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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Society Inc., will be held at the Caledonian Hall, 379 King William Street, on Thursday, 9th August 1962 at 8.00 p.m.

The Chief, Sir A. Lyell McEwin, will preside.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 1961-62 will be presented.

The following nominations for election to office have been received, each duly proposed and seconded:

Chief: Sir A. Lyell McEwin.  
Directors: E. Gordon, H. Groves, S. Hinze, R. McLeod, J. Pattullo  
Treasurer: R.K. Murdoch.

As the number of nominations is the same as the number of vacancies, no ballot will be necessary.

After the formal business, there will be a programme of typically Scottish entertainment, including vocal and instrumental items, films of Scotland in colour and sound, and a display by our pipe and drum band.

Ladies are requested to bring a basket supper.

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WH' A NICHT!

Debutante Ball - Prelude and Interlude

The evening of 23 May this year will go down in the annals of the Society as a night of startling contrasts.

Outdoors, just at a time when ticket-holders were dressing for the occasion and pleasure-seekers were making up their minds whether to attend the Ball or not, a torrential rain storm swept across the city and suburbs, flooding the streets and making roads almost impassable. It was a black and boisterous night filled with gloom and despair.

Yet inside the Adelaide Town Hall, all was bright and gay. There, in the warmth and shelter of an artistically decorated ballroom, four hundred young people and their friends danced away the hours until midnight, enjoying every moment of the programme and pausing only to see a spectacular presentation of debutantes.

It is hard to say who enjoyed themselves most - the official guests including His Excellency, the Governor and Lady Bastyan, who remained until a late hour; the debutantes and their kilted partners, who performed their respective parts with grace and poise; or the scores of dancers who entered light-heartedly into the evening's entertainment.

There is no doubt that the attendance would have reached five hundred, possibly six hundred, if the rain storm had not come at such a critical time. The financial returns, too, would have been much better,

Nevertheless, the evening was a great social success and reflected credit on all concerned.

Those who made their curtsies to the Governor were Helen Murdoch, Elizabeth Pattullo, Heather McLeod, Helen Davey, Janet Gale, Elizabeth Ayling, Ashley Kimber, Irene Livingston, and Carol Roberts.

They had been trained by Mrs. K. Litchfield who, with her husband, was present in the official party, which included the Chief, Sir Lyell McEwin, Lady McEwin, the

Reverend R.S.C. Blance and Mrs. Blance, Chieftain A. McKinnon and Mrs. McKinnon.

The Ladies Auxiliary, under the guidance of Lady McEwin and Mrs. J. Hislop, was responsible for the floral decorations. Mr. L. Hiven was master of ceremonies. Other essential duties were carried out by members of the Social Committee and Council.

And so, despite the rain and wind, it was a well satisfied four hundred that splashed its way home in the small hours of the morning. Such were the contrasts on the occasion of our Debutante Ball for 1962.

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#### PIPE BAND BALL

This is better known to Caledonians as the Clansmen's Ball. The only reason for using another title here is to remind readers that proceeds will be in aid of our pipe band which is in urgent need of money. In fact, if it had not been for a substantial donation from the Queen competition fund, the band would have been "in the red" months ago.

Even so, there is little in reserve for badly needed repairs and replacements. Much more than "hot air" is required to keep a pipe band playing year after year. It needs enthusiasm, encouragement, practical support and it needs money.

The opportunity of making a worthwhile contribution to this end and, at the same time, of getting something tangible in return, will be ours on Friday, 17th August, when the Band Committee will hold its annual Clansmen's Ball at the Norwood Town Hall.

Dancing will start at 8.00 p.m. and continue until midnight, with breaks for a floor show or two,

Admission will be only 15/- for adults and 7/6 for children under 14 years.

What is even more amazing is that these prices include supper!

Tickets are obtainable from the Society's Secretary, Mr. N.T. Hardie; from the Band Secretary, Mr. E. Gordon; or from any of the pipers and drummers.

Table bookings should be made with Mr. Gordon, either by letter to 31 Jackson Terrace, Enfield, or by telephone 62-1639.

We suggest you book your table now and make up your party later.

Remember the price - only 15/-, with supper included.

Of course, you will be there, won't you?

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#### REMEMBER YOU THIS?

In our previous issue, we mentioned that a proposal had been made to hold a special social dance evening to show our appreciation of the work done by Miss Elizabeth Pattullo and her parents in connection with the Highland Games Queen Competition. We are pleased to announce that the Social Committee has set aside Saturday 18th August for this important occasion.

A glance at our financial statements will show that the sum of £653 was raised in the competition. Of this amount, £33 was donated to the Crippled Children's Assn. of S.A. Inc., £130 to the Games Association and £490 was placed to the credit of our General Account.

Although much of this was derived from separate sources, an appreciable amount was raised by the Pattullo family itself.

It was due, in large measure, to Elizabeth's willingness to accept nomination and to devote herself wholeheartedly to the cause that we were able to lay down a clear cut policy and co-ordinate our efforts in a planned campaign.

We can show our gratitude by attending this special dance arranged in her honour.

The Chief and Lady McEwin will be present.

Dancing will start at 8.00 p.m. A first rate band will provide the music and a programme of popular dances will be followed.

Admission will be 3/- for adults and 1/- for children.

Remember the date, Saturday 18th August.

CHANGE STEPSaturday night dances - past and present

Those who have had the pleasure of attending the Society's Saturday night dances have noted a significant change which has taken place in the past twelve months.

A year ago, when the Society's Balmoral Club held its meetings in the Callie Hall, the great majority of dancers were teenagers with a "pash" for rock and roll, jive and other fantastic gyrations. But, after a month or so, a change set in. New faces appeared and new ideas were introduced. The Club went out of existence.

Today, there is a much wider age-range of dancers. There are now as many middle-aged patrons as there are young people. Family groups are becoming more numerous. The programme of dances, too, is different. It includes old style and new, in pleasing variety and sequence, with a good old Scottish hop thrown in for extra pleasure.

Under these conditions the "Social hours, swift winged, un-noticed fleet" and the Saturday night dance becomes a weekly attraction that cannot be missed.

This must surely be a source of satisfaction to the Social Committee which has striven hard to boost attendances and provide programmes which appeal to all age-groups.

Those who merit a word of commendation are the secretary Mrs. Shirley Stace, the masters of ceremonies Dudley McCallum and Roy McLeod, and the chairman of the committee John Ogg.

Readers who are looking for a well conducted dance evening could do no better than go along to the Caledonian Hall on Saturdays and "change step" there with scores of other well satisfied patrons. .

Try it; you'll like it!

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TAKE NOTE

The bagpipe is a reed instrument of great antiquity. Of that there is no doubt, for similar instruments were known in ancient Egypt, Chaldaea and Greece.

Besides antiquity, there is also the characteristic of complexity, as anyone who has tried to play this perverse contraption will quickly testify. Even the scale is tricky - that of A. major with a natural G, and with the C and F something between the sharp and the natural.

But the real bagpipe enthusiast is oblivious to all these intricacies, when he receives instruction and encouragement from a sympathetic tutor. Evidence of this can be seen at the Callie Hall on Thursday and Friday evenings when Mr. Dan McGregor, an expert in piping, gives chanter lessons to those who are keen to learn.

So "take note" and thrill to the skirl of the pipes at the Caledonian Hall every Thursday and Friday evening. Beginners are invited to come along and make enquiries.

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HALLOW'EEN

Unless something unforeseen happens in the matter of a venue suitable for our Hallow'een, this year's celebration will take place at the Palais Royal on Friday 26th October.

At the moment, we are awaiting confirmation of our application for the hire of the Palais on the above date. We shall announce our plans as soon as a reply is received.

It is possible that a decision will be made known before the Annual Meeting on Thursday 9th August next.

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ST. ANDREW'S DAY DINNERA Prediction

It is likely that St. Andrew's Day dinner will be held at Anzac House Memorial Hall, a fine new building, with modern appointments, at the R.S.L. Headquarters, 27 Angas Street, Adelaide. It can be divided by folding partitions into two sections, each spacious enough to accommodate 200 diners without any possibility of over-crowding

Can we fill one such section?

Some say yes; others say no.

Much will depend on the price of the tickets. We are hoping - even determined - to keep the cost down to the lowest possible amount consistent with the quality of the fare and service which we have come to expect at such gatherings.

Definite information on this question will be announced in our October issue.

The main point to keep in mind now is the date, 30th November next.

Please enter this engagement in your diaries and let nothing deter you from attending this important commemorative function.

St. Andrew's Day Dinner - Friday 30th November, 1962.

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#### HERE AND THERE

1. We extend congratulations to Mr. D. Hogarth, now Mr. Justice Hogarth Q.C., on his elevation to the Supreme Court bench.  
He was appointed a Director of the Society in August last year.  
Recently he drew up the Articles of Incorporation of the Adelaide Highland Games Association and, with a rare skill, set up the framework of its executive and administrative bodies.  
He has taken a prominent part in many cultural and sporting activities.
2. Neither Mr. A. McKinnon nor Mr. A. Milne seeks re-election to office. Both merit praise for the work they have done on our behalf. Mr. McKinnon won recognition for the part he took in organising fund-raising functions, while Mr. Milne played an important role in band affairs.
3. The Kenneth McKellar-Jimmy Shand concert party will arrive at the Adelaide Airport on Friday 31st August at 2.00 p.m. It will give two concerts while in Adelaide, the first at the Town Hall on 31st August and the other at Odeon Theatre Unley on 1st September at 8 p.m.
4. We are grateful to Mr. L. Niven, our Chief Instructor at the Bairns Class, for the steps he is taking to maintain the interest of his pupils and to improve their proficiency in the art of Highland dancing. His long experience and exceptional ability as an instructor, will ensure success in this regard, provided, of course, parents and pupils co-operate fully at all times.  
We thank also Harry Fairbanks, Graham Leslie and Robert Pattullo for piping dance tunes at these classes.
5. "And so say all of us!" said voluntary helpers when they heard Mrs. X declare that it was about time the Society started renovating the Callie kitchen. (see May issue of Caledonian Quarterly). Well, Mrs. X and other fair associates, the job is nearly finished. New flooring has been laid and its surface smoothed; large cupboards have been installed, electrical fittings repaired and walls repainted. That mouse you complained about has been caught and killed.  
All's well in the kitchen tonight!
6. Dates to remember:-
 

Thursday	9th August	-	Annual Meeting. Plate supper.
Friday	17th August	-	Clansmen's Ball, Norwood Town Hall.
Saturday	18th August	-	Social dance for Callie Queen.
Friday	26th October	-	Hallow'een.
Friday	30th November	-	St. Andrew's Day Dinner.

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#### WHAT FOLLOWS NOW?

The foregoing sections of this "Quarterly" issue are intended to keep members informed on current affairs in the Society and on important events in the coming few months. What follows is a summarised version of a report which our Secretary is required, by the Society's by-law 9 (b) to present to the Annual Meeting. This requirement is only one of the many duties which Mr. Hardie is called upon to do in the course of his work. His comments upon income and expenditure make interesting reading, while

those on membership give rise to a degree of concern. Here, now is the Secretary's report:

### THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

N.T.R. Hardie

#### THE CHIEF

Our worthy Chief, the Hon. Sir A. Lyell McEwin, K.B.E., and Lady McEwin, have visited a number of sister societies in the year under review, and have endeared themselves to Scots wherever they have met. These visits, and the Chief's prominence in the Adelaide Highland Games, have brought about a close liaison between the Society and other bodies, and have established a cordial reciprocity which, in the end, must result in mutual benefit,

It is pleasing to report that the Chief has acceded to a request from members of the Council to continue in office for a further term.

#### COUNCIL

In September 1961, Council appointed Mr. F. Hislop as a Chieftain. It met on 12 occasions with attendances as shown:-

Chief 10, Past Chief J. Soutar 12; Chieftains F. Hislop 7 and A. McKinnon 9; Directors L. Niven 8; S. Hinze 11; D.R. McCallum 11; R.S. McLeod 9; A. Milne 1; J. Pattullo 12; C. Martin 10; D. Hogarth 9; Treasurer K. Murdoch 9.

Under Rule 15 of the Constitution, the Chief, five directors and the treasurer retire from office at the Annual Meeting. To fill the vacancies thus made, nominations have been received as follows:-

Chief: Sir A. Lyell McEwin  
Directors: E. Gordon, H. Groves, S. Hinze, R.S. McLeod and J. Pattullo  
Treasurer: K. Murdoch

As there are only sufficient nominations to fill vacancies, those members who have been nominated will be elected to office at the Annual Meeting.

#### MEMBERSHIP

At the beginning of the year, membership strength was 519; at the close of the year there were 484 members. This allows for 30 new members admitted and a loss of 65 former members. Of this latter number 41 were struck off the roll, under Rule 9, for failing to meet their obligation in respect to arrears.

#### FINANCE

Submitted herewith are financial statements on:

Income and Expenditure Account for 1961-62.  
Assets and Liabilities as at 30th June 1962.  
Boys Scholarship Account as at 30th June 1962.  
Building Improvement Fund as at 30th June 1962.

The Income and Expenditure Account discloses that receipts exceeded payments by £299-4-10. Expenditure, when compared with 1960-61, shows economies in most categories, with the notable exception of the Bairns Class, Printing and Stationery, Rates and Taxes, and Telephone.

Income from the Bairns Class fell from £44 to £29, and there was the additional expenditure of £12 for the purchase of a presentation photograph.

The Printing and Stationery Account was affected by the introduction of the Caledonian Quarterly in lieu of the quarterly circular. However, this additional expense was more than offset by the very considerable savings in postage as reflected in the Sundry Expenses Account. This latter is £60 less than last year.

Rates and taxes, amounting to £425-7-2 are charges over which the Council has no control.

The Telephone Account for 1960-61 was below normal mainly because in that period the Adelaide Highland Games Association contributed substantially for its use, whereas in 1961-62 the Society itself was solely responsible for the charges, apart from calls to the value of £1-0-0; hence the disparity in costs between the two periods.

#### INCOME

Overall income rose slightly from £2122 in 1960-61 to £2180 in 1961-62. Appreciable increases occurred in receipts from the Games Queen Competition (£124) Rent (£60) and Subscriptions (£33). Substantial decreases occurred in receipts from

the Bairns Class (£36); Debutante Ball (£100) and Highland Games Ball (£41).

No significant amount has as yet been contributed by the Social Committee because it has been functioning only a few months, since April last in fact

There is reason for concern in regard to the Debutante Ball. A drop in attendance, along with a rise in costs, resulted in only a small margin of profit, £11-8-3 in contrast to £111-12-2 in the previous year. Although the Highland Games Ball netted £170-7-7, this amount is £41 less than the 1961 effort. It would appear that these two social events are losing ground as important sources of income.

An examination of our financial records shows convincingly that only by the efforts of our Queen competition Committee and supporters were we able to keep our accounts in a reasonably satisfactory condition.

#### BUILDING.

Improvements have been made to the main hall by the provision of a folding partition to convert a large alcove into a commodious room at the south east corner of the building. This room is leased by day to Muirden College on a monthly rental basis. It is available at night for hire by interested bodies or for use by the Society.

#### BAIRNS CLASS.

This group began its 1962 season in March last and to date 72 bairns have registered. This compares with 85 at the same time last year; with 114 in June 1960 and 149 in June 1959. Numbers here, as well as the Debutante Ball, have diminished in the past few years.

So important is the worth of this class in fostering Highland dancing and in providing good healthy entertainment that Council feel it imperative to find ways and means of restoring membership to its former strength. To this end it invites constructive suggestions, in writing and addressed to the Secretary.

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### ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY PIPE BAND

#### Secretary's Report

Because I am not fully conversant with the affairs of the Band prior to my appointment as Secretary on 6th March last, this report will not be as detailed as I would wish.

At that time, the Band was short of pipers, and unfortunately the position has not improved. With several engagements for the Festival of Arts close at hand, it was necessary to obtain outside assistance to carry out these contracts satisfactorily. Because of this shortage of pipers, the Band was unable to take part in the "selection" contest at the Highland Games in April.

In the period from July to March the band fulfilled a number of engagements including the Royal Show, the A.B.C. and Channel 2 T.V. It also had several country engagements including the Peterborough Carnival. This latter has become an annual fixture for the band. It is hoped that our strength of pipers will improve so that we can accept every engagement in the forthcoming year.

At this juncture, I would like to thank Mr. Dan McGregor for being so willing to conduct chanter classes. There are six pupils attending on Friday evenings and Mr. McGregor's enthusiasm is so great that he is prepared to give lessons on Thursday evenings also.

During the past twelve months, the financial position became very serious and it was only the donation of £90 from the Society's Queen Fund (for assistance rendered by the Band) which enabled us to finish with a clear balance. The comparatively poor state of our finances was brought about largely by having badges made for sale and a loss on the Clansmen's Ball. These together amounted to over £90. Expenses for uniforms and equipment were also considerable during the year. It is hoped that every assistance will be given during the next financial year to improve the present position.

On behalf of the band, I would like to express our thanks to the followings:-

Past Chief J. Soutar and Chieftains F. Hislop and A. McKinnon who have been of great assistance to us as Council representatives on the Band Management Committee.

To the Secretary of the Society, Mr. N. Hardie, who has done evrything that has been asked of him and who has been of great assistance to me.

To the Band Auditors Mr. D. Louder and Mr. F. Hawkins for their honorary work in auditing the Band accounts.

To the members of the Bairn's class who have willingly assisted us by dancing whenever required.

To the Chief, Sir A. Lyell and Lady McEwin for their support throughout the year.

Finally, to the members of the Society who have given us assistance in many ways.

We sincerely hope this support will continue and help us put the band back in the sound position it has had for so many years.

In closing, I wish to thank all who have assisted me during my short term as Secretary.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1961/62

	<u>1960/61</u>	<u>1961/62</u>	<u>1960/61</u>	<u>1961/62</u>
	-	2.10. 0	6.14.11	<u>1961/62</u>
16.10. 0	Adelaide Festival of Arts	29.16. 2	6. 5. 3	Affiliation Fees
52.16. 5	Bairns Class Expenses	5.12. 7	12. 0	Bairns Class Expenses
260. 0. 0	Bairns Picnic	44.18. 3	24. 7. 9	Badges
29. 0. 0	Bairns Christmas Tree & Party	235. 0. 0	5.18. 0	Donations
-	Caretaker	27.10. 0	111.12. 2	Halloween Ball
126.13. 9	Depreciation	17.17. 0	211.15. 0	Highland Debutante Ball
73. 3. 4	Donations	97.16. 7	28. 6. 1	Highland Games Ball
130. 3. 8	Hall Expenses	53. 6. 6	862.13.10	Interest at Savings Bank of S.A.
57. 5. 0	Insurance	64.14. 7	592. 4.10	Rent Received
118. 8. 6	Lighting and Power	57.16. 0	-	Subscriptions
345. 5. 0	Pipe Band Honorariums	167.13. 4	272. 1. 8	Social Committee
520. 0. 0	Printing and Stationery	425. 7. 2		Highland Games Queen Competition
3. 4.11	Rates and Taxes	520. 0. 0		
133.19. 5	Secretary's Salary	9. 8. 9		
26.15. 2	St. Andrew's Day Dinner	73. 0. 9		
218.11. 0	Sundry Expenses	48. 8. 1		
	Telephone	299. 4.10		
	EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE			
		<u>£2180. 0. 7</u>		<u>£2180. 0. 7</u>



SUMMARY OF BOYS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1962

To Bal. as at 1-7-61	1124.15. 8	By Scotch College	48. 0. 0
" Interest on Electricity Trust of S.A. Debentures	45.13. 8	" Balance carried down	1155. 9. 4
" Interest - Prop. of Savings Bank Interest	9. 0. 0		
" Cash	24. 0. 0		
	<u>£1203. 9. 4</u>		<u>£1203. 9. 4</u>

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SUMMARY OF BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND AS AT 30TH JUNE 1962

To Balance as at 1-7-61	413. 6. 0	By Provision of Classroom in Alcove of Hall	153. 8. 0
" Donation Murray Bridge Caledon- ian Society	107.12.10	" Balance carried down	377. 0.10
" Interest - Prop. of Savings Bank Interest	9.10. 0		
	<u>£530. 8.10</u>		<u>£530. 8.10</u>

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ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY PIPE BANDStatement of Income & Expenditure for Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1962

		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
To General Expenses:-			
Stationery	24. 3. 1		
Photograph of Band	10. 2. 6		
Purchase of Badges	67. 7.11		
Honorarium Band Queen 1961	5. 0. 0		
Artists for Engagements	8. 0. 0		
Advertising	5.11. 0		
Pipe Bands Ass. Affiliation Fee	3. 1. 0		
Chanter Class Equipment	8.15. 0		
Membership Royal Caledonian Society	<u>37.16. 0</u>		203. 4. 8
To Clansmen's Ball			186. 0. 8
To Uniforms and Equipment			159.12. 4
To Members disbursement and recoupment of wages			166.18. 0
To Clansmen's Ball 1962 Hall Hire paid in advance			<u>25. 0. 0</u>
			<u>£740.15. 8</u>
		<u>INCOME</u>	
By engagements		345. 2. 0	
By Sundries		9. 4. 6	
Interest at Savings Bank		5. 3. 3	
By Highland Games Queens Proportion Proceeds from Royal Caledonian Society		90. 0. 0	
By Sale of Badges		6.10. 0	
By Clansmen's Ball		161. 0. 6	
Excess Payments over Receipts		<u>85.19. 5</u>	
			<u>£740.15. 8</u>

ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY PIPE BANDBalance of Funds as at 30th June, 1962

## Funds in Various Accounts :-

General Fund	28.18. 0
Uniform & Equipment	97.14. 3
Members Fund	<u>28.12. 9</u>
Bank Balance as per Bank Statement Reconciled with Cash Book	155. 7. 0

E. GORDON Secretary.