

South Australian  
Caledonian Society

(Founded 1881. Incorporated 1911)

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RULES AND BY-LAWS  
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1881-1883	...	ALEXANDER HAY, ESQ., J.P.
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1909-1914	...	ROBERT WEMYSS, ESQ.
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1917-1918	...	JNO. DRUMMOND, ESQ.
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# RULES

OF THE

## South Australian Caledonian Society

INCORPORATED.

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### NAME.

1. The Society shall be entitled, "THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CALEDONIAN SOCIETY (Incorporated)."

### OBJECTS.

2. The objects of the Society shall be:—

(a) To cultivate and foster a love for, and further the interests of, the Art, Literature, History, Music, and Sports of Scotland.

(b) To promote friendly intercourse and good fellowship amongst the members and kindred societies.

(c) To devote a portion of its funds to charitable and benevolent objects, and especially by way of assistance to deserving countrymen.

(d) To found institutions or otherwise provide for the care and support and education of orphan children of Scottish descent.

(e) To secure the advancement by education of children of Scottish descent under the promotion of scholarships or otherwise, as may from time to time be determined upon,

- (f) To encourage Scottish immigration to, and devise means for the reception and settlement of Scottish immigrants in South Australia, and to afford advice and assistance to any such on arrival.
- (g) To secure the affiliation of all Scottish societies established or to be established in South Australia.
- (h) And generally, to further the cementing together of Scotsmen in South Australia by any proposal which may meet with the approval of the Council.

### CONSTITUTION.

3. The Society shall be constituted of the persons whose names have been duly enrolled as members, and who have not ceased to be members.

4. Members shall be classed as Life Members, Ordinary Members, Associate Members, and Honorary Members.

5. Only Scotsmen, the sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons of a native of Scotland, and sons and grandsons of members shall be admitted as members of the Society. Candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded either at a meeting of the Council, or at a General Meeting of the Society, and shall be declared duly elected on the vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present.

6. Gentlemen desirous of becoming members must be proposed by one member and seconded by another member, such proposal to be made in writing and in the form in the schedule hereto.

7. The annual subscription shall be £1 1s. for ordinary members, to become due and payable on the 1st day of July in each year. Provided that as regards any ordinary member elected after the quarterly meeting held in the month of January, his subscription for the year of his election may be reduced by one half by the Council. No entrance fee shall be charged. Provided also that where a member has resided for a period of not less than 12 months outside a radius of 25 miles from the City of Adelaide, the annual subscription shall be one half for so long as he resides outside of such radius.

8. Any member of the Society may become a life member by paying the sum of £10 10s. to the funds of the Society. Provided that any member who has paid not less than ten years' subscriptions, and whose current year subscription is paid, may be admitted on payment of £5 5s.

9. If any member's subscription be in arrear for two (2) years, he shall cease to be a member, if the Council so directs.

10. Any member who may desire to resign must send a written intimation to that effect to the Secretary on or before the 30th day of June, otherwise he will be held responsible for another year's subscription.

#### RESTORATION.

11. The Council may upon such terms as it shall think fit re-enrol as a member any person who shall have ceased to be a member, otherwise than by the operation of rule 43.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

12. Gentlemen eligible for election as ordinary members, in recognition of services rendered to the

Society or of distinguished public service, may, on the unanimous vote of the Council or of a general meeting of the Society, be elected as honorary members for such period as the Council or general meeting may determine.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

13. Gentlemen of any nationality may, on the unanimous vote of the Council, or of a general meeting of the Society, be elected associate members of the Society for a period not exceeding twelve months upon payment of not less than one guinea. No person shall be eligible for election as an associate member unless recommended by the Council.

#### LADY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

14. Any lady being a Scotswoman or a daughter or granddaughter of a native of Scotland, or a widow of a deceased member of the Society or of a person who would have been eligible for ordinary membership, may be elected as a lady associate member without any limitation as to her length of membership. The subscription payable by a lady associate member shall be one guinea a year. Lady associate members shall not be entitled to attend the regular meetings of the Society, or to take any part in the business thereof, or to hold any office in the Society. The rules applicable to the election of ordinary members shall apply.

#### MANAGEMENT.

15. The affairs of the Society, together with the custody of its property, shall be vested in a Council comprising a Chief, two Chieftains, a Treasurer, a

Secretary, and eight Directors, to be elected as hereinafter provided, and those members who have filled the office of Chief of the Society.

## DUTIES OF THE CHIEF AND CHIEFTAINS.

16. The Chief shall preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Society, preserve order and enforce the rules, put all motions and announce the result of same, give a casting-vote when necessary, and announce all votings and ballotings of the Society. He shall sign all orders for such money as a vote of the Society or Council shall order to be paid. He shall have power to call special meetings of the Society, and shall be ex officio a member of all Committees appointed by the Society. He shall also marshal the Society at any celebration, and on all public and festive occasions.

17. The Senior Chieftain present shall, in the absence of the Chief, preside and in every respect perform the duties of Chief.

18. In the absence of the Chief and Chieftains, the Council or Society shall elect a Chairman for the time being.

19. A gold badge shall be presented to each Chief of the Society on retiring from office.

## POWERS OF CONTROL.

20. The exercise of any power vested in the Council may be controlled by the Society in general meeting.

21. Four members of the Council shall form a quorum, and may transact any business which the Council is authorised to transact.

22. In addition to any other powers hereby conferred the Council shall—

- (a) Convene all meetings of the Society and determine the business to be transacted at such meetings:
- (b) Receive the revenues and other moneys of the Society, and apply the same in furtherance of its objects, or as may be specially directed by the Society:
- (c) Provide for the safe custody of the seal, the original papers, and all other property of the Society:
- (d) Enter into and execute all contracts and engagements of the Society:
- (e) Prepare the annual report and financial statement:
- (f) Regulate the meetings of the Council as a majority thereof shall determine:
- (g) Generally for regulating the affairs, property, business and interests of the Society.

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS.

23. Council Meetings shall be held on such days as may be determined by the Council.

24. A Special Meeting of the Council may be called by the Chief or by requisition of any two members of the Council, signified in writing to the Secretary, and not less than two days' notice of same shall be given to members.

25. Should any member of the Council absent himself from three consecutive meetings, the Council may declare such member's seat vacant.



26. Any vacancies occurring in the Council during the year may be filled up by the Council for the remainder of the vacating member's term of office.

### ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

27. At each annual meeting the Chief, one Chieftain, four Directors, the Treasurer, and the Auditors, shall retire from office. The meeting shall then elect a Chief, five Directors, the Treasurer and the Auditors, and if any member shall so require, such election shall be by ballot. The Council as then constituted shall elect from their number one Director, to fill the office of Chieftain.

28. The Directors to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since last election, or in case of equal tenure of office, those to retire shall be decided by lot.

29. The Secretary shall be appointed by and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Council.

30. Retiring Officers and Directors shall be eligible for re-election. Nominations for office-bearers must be lodged with the Secretary in writing at least seven clear days before the 1st of July in each year.

### SEAL AND SEALHOLDER.

31. The Common Seal shall have the name of the Society inscribed upon it, and such Common Seal shall be kept at the office of the Society, and shall be held by the Secretary, who shall, for the purposes of the Act, be deemed to be the Sealholder, and the said Common Seal shall not be affixed to any deed, instrument, or document, except under and by virtue of a minute of the Council, and in the presence of at



business for which the meeting has been convened and none other shall be transacted at such meeting.

36. Honorary and Associate Members shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting or take part in the business of the Society.

37. Ten members shall be a quorum. If at any meeting a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes after the hour of meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a day and time to be appointed by those present, not being earlier than seven days.

38. Three days' notice at least shall be given of every meeting and of the principal items of business to be transacted thereat.

39. Notice shall be given to the members resident in South Australia by circular, or in such other manner as may be determined by the Council.

#### BY-LAWS.

40. The Council may make, repeal, alter and vary by-laws for regulating and determining:

The Officers to whom subscriptions are to be paid:

The forms to be used:

The procedure at meetings:

The encouragement to be given by the Society by means of scholarships, medals, prizes, or otherwise for the promotion of the Society's objects.

The duties of the Secretary, Treasurer, Auditors, and other Officers:

And generally for the better carrying out the objects, rules, and purposes of the Society.

41. The Society may by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present at any quarterly meeting make any rule or repeal alter or vary any existing rule, provided that the member wishing to make such rule or alter or vary any rule must give notice of his intention at the quarterly meeting immediately preceding.

42. In the construction of the rules of the Society unless the subject or context requires a different meaning:

“Prescribed” means prescribed by by-law:

“Member” means only life and ordinary member:

“Society” means The South Australian Caledonian Society.

Words denoting the singular number only shall be deemed to include the plural and vice versa.

43. If any member shall be guilty of any conduct that is injurious or prejudicial to the interests of the Society, or shall be guilty of any conduct that is unbecoming a member of the Society, the Council shall have power to take cognizance thereof, and if in its judgment any charge to the above effect has been proved against a member, to bring the result of their decision before either a Special or General Meeting of the Society, which shall have the power of expelling such offending member by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present.

44. All rules and by-laws of the Society heretofore in force are hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

Form of Nomination of Member.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CALEDONIAN  
SOCIETY, INCORPORATED.

To the Secretary of  
The S.A. Caledonian Society (Incorporated).

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I desire to be nominated as a member of the South Australian Caledonian Society, Incorporated, and agree if elected to be bound and abide by the rules of the Society.

Name.....

Occupation.....

Address .....

Signature.....

Birthplace in Scotland of

- (a) Self, (b) Parent,
- (c) Grandparent, or
- (d) Greatgrandparent

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Proposed by.....

Seconded by.....

## BY-LAWS

*Adopted 23rd June, 1911.*

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### PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS.

1. All motions must be duly seconded before they can be entertained.
2. When a motion is duly made and seconded, the Chairman shall state the same to the Society before it can be discussed.
3. All motions must be reduced to writing when the Chairman shall so order it.
4. No motion shall be in order while the question is under debate, except to amend or lay on the table. A motion to lay on the table shall preclude debate, as likewise a motion of the previous question.
5. No motion for re-consideration shall be in order unless moved for by a member who voted in the majority.
6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless by a call to order or for explanation.
7. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the chair, and confine his remarks to the subject under debate; and no member (except the mover of a motion, who shall have the right of reply) shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, and not more than five minutes at any one time, unless by permission from the Chair.

8. When a member is called to order he shall be seated until the point of order is settled, when he may proceed.

9. No religious or political questions shall be discussed.

10. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS. SECRETARY.

11. (a) The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society, read minutes of meetings, conduct all correspondence, keep a roll of members, receive subscriptions and other moneys due to the Society, and pay the same into the Society's Banking Account, and at the quarterly meetings of the Society bring up a summary of all business transacted by the Council during the previous quarter, and prepare for the Annual Meeting a list showing attendance of members at Council Meetings during the year. He shall pay all accounts passed for payment by the Council by cheques signed by himself and the Treasurer, and shall keep a correct account of his transactions with and for the Society, and present a report of the same yearly at the Annual Meeting, giving a summary of the total receipts and disbursements of the Society up to the 31st July in each year, and shall submit his accounts and books to the Auditors yearly, or whenever the Council or Society may direct.

(b) He shall also present to the Annual Meeting a report of the proceedings of the Society for the past year, and generally shall perform such duties as may be directed by the Chief or by the Society.

(c) Whenever required by the Council he shall deliver up all moneys, valuables, books, papers, property, and effects in his hands belonging to the Society to his successor in office, or to such person as the Council may direct.

(d) The Secretary shall be ex officio a member of all Committees appointed by the Society, and of all Sub-Committees appointed by the Council, unless otherwise resolved.

#### TREASURER.

12. The Treasurer shall jointly with the Chief and Secretary sign cheques for the payment of all accounts authorised by the Council to be paid, sign the annual balance-sheet, and generally supervise all the financial affairs of the Society.

#### AUDITORS.

13. The Auditors shall at least once in every year make an audit of the books of the Society, and, if satisfactory, give a certificate to that effect, or otherwise make a report to the Council prior to the Annual Meeting in August.

#### HONORARY PIPERS.

14. The Honorary Pipers shall attend all General Meetings and public engagements of the Society and play thereat, as may be requested by the Chief.

#### BY-LAWS AS TO SCHOLARSHIPS.

Whereas it is necessary to formulate by-laws for the government, allotment, and control of any scholarship in connection with the S.A. Cale-



donian Society, it is agreed that the following rules shall be those under which the scholarship shall be governed:

1. Every candidate entitled to apply for a scholarship shall be a child of a member of the S.A. Caledonian Society, Incorporated. Provided that such member has been financially good on the books of the Society, and a member thereof, for 12 months previous to the date of nomination for such scholarship.

2. The age of a candidate shall not be less than 12 nor more than 16 years at the date of nomination.

3. The scholarship shall be tenable for such period as the Council shall direct at the time of nomination.

4. A successful candidate shall not be eligible to win more than one scholarship in the Society.

5. The Council shall decide whether more than one child of a member shall be eligible to hold a scholarship.

6. A scholarship shall be held during good behaviour only, and on condition that the holder shall resign the same when called upon to do so by the Council convened for that purpose.

7. The Council shall have power to appoint one or more person or persons to be the examiner from time to time of candidates for scholarship, and his or their report shall be final as regards the result of the examination.

8. The standard of examination shall extend and include the following subjects: dictation, composition, grammar, writing, arithmetic, and geography.

9. No examination for scholarship shall be held unless there is more than one candidate for examination.

10. It shall be competent for the Council to alter any of the foregoing rules should circumstances arise which in their opinion justify any such alteration.

