



The Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia Inc

Founded as the SA Caledonian Society – August 1881
ABN 67 103 096 385

Patron: His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce CSC ASC Governor of South Australia

Chief – Roselee Bruce

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held Monday 17th September, 2012 at the Rosefield Uniting Church Hall, 2 Carlton Street, Highgate.

- Welcome:** The Chief Christina Forbes Cockerill was piped in by Chief's Piper Hamy Marcelin at 7.52pm.
- Apologies:** Apologies were received from: Lennox & Robin Pawson, Geoff Holden, Mary Buckley, Tom & Ethel Hunter, Erica Cox, IPC Anne Miller, Malcolm Orchard, Jeannette McDonald & Andrew Wilson, Ron Holliday, Lauren Lyons, Sheila McKenna, Alf Payne.
- Welcome:** The Chief Christina Forbes Cockerill welcomed all in attendance. As listed below.
Hamy & Pam Marcelin, Kym Atwell, Alec & Heather McLachlan, Ian Richardson, Sue & John Freebairn, Ann Calver, Margot Herde, Bob Moffatt, Ivor Willmott, Dan, Stephanie & Dominic Meehan, Ron Layton, Ann & Wally Wickham, Heather Pennell, Rosemary McKay, Don McQueen, James & Catherine McKenna

1. Minutes of 2011 Annual General Meeting:

The Chief advised that the Minutes of 2011 Annual General Meeting were considered at the next Council Meeting following the Annual General Meeting, and were approved as a true and correct record and were signed as such by the Chief. Previous AGM Minutes noted.

2. Council's Annual Report

The Council's Annual Report was circulated to all members in the August Caledonian.

Chief spoke briefly to her report. That the Chief's report be accepted.

Moved: Chief Christina Cockerill, Seconded Dan Meehan.

CARRIED

3. Annual Accounts & Auditor's Certificate:

The Treasurer, Ian Richardson, formally tabled the Statement of Accounts of the Society for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, a copy of which had been sent to all members. The Treasurer advised that the audit of the Accounts had not yet been completed but the Accounts were in the hands of the Auditors. Members were asked if there were any questions.

That the Statement of Accounts of the Society for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 be received and adopted.

Moved: Treasurer Ian Richardson, Seconded: PC Ann Calver,

CARRIED

4. Pipe Band Report

The 2011 – 2012 Annual Report of the Society's Pipe Band was delivered verbally by Pipe Major Dan Meehan. Copy is attached to this report.

That the Pipe Band's Annual Report be accepted.

Moved Pipe Major Dan Meehan, Seconded Dominic Meehan

CARRIED

5. Election of the Officers of the Society

The Chief declared that the positions of Chief, Treasurer and 2 Directors be declared vacant.

Piper Heather Pennell took over the Chair for the election of officers.

5.1 Chief

The Chair advised that, as there had been only one nomination for the position of Chief of the Society, nominee Roselee Bruce was elected unopposed for a one year term.

5.2 Treasurer

The Chair advised that as there had been only one nomination for the position of Treasurer of the Society, nominee Ian Richardson was elected unopposed as Treasurer for a one year term.

5.3 Directors

The Chair advised that, as there had been two nominations for the four vacant positions of Director of the Society, nominees Rosemary McKay and IPC Christina Cockerill were elected unopposed for a two year term. Although Christina as IPC holds an ex officio position on Council she has elected to nominate for Council as she is to take on the Secretary position which has been vacated by the new Chief Roselee Bruce.

There are therefore 2 empty positions on Council for Directors if anyone would like to nominate.

Those elected for office were asked to stand and thanked by Chief and all present

6. Appointment of Auditor

The Chief advised that, in accordance with Clause 20.1 of the Constitution, it was necessary to appoint an Auditor for the 2012-2013 year. The Chief advised that the current Auditor, HK Thomas & Co, trading as Peloton Financial Services, had indicated their willingness to continue.

That the Auditors for 2012-2013 be H K Thomas & Co. trading as Peloton Financial Services.
Moved: Margo Herde, Seconded: Dan Meehan, CARRIED

7. Confirmation of the Minutes of this Annual General Meeting

The Chief sought a motion for the Confirmation of the Minutes of this Annual General Meeting at the Council Meeting next following their preparation.

That the Minutes of this Annual General Meeting be considered and, if appropriate, confirmed by the first meeting of the Council of the Society after such Minutes have been prepared.

Moved: PC Ann Calver, Seconded: IPC Ann Wickham.

CARRIED

8. Agenda Item

Proposed Changes to the John Ogg Trophy section of the Bylaws of the Society (as attached) Roselee Bruce, Dominic Meehan. Noted problems with wording. P.C.Ron Layton to propose amendments at a later time. Defer to next year's AGM

Would it be possible for the society to assist some pipers and drummers to attend a summer school in Melbourne. **Proposal from Dominic Meehan.** He was asked to submit something to Council in writing. To be raised and discussed at the next council meeting

9. Other Business

Contents of time capsule recovered from behind Foundation Stone at 379 King William St. Contents – newspaper, coins, Halloween information, Quarterly meeting, building fund information from 1925. Developers - Colangelo are willing to be part of a function to celebrate what has been found and keen to – noted reinstall the foundation stone in the new building. Full façade to be maintained.

10. The meeting closed at 8.45pm with the Chief's thanks to all those present for attending, and invited them to join in a shared supper.

Chief



Notice of 131st Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting of the Society will be held Monday 17th September, 2012
at the Rosefield Uniting Church Hall, 2 Carlton Street, Highgate.

Commencing at 8.00pm – Registration from 7.30pm.
Please bring a basket supper to share

AGENDA

- ✓ To receive apologies
- ✓ To welcome all present
- ✓ To note the Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting. These have already been confirmed in accordance with the resolution of that meeting.
- ✓ To consider and, if appropriate, adopt Council's Annual Report to Members (contained in the September Caledonian).
- ✓ To consider and, if appropriate, adopt the audited Annual Statement of Accounts.
- ✓ To receive the Pipe Band's Annual Report
- ✓ Election of Officers of the Society:
 - The following members of the Society have nominated :
 - Chief – Roselee Bruce
 - Treasurer – Ian Richardson
 - Directors for a two year term: (4 required) nominations received from Rosemary McKay (2 year term) Christina Forbes Cockerill (2 year term)There are therefore 2 empty positions for Directors if anyone would like to nominate.
- ✓ To appoint an Auditor for the ensuing twelve months. The current auditors H K Thomas & Co have indicated their willingness to continue.
- ✓ To authorise Council to consider and, if appropriate, confirm the Minutes of this Annual General Meeting at its first meeting after such Minutes are prepared.
- ✓ Any other business pre-advised to the Secretary before the nominated closing date.
- ✓ Agenda Item: Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of the Society (as attached)
- ✓ To close the meeting

Any member having an item they would like discussed at the AGM, please provide details to the Secretary, in writing, by no later than Close of Business on Friday 14th September

Please bring this and all attachments with you to the meeting as additional copies will not be available at the meeting.

Only Corporate Members whose 2011/12 and or 2012/13 subscriptions have been paid, Corporate Life Members and Honorary Life Members are entitled to move or second motions and vote.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO JOHN OGG TROPHY BY LAW 5.

5. THE JOHN OGG AWARD

- 5.1 In recognition of the services rendered over more than fifty (50) years to the Royal Caledonian Society Inc. and to Highland Dancing in general by John Ogg (1884-1982), the society has made available funds to finance the following:
- 5.1.1 \$200 to be awarded to any South Australian registered dancer who is either asked to dance at an event in Scotland, such as the Edinburgh Tattoo, or who is travelling to Scotland to compete in Highland Dance competitions.
 - 5.1.2 Each SA Registered dancer will only receive this award once, regardless of other trips to dance in Scotland.
 - 5.1.3 There may be several dancers apply for this award in one year. Each dancer will receive the full \$200. In some years there may be no such applications and no money will be paid out in those years.
 - 5.1.4 The dancer is to apply through their dancing school, and send their letter of application to the Society by the 30th June each calendar year.
 - 5.1.5 The application must include when they are going to Scotland and what their itinerary is whilst in Scotland.
 - 5.1.6 The presentation of the award to be made at the Annual Robert Burns Supper dance held in early July, unless the dancer has already left on their trip. The dancer to perform for those present at the Burns Supper before the presentation of their cheque.

HOW THE BYLAW LOOKS IN THE CURRENT FORM

5. THE JOHN OGG TROPHY CUP

- 5.1 In recognition of the services rendered over more than fifty (50) years to the Royal Caledonian Society Inc. And to Highland Dancing in general by John Ogg (1884-1982), the Society has made available a Cup to be competed for annually under the following conditions:
- 5.1.1 The competition shall be conducted by the Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia Inc at a place and time the Council may determine. The competition shall be the first competition to be danced following the lunch break;
 - 5.1.2 The competition shall be danced under the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing Rules in open competition by any premier dancer of fifteen (15) years or over on the date of the competition;
 - 5.1.3 The competition shall be danced as Championship steps over three (3) Highland Dances (eg Highland Fling, Sword Dance and Seann Triubhas) separate from other competitions being conducted by the Society;
 - 5.1.4 The Adjudicators shall be appointed by the Society from persons qualified under the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing;
 - 5.1.5 The cup, which shall be presented to the winner as soon as practicable following the dancing of the John Ogg Competition, shall remain the sole property of the Society, but each year it shall be inscribed with the name(s) of the winner(s);
 - 5.1.6 The winner shall receive a suitably inscribed trophy to be retained as his/her own property.

Background as to why the By Law needs changing.

The Royal Caledonian Society since 2010 is no longer running the Annual Highland Dancing Competition in May as it was getting too much work for too few volunteers, and also the number of registered dancers has fallen dramatically, and there are in our opinion too many competitions.

In 2011 we allowed SASHD run a competition with RCS sponsoring the John Ogg Trophy plus 2 other trophies the Lorna Marshall Trophy and Betty Niven Trophy. However, the competition was run with only 17 entrants. We had assumed it would be cancelled without sufficient entries, but we were not consulted and have since considered that this is a better way to help our senior dancers in their dance endeavours.



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held Monday 26th September, 2011 at the Rosefield Uniting Church Hall, 2 Carlton Street, Highgate.

Present: Those in attendance are recorded on the attached Membership list.

Apologies: Apologies were received from: PC Lennox Pawson, PC Ann Calver, Director Steve Schumacher, Rosemary McKay, Mary Buckley, Tom Hunter, Jackie Leslie, Grant Andrews, Erica Cox, Geoff Holden, Helen Fawcett, Michelle Roberts, Heather Mather, Kaye Gifford, Amy & David Wallis, Sarah Hardman, John Minney, Lauren Lyons, Catherine McKenna & Andrew Wilson.

Welcome: The Chief Christina Forbes Cockerill was piped in by pipe major Dan Meehan and welcomed all in attendance.

1. **Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting:**

The Chief advised that the Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting were considered at the next Council Meeting following the Annual General Meeting, and were approved as a true and correct record and were signed as such by the Chief. Previous AGM Minutes noted.

2. **Council's Annual Report**

The Council's Annual Report was circulated to all members in the September Caledonian.

Moved: David Porteous Seconded Heather Penhall

CARRIED

Chief Christina Forbes Cockerill spoke to the meeting, and thanked Council, Pipe Band and her family for their support in the last year especially in the last 10 months after the sudden passing of her Partner and Member Brian Spencer.

3. **Annual Accounts & Auditor's Certificate:**

The Treasurer, Ian Richardson, formally tabled the Statement of Accounts of the Society and the Pipe Band for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, a copy of which had been sent to all members. The Treasurer advised that the audit of the Accounts had not yet been completed but the Accounts were in the hands of the Auditors. Members were asked if there were any questions.

Moved: David Porteous, Seconded IPC Anne Miller that the accountant be asked to produce a balance sheet at the end of auditing, this is to be forwarded to Council and then onto Members via the Newsletter.

CARRIED

Moved: Treasurer Ian Richardson, Seconded: James McKenna, that the Statement of Accounts of the Society for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 be received and adopted, subject to the production of a balance sheet and them being approved by the Auditors.

CARRIED

4. **Pipe Band Report**

The 2010 – 2011 Annual Report of the Society's Pipe Band was delivered verbally by Pipe Major Dan Meehan.

Pipe Band has 21 pipers, 3 snares, 4 tenors, 1 bass, 1 Pipe Major. More drumming learners required. There has seen several new members join the Band since the last AGM. In the last year the Band has attended Laura Folk Festival, Kemewick Lowender Festival, ANZAC day services & March. The highlight of the year was the Band attending the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in August. Aim is to have informal BBQ gatherings last Sunday each month with members of the Society & other Pipe Bands attending.

Moved Pipe Major Dan Meehan, Seconded James McKenna.

CARRIED

PM Dan Meehan also produced a hard copy for the Council, which will be forwarded out to members with the next newsletter. A copy is attached.

5. **Election of the Officers of the Society**

This section of the meeting was chaired by Margaret Minney.

5.1 **Chief**

The Chair advised that, as there had been only one nomination for the position of Chief of the Society, nominee Christina Cockerill was elected unopposed for a one year term.

5.2 Treasurer

The Chair advised that as there had been only one nomination for the position of Treasurer of the Society, nominee Ian Richardson was elected unopposed as Treasurer for a one year term.

5.3 Directors

The Chair advised that, as there had been four nominations for the four vacant positions of Director of the Society, nominees Ann Wickham, Don McQueen, Dan Meehan and Malcolm Orchard were elected unopposed for a two year term.

The Chair advised that, there was one other nomination for a one year vacancy, from Rosemary McKay, and she was elected unopposed for the one year term.

Those elected for office were asked to stand and thanked by Chief and all present

6. Appointment of Auditor

The Chief advised that, in accordance with Clause 20.1 of the Constitution, it was necessary to appoint an Auditor for the 2011-2012 year. The Chief advised that the current Auditor, HK Thomas & Co, trading as Peloton Financial Services, had indicated their willingness to continue.

Moved: Malcolm Orchard, Seconded: Adam Gifford, that the Auditors for 2011-2012 be H K Thomas & Co. trading as Peloton Financial Services CARRIED

7. Confirmation of the Minutes of this Annual General Meeting

The Chief sought a motion for the Confirmation of the Minutes of this Annual General Meeting at the Council Meeting next following their preparation.

Moved: PC David Porteous, Seconded: IPC Anne Miller, that the Minutes of this Annual General Meeting be considered and, if appropriate, confirmed by the first meeting of the Council of the Society after such Minutes have been prepared. CARRIED

8. Agenda Item

The proposed changes to the Definitions and Objects of the Society in the Constitution were forwarded on 29th August 2011 to all members by Newsletter in compliance with clause 9.6 of the Constitution, together with the AGM Minutes of 2010 and the financial reports.

Speakers concerning the terms of the resolution were: PC David Porteous, IPC Anne Miller, Margaret Minney, John Freebairn, Sue Freebairn and John Strachan. After discussion the motion was

Moved: John Strachan, Seconded: PC David Porteous

That the Definitions in Clause 2.1 be altered to include:

"music" includes but is not limited to Scottish music;

"Scottish music" means music which is accepted by the members of the Society as Scottish music; and
The present Objects of the Society be deleted and be replaced with the following.

3.1 training, teaching, performing, displaying, providing information, judging and critiquing Scottish music, whether or not accompanied by dancing, piping or drumming.

3.1.2 encouraging the practice of and proficiency of the traditional Scottish acts of piping and drumming.

3.1.3 fostering and encouraging affiliation with kindred societies throughout South Australia, Australia and Internationally.

3.1.4 any activity which assists in the advancement and enhancement of the foregoing objects.

14 In favour, 6 against, and there was 1 abstention.

The motion was therefore **CARRIED**

9. Other Business

Notice from member Adam Gifford was received by the Secretary regarding:

The use of Society membership data bases for mail outs to members. Members were advised that this has been discussed at Council and will be given further discussion at future Council meetings.

Email of the RCS Newsletter to members. Notice to members for inclusion in the next newsletter if interested in receiving the newsletter electronically.

Website updates; website not current, pipes & drums have created their own website. Chief had proposed that Website be started again from scratch and will approach David Mather regarding the possibility of him creating and maintaining new website.

Proxy Voting: Member Mrs Robin Pawson has requested Council again look at the issue of members having the availability of voting by Proxy votes at future AGMs.

10. The meeting closed at 9.31pm with the Chief's thanks to all those present for attending, and invited them to join in a shared supper.

Chief

PROFILE OF CHIEFTAIN ROSELEE BRUCE – NOMINATED FOR CHIEF 2012

I first became involved with the Royal Caledonian Society when my daughters' Nadia & Stefanie started attending the Bairs dancing class in approx. 1987. During my time of involvement with the Society I have had many duties, from being the typist / editor of the newsletter, to being involved on the Catering Committee in the 1990's with Mrs Isobel McFarlane and Mrs Brenda McLean during which time we catered for weddings, dinners & Society functions. For a number of years during the 1990's I also assisted at the Wednesday & Sunday night dances by doing the door & supper duties. I left the Council of the Society for a few years & returned in approx. 2004 during which time I have taken on the roles of, Social Director, Chieftain and Secretary.

PROFILE OF DIRECTOR ROSEMARY MCKAY – NOMINATED FOR 2 YEAR TERM 2012-2014

Rosemary a daughter of Glasgow, Scotland, now resident in Waterfall Gully, South Australia, has been passionate about the oldest clipper ship in the world (older than the 'Cutty Sark') the '*City of Adelaide/Carrick*' ever since she first laid eyes on her in an article in the Adelaide Advertiser in 1994 - 18 years ago. Rosemary is an inaugural member of the *City of Adelaide* group and has visited the Clipper on a number of occasions in Irvine.

- Executive Member of the United Nations Association of Australia, SA
- Vice President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, SA
- Past Chair of the Australia-East Timor Friendship Association
- Member of the Australian West Papua Association, SA
- Member of The Robert Burns Society of South Australia
- Member of the Scottish Associations of South Australia representing TRBSOSA
- Member of the The Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Inc.

Rosemary who has had over 40 years experience in management and marketing at the University of South Australia and its antecedent South Australian Institute of Technology, has a passion for all things Scottish.

She left Scotland in 1959 on the PO Strathmore and still gets homesick. She has a son, Thomas, a daughter Kylie and a granddaughter Georgia whom she has taught to sing a stimulating rendition of.....'I belong to Glasgow'

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CHIEF'S REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR THE AGM HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2012

Cued Mile Faite – A hundred thousand welcomes

I welcome you to the 131st Annual General meeting of our Society and thank you for your attendance here this evening.

COUNCIL

Our Council meetings have recently changed venue. We used to hold them in the RUSI (Royal United Services Institute) headquarters in Keswick Barracks, and we thank Director Malcolm Orchard for his assistance in the use of their office during the last few years. We are now holding meetings at the United Nations Assoc., 57-81 Carrington Street, Adelaide. Thanks to Director Rosemary McKay for arranging this venue.

The Council, though smaller than the Constitution dictates has been operating very efficiently and also in a very friendly manner, and I thank every member for their contribution in making this possible. These things do not just happen.

My two Chieftains Ann Wickham and Roselee Bruce have been wonderful assistants to me and I thank them most sincerely for all their help.

Ian Richardson from our Pipes and Drums very kindly put his hand up for the position of Treasurer 2 years ago and has been a great asset to Council. He is always there when you ask for help and is very kind to deliver my Caledonian mail to my home when he clears the post office box.

Dan Meehan, Don McQueen and Ian Richardson as both members of the Pipes and Drums and Council have really added something special to our Council meetings. Council and I hope members feel closer to all the members of the band over the last few years. This is how it is supposed to be. We have all been working as a team and as the old saying goes, you only get out what you put in.

Steve Schumacher found it necessary due to work commitments to resign from Council during this last year. We thank him for his time on Council.

I am still preparing and printing the Caledonian Newsletter and also keeping the membership records lists, and will be reverting back to secretary duties now that my Secretary Roselee Bruce is going into the Chief's position. We are really just playing musical chairs.

There are still 2 (2 year) vacancies for director's positions if anyone is interested in taking on a more active role in the society.

Past Chief Ann Calver has not been able to attend many council meetings of late due to ill health and I hope that her condition improves.

Past Chief Lennox Pawson has not attended council meetings for some time now, but is still willing to lend a hand or give advice when required.

IPC Anne Miller has not been at all well since leaving office and so has not been able to attend Council meetings.

Chief's Piper

Mr Harry Marcelin has been Chief's piper for many years now, and serving many Chiefs. His kindness and willingness to pipe at many functions is really appreciated.

Honorary Chaplain

Rev Chris ten Broeke, Pastor at St Andrews Church, North Adelaide is our Honorary Chaplain and also kindly contributes a message in each of our Caledonian newsletters. The services that he conducts at the Presbyterian Church North Adelaide for Kirkin O the Tartan in July and for St Andrews Day in November are well attended by quite a few of our members and also many members of the other Scottish Societies.

Honorary Membership

Honorary Memberships were granted to Mr Wade Cloosterman for his assistance in maintaining our webpage and also to Mr Ian McDonald who is our Society accountant.

Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life Memberships has been granted to Chieftain Roselee Bruce. Last year there was a full compliment of 20 Honorary Life Members. Unfortunately during the past year two of our Honorary Life Members Ernie Dowler and Past Chief Jim Wallace passed away.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership has taken a bit of a tumble. There were quite a few members at the end of last financial year who decided not to renew for one reason or another. Unfortunately, with an ageing membership there is also the natural attrition of members and this will continue to gain momentum over the next decade. The membership currently stands at 144.

FINANCES

I thank our new Treasurer Ian Richardson for offering his services. Council has invested the Societies funds in a Share Portfolio and trust that this will keep our Capital abreast with inflation.

A HOME

The band are still quite happy with their accommodation at the Kensington RSL but they have had rather a large influx of learners and at times are stretched to the max. We were hoping that in the past year we would be able to get some improvements made for a storage and small ante room off of the kitchen, which would allow the learner pipers and drummers somewhere else to practice whilst the main band are in the hall area. It would also be a big help to have a store room for some of the items which are continually transported to the hall for functions. However, this has not eventuated and members of council have viewed a few properties during the year with a view to purchase, but nothing quite right has come along and we also have to be careful to keep enough in the coffers for the running of such a property etc.

CALEDONIAN NEWSLETTER

For many years I have printed the Caledonian, but some 4 years ago I also took on the preparation, editing, printing and posting of the newsletter. I do enjoy doing this, but hope that during the next year or two there will be someone who will take an interest in taking this job on in the future. I hope that you all enjoy the newsletter, and please remember that I need your input. If you have something suitable, either with or without pictures, please contact me either by phone or email. I am always looking for stories, news, trips, or even a funny Scottish joke. Malcolm Orchard supplies the Book Review for the Caledonian newsletter.

PIPES AND DRUMS

The Pipes and Drums have had a busy year. They have had a lot of learners coming in, which has stretched the accommodation at the KPRSL Hall. They are going to perform in Basel Switzerland next year and have been busy maintaining their drills and sharpness since Edinburgh. Everyone that hears them and sees them at our functions remarks on how good they look and sound and on how sharp they are.

As Chief I attend band meetings as Society representative and have witnessed the hard work and dedication and commitment from the leaders in getting everyone up to scratch with their playing, and all the extra work there is in getting them filled out in all their uniforms etc.

I sincerely thank all the band members for being such a wonderful help to me during the last 2 years. Not only have they performed at all the functions for our great enjoyment, but they have assisted with setting up prior to these functions and in packing up afterwards. I hope they have the feeling that we are all on the same team and that the Society really does care so much about their welfare.

OUR FUNCTIONS

We have only held St Andrews Supper Dance in December and Burns Supper Dance in July. Both were extremely successful social functions. The feeling of council was that the Society is better to have fewer, more successful functions. We are offering in our newsletter to assist with transport to either our functions or other society's functions. This is a way of supporting other societies and keeping Scottish culture alive. However, we have to this date not received any requests for travel assistance.

OTHER SOCIETIES AND CLUB FUNCTIONS attended by Chief and members

During the year there have been many other society, church, clubs, clan's functions that I and many of our members have attended. These are listed in my newsletters in detail.

I personally have over the last year represented the society at 39 functions, plus several band management meetings, SASCHD meetings and 8 council meetings.

ARCHIVES - HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY.

As reported in my report last year, after emptying the storage facility of all our memorabilia, I have scanned all the old Annual Reports, scanned all the old Newsletters and copied all the old photographs of our Chiefs, and all the general Society photos over the years.

These are now all available for you to peruse on our website www.rcs.org.au and click on Archives - one of the links at the top of the page.

I have still not been able to set up a data base of old members, and in a way it looks like too big a job to do considering that some members only joined for one year and then were gone. It would come into the thousands. I will try to make a data base of all the original members back in 1881 and see how much further on I can take it. This however will be a job for the future.

I have boxed a lot of this information up and given to the Mortlock Library for their archives. I will also be supplying them with an electronic version of all the archive material so that they can put it on their web site for researchers.

The bronze statue of Robert Burns has now been used at our Burns Supper and at the moment takes pride of place in my lounge, but will be going to the new Chief's residence soon.

There are about a dozen boxes of books, many of which are only fiction, and which we need to go through and work out what we are going to do with them. There may be some books which the Society will keep, but I think the large majority should either be sold or donated to Scotch College or Seymour College.

MY CLOSING MESSAGE

I have enjoyed my time as your Chief and hope that I have done you proud in representing you in and around the Scottish community. The last 2 years have certainly not been as I planned them to be, but being a Scot I have drawn on my resilience to make the most of what is, not what I would have liked it to be.

I know that the new Chief Roselee Bruce and her husband Ivor Willmott are prepared to travel around and represent our Society in the country and interstate as I had planned to do with my late partner Brian Spencer. I am sure that they will represent the Society very well and I wish them all the best in their new role.

I trust that the year ahead will be good to all of us.

Warm regards

Christina Forbes Cookerill CHIEF

PIPES & DRUMS OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN
SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BAND REPORT 2011/12

By the time the year opened last July the bands efforts were well focused on The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. We had had the music since the January prior and had concentrated on learning and honing 17 new tunes or for those learning harmonies, 27 new tunes.

I was very pleased with the commitment of band members many of whom attended three practices a week with the odd additional Sunday for drill. The time was well spent, however, as we arrived in Edinburgh well prepared. This was acknowledged by the Tattoo organisers who complemented us on our preparation and our tuning. Our time in Edinburgh was yet again a memorable occasion and while there was demand on our time for rehearsals, preparation and playing there was time to explore a city we are becoming to know quite well. The 5 weeks were intense and it was over all too quickly but the band received a standing invitation to participate at future tattoos. From my perspective it was a demanding but very satisfying accomplishment.

The enthusiasm of the band has been maintained with good attendance at Tuesday and Thursday evening practices and there are a number of members who meet on Saturday mornings for further practice and instrument maintenance. I hope you will agree that such dedication is being reflected in our performances.

The end of 2011 was again busy with Christmas Pageants in the City, Salisbury, Glenelg, Port Adelaide and Norwood along with the community service at the Plympton Uniting Church.

The band also enjoyed participation in the Society's St Andrews night function and we must acknowledge the strong support we have been receiving from the society who has been very generous in covering some of the bands cost associated with uniform and instrument maintenance along with funding the costs of transporting the band equipment to Edinburgh. The partnership support is very much appreciated.

As 2012 began, the band was preparing to participate in the competition at the Mt Barker Highland Gathering and subsequent miniband competitions held by the Australian Pipe Band Association in May, June and July at Adelaide High School. We have yet to really fulfil our potential at these competitions but it continues to be good to participate to focus on technique and musicality. For the same reason it is also pleasing to see a number of the band members participating in the solo piping and drumming competitions held by the APBA.

I can see a strong future for the band and while we have lost a couple of members they are being replaced a number of new ones being seen at practice. I thank Kieran Kierns for taking on the role of Drum Sergeant and he is making his mark with new scores and equipment maintenance. The support I have received from all members of the band over the last busy year is very much appreciated. Our next objectives are to keep improving our standard of performance and to prepare ourselves well at the 2013 Basel Tattoo in Switzerland next year.

Dan Meehan
Pipe Major

Pipes & Drums of the Royal Caledonian Society

Annual General Meeting - August 2012

Band Manager's Report



Our band was formed 118 years ago and we should all be proud to have been associated in some of the many milestones that have been achieved. Some of these latter milestones include; performances in 3 International Tattoo's in Scotland, 2 in Sydney and one next year in Basel, Switzerland. We were involved in the first Grand Prix held in South Australia, performed with Andre Rieu and continue to be involved with the Credit Union Pageant, the Anzac Day Parades and Hilton Dawn Service.

As another year draws to a close I would like to thank our Management Committee for their dedication and continued support. Our ranks continue to grow in both piping and drumming and I would like to thank all members for their continued support.

This year has not been quite so busy but everyone has been working hard for the various competitions and towards the end of the year work will begin on learning the tunes for the Basel Tattoo and working on the drill. As with the Edinburgh Tattoo a big thank you to our guest pipers and drummers, Craig Masson and Craig Ritchie (Pipers) and Chris Hart (Snare Drum), their assistance will be invaluable.

No decision has yet been made when the band will return to Edinburgh but in my discussions with Brigadier David Allfrey MBE, the Edinburgh Tattoo Chief Executive & Producer, he indicated he would be delighted for us to be a part of future Edinburgh Tattoo's. The current thinking is possibly in 2-3 years.

As with any prestigious event there is a lot of hard work in the months preceding and we are fortunate to have numerous helpers assisting in all the tasks required to get the band overseas. To these people I extend a big thank you.

I am sure all members would thank Dan Meehan, Heather Pennell, Bill Kierns, and in the latter months, Kieran Kierns. These people willingly give their time to ensure the pipe and drum corp are at the required professional standard for both competitions and performances. A big thank you to them all, we would not have a band without them.

I would like to especially thank Kieran for stepping up into Acting Drum Sgt, he has done an excellent job with both the snare and tenors and it has been a pleasure working with him. We look forward to continuing that relationship in the coming years.

I would be remiss not to thank Heather Pennell for her untiring efforts as Secretary, her service has been invaluable and I'm sure she will show the same dedication to her new role as Quartermaster. Thanks Heather.

On behalf of all band members we would like to extend our appreciation to Chief Christina Cockerill for her continued support of the band and wish her well for the future. We look forward to working with our new Chief, Roselee Bruce who will be taking over the reins at the Society AGM on 17 September.

On a final note, thank you to our loyal members and supporters for your dedication over the last 12 months. It is great to see the friendships that have developed and continue to develop. We can all look forward to working and growing as a team in the coming years.

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Jeanette Macdonald

THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF S. A. INC.

TREASURERS REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

As at the year end the Society operated three bank accounts and an investment portfolio.

Bank Accounts

The bank accounts are:

- (1) Cheque account for day to day operations and cash requirements. General income and expenses are recorded through the account and include cash flow associated with among other items, dividends received, functions, annual subscriptions, donations, insurance, newsletter production, honoraria, storage, postage and tax payments. The closing balance, reconciled with the bank statement was \$3,124.79. All cheques written had been presented,
- (2) Term deposit rolled over every six months with a current balance of \$109,788.09. During the year \$6,479.48 interest earned on the deposit was transferred to the cheque account to cover general expenditure.
- (3) A cheque account with Macquarie Bank created as part of the process of initiating the investment portfolio. The account is used for associated cash flow of income receipts (dividends & interest) and cash from the purchase and sale of parts of the portfolio following recommendations from the portfolio manager. The balance at 30 June 2012 was \$24,398.26.

Attached is a summary of the monthly cash flow from all accounts combined for 2011/12.

All accounts are reconciled to the bank statements and presented to the management committee each month.

Investment Portfolio

During 2010/11 the management committee considered that funds invested in interest earning accounts should be managed more actively. It is anticipated that these funds would be available for the long term and as a result the funds should be invested to match that term.

The investment portfolio was created in conjunction with Macquarie Bank during the year to invest \$500,000 in long term growth assets. This was in addition to the Argo shares already held. Attached is a schedule noting the portfolio as at 30 June 2012. Given the volatility of markets at present the recommendations from Macquarie Bank have been accepted to maintain a low risk profile of investments. Portfolio valuation at the year end was \$572,170.44 (compared with \$588,748.78 as at 30 June 2011). Income earned during the year from dividends and interest, over all accounts, were \$24,882.95 and \$8,096.44 respectively.

The mark-to-market value of the portfolio is presented to the management committee each month.

I move that the reconciled accounts be accepted.

Ian Richardson
Treasurer

ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

COMBINED ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

ACCOUNTS DETAIL

Payments	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Annual Total
Accounting Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	570.24	0.00	0.00	1,175.24
Affiliation Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
AGM Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hire costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Honouraria	400.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	850.00
Insurance (not GST portion)	0.00	0.00	1,950.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,950.04
Interest Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletters	297.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	297.00
Printing & Stationery	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
Storage	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	345.00
Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
Sundry GST Payments	802.65	418.42	550.66	700.46	3,866.39	780.35	404.13	657.72	381.53	411.96	527.12	0.00	9,006.60
Sundry GST (see Payments)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry non GST Payments	17,787.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,787.00
Tfr to other accounts	1,953.00	0.00	0.00	3,303.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,256.62
Tax Office Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,201.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,201.00
Telephones	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
Telephone GST Free Portion	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	21,705.25	418.42	2,992.23	7,540.09	23,894.39	19,487.40	703.13	3,335.32	18,142.03	7,555.09	2,114.92	0.00	106,401.54
Income													
Dividends	1,764.48	1,302.18	5,610.30	2,350.45	0.00	1,843.82	2,405.53	1,116.31	4,520.59	3,008.87	0.00	0.00	24,892.95
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising	348.00	0.00	0.00	105.00	0.00	415.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	868.00
Interest Received	48.18	44.43	339.53	3,448.05	129.23	93.71	65.18	64.52	42.65	3,237.89	454.07	0.00	1,405.00
Subscriptions Received	1,255.00	60.00	1,358.50	90.00	85.00	80.00	30.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,026.50
Sundry GST Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry Non GST Receipts	13,200.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,200.00
Tfr from other accounts	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,303.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,303.62
TOTAL	16,513.66	1,406.61	27,305.30	8,207.13	18,113.23	2,412.53	2,500.81	1,240.03	7,260.37	24,323.74	549.07	0.00	111,946.60

5,545.06 Net Income

THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2012
Unaudited

EQUITY	
Members Equity	<u>759,104.85</u>
Represented by:	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Society Cheque Account (BankSA)	3,124.79
Society Investment Cheque Account (Macquarie Bank)	24,398.26
Band Cheque Account (BankSA)	4,868.68
Society Term Deposits (BankSA)	109,788.09
Band Savings Account (BankSA)	8,260.86
Total Current Assets	150,440.88
Non-Current Assets	
Long Term Investments (at cost)	608,664.17
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>759,104.85</u>
Less LIABILITIES	0.00
NET ASSETS	<u>759,104.85</u>