



THE DURIE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Member,

We have very exciting news!

The Durie Family Tree has found a home at [TribalPages](#) and it already has over 4,800 Durie names on it! Is yours there? Are your parents and/or your ancestors' names there? The Durie Family Tree site is owned and run by Dr Bruce Durie on behalf of DFA. All information currently presented on it has been verified by him, as far as possible but it needs details checked by those most likely to know. So if you have any additions or comments to make about it, please make contact with him via the site.

As I am sure that you will recall, Bruce is also genealogist to the Durie Family Association (DFA) and *Shenachie* to the Chief of Durie; for members of the DFA there is free access to the site and thereby to a considerable amount of extra information on the tree. Members should request their special access code through the [Tribal Pages](#) site to Bruce. The tree is already extremely extensive and I think you will find it very interesting and absorbing to explore.

And Now! We need your help to make sure all the information we have between us all is logged and in its correct place. This is a wonderful tool and opportunity for us to fill in some more of the jig-saw pieces of the Durie Family history world-wide, where and how we each and our families all fit in. So if you have not yet shared what you know with us - please do so. At present although some Durie lines do join others - there is still a number of separate Durie lines which do not join up. The more information you can provide on your own family the more likely it will be that new connections can emerge.

DNA

Soon, we will have more information on Durie DNA. New members have joined, and some have undertaken upgraded tests. Bruce himself has upgraded to Big Y, which may unearth more of the history of his line. There will be more on this in the next Newsletter.

Meanwhile, for anyone who hasn't tested, [FamilyTree DNA](#) is running a 2014 'Holiday Sale', with big savings on the most popular products. It ends 31st December 2014.

Chief's pipe tune

We have now the Chief's pipe tune, '*Finnich Malise*', up on the website and you can view the story of its inspiration, creation and the actual music under the new tab '[Miscellany](#)'. Those who attended the Durie Gathering at the end of June this year were lucky enough to hear it 'premiered', played by its composer Pipe Major David Moir at Finnich Malise – our toes are tapping still as it is a great tune.

Members' News and Information

Recently we have received some news items and historical pieces from Members – these are greatly welcomed so please send us anything you think might be of interest to others. Most items are accessible via '[Members' Contributions](#)' or are in '[News](#)'.

Bruce has also just been appointed Official *Seannachaidh* to COSCA – the Council of Scottish Clans & Associations, umbrella body for clan and family associations in the USA, of which DFA is a member. This title is an alternative spelling of *Shenachie* (see above) and means the same thing. Gaelic spelling can be as variable as the spelling of the Durie name! There is more information on Bruce's role at [COSCA](#).

Merchandise – ScotClans and Durie Tartan

The response to Durie tartan items has been good and you can see me wearing my Durie tie, cummerbund and scarf in Venice in a [News](#) piece on the website! These and many other Durie items can be ordered from [ScotClans](#) (see also [Merchandise & Services](#) on the DFA website). We are currently exploring the extent of potential interest in lambswool Durie tartan travel rugs/throws. If you could be interested please let the [secretary](#) know.

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Next AGM

The next AGM will be in the spring next year, probably in March, in London. We will confirm the date and venue as soon as we can in the New Year. In addition to the formal business, we have invited Bruce to talk to us on: 'Picts, Gaels and Scots'. We will also have refreshments available and would encourage as many members and their guests to come on to supper afterwards as well. These have always been convivial occasions so do come if you can!

Access links in full:

Durie Family Tree at Tribal Pages:
<http://durie.tribalpages.com/>

Family Tree DNA:
www.familytreedna.com/products.aspx

Chief's Pipe Tune:
www.duriefamily.co.uk/chiefs-pipe-tune-finnich-malise

DFA Member's contributions:
www.duriefamily.co.uk/members-contributions

COSCA:
www.cosca.scot/11/cosca-appoints-dr-bruce-durie-as-its-official-seannachaidh/

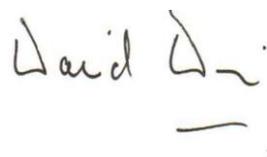
ScotClans:
www.scotclans.com/scottish_clans/clan_durie/shop

Seeking New Members

Membership of the DFA continues to grow but we are still keen to increase membership further and now, with universal access to the Durie Family Tree and all the opportunities this offers to exchange family information and to get to know other Duries (Durys, Dowries etc), this is an even greater aim. Please spread the word among your relations. Why not send them this Newsletter with the link to the [DFA website](#) and they can also request to have 'Guest' access to the [Durie Family Tree](#)?

With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Yours aye,



Sir David Durie, KCMG,
Chairman

