be a number of expenses in the next two years particularly in relation to the process of finding and installing a new Commander.

The Clan Society hold two insurance policies arranged through SAHC.

A Voluntary Workers Policy in the amount of \$1,000,000 for any one occurrence.

A Broadform Public/Products Liability Indemnity Policy in the amount of \$20,000,000

The Clan Society has two Commonwealth Bank accounts with balances as at 25/05/23.

A Cheque Account balance of

A Term Deposit balance of with a maturity date of 08/12/23

As the Society is now listed as a not-for-profit organisation with an ABN and tax file number, the bank no longer charges fees. Morris has available details of all cheques written with supporting documentation and the Savings Account and Term Deposit bank statements for inspection. Copies of these are supplied to the Treasurer following the end of each calendar year.

Morris noted that, for practical reasons, the handling of society expenditures paid by cheque were not in accordance with Article 20 of the Society Constitution.

Membership report

Morris summarised the situation with respect to current financial members. Declining numbers are a worry and the future of the Clan Societies world-wide relies on regenerating interest in the Clan.

He suggested that all members actively look for new members. Peter recently saw a news item interview on TV relating to an old bridge needing repairs in Victoria and the local mayor was Les McPhee. Peter has sent an application form and several copies of the Downunder to the mayor. We now wait for hopefully a positive reply.

Electronic banking is being introduced along with on-line membership payments to encourage younger members.

Clan Commander

Barbara summarised the current situation regarding the Macfie Clan Commander Iain Macfie in Scotland. It appears that his letter of resignation due to ill health has been received by the Lord Lyon and the process of identifying a suitable candidate for a new Commander has begun. This will be overseen by the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh.

Venessa Duffy in Scotland (President of the Macfie Clan Society of the UK) has convened a Council of Presidents of Macfie Clan Societies to assist with guiding the Clan

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through this process. The Chair is Tom McDuffee of the McDuffee Clan Society of America. This group has met once via Zoom. The notes from this meeting are attached.

9. Election of Office Bearers

All positions were declared vacant. There being no other nominations for the positions listed the following people were confirmed:

President: Barbara McPhee. (NSW)

Vice-President: Morris McPhee (QLD)

Treasurer: Roger McPhee (QLD) Nominated at the meeting.

Secretary: Vacant

Clan Armiger and NSW VP: Ian McPhee

Victorian and Tasmanian VP: Terence McPhee Gutheridge

Queensland VP: Morris McPhee

Western Australia VP: Trevor McPhee

South Australia VP: Vacant

10. Other Society positions

Clan Webmaster: Echo Jimenez-Sarta

Clan Historians: Ian McPhee and Bernie McPhee

Downunder Editors: Barbara McPhee and Sally McPhee

Society Piper: Vacant

11. Handover

Barbara thanked the out-going President, Peter, for his work both as President and Editor of the Downunder during a very difficult time both for the Society and the Clan worldwide. His attendance at the first Presidents' Council has started a process that should result in a more active Clan with a new leader.

The date and location of the next BGM is yet to be determined. Roger suggested that we try and link it with some sort of highland gathering or festival. He has agreed to source information on this.

Roger also reminded the meeting that 2024 will be the 50th anniversary of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia. It would be fitting to arrange some sort of event to celebrate this.

12. Close of meeting: 3:00pm

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