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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Society of S.A. Inc. will be held in the Caledonian Hall, 379 King William Street, Adelaide, on Friday, 21st August 1970, at 8.00 p.m.

Business

1. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting.
2. Annual Report
3. Financial Statements
4. Election of Officers and Auditors.
5. Any other business.

A copy of the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet to be submitted at the meeting appears elsewhere in this bulletin.

In accordance with the Rules of the Constitution, the Chief, one Chieftain, four Directors and the Treasurer will retire from office. Nominations to fill the vacancies have been received from the following members:-

for Chief, F.C. Martin; for Directors, A. John, G. Maitland, D.A. Anderson, R.A. Layton, D.G. Bramley, and for Treasurer R.K. Murdock.

These nominees will be duly appointed at the Annual Meeting.

As the number of nominations is one fewer than the number of vacancies Council will appoint an additional director in accordance with Rule 28.

A Scottish Social Dance will be held immediately after the formal business.

Special guests have been invited to attend the social session, as mentioned in the section below.

We should be pleased to have a full attendance of our own members.

Ladies are requested to bring a basket supper.

A FREE SOCIAL DANCE

Following suggestions by members who have been attending our social gatherings we have decided to hold a social-supper dance after the formal business of the annual meeting on Friday, 21st August. Modern, old style and Scottish dancing to the music of the Royal Caledonian Dance Band (McLeod Tartan) and the Royal Caledonian Pipes and Drums (McGregor Tartan) will set a lively tempo for dancers and provide a good talking point for non-dancers. So, whether you are a dancer or a sitter, you will enjoy the evening's entertainment.

Members are asked to bring as many friends as they wish. There is no charge for admission. We should be pleased if you would invite Scottish migrants to attend and join in the dancing.

We expect to finish the formal business by 8.45 p.m., after which the dancing will go into full swing, with a break for supper at 10.00 p.m. We expect to end the evening with Auld Lang Syne sometime between 11.00 p.m. and 11.30 p.m., depending on the encouragement you give us.

Special Guests

As a gesture of goodwill we have invited the Worthy Chief of Port Adelaide Caledonian Society, Mr. Tom Naismith, and Mrs. Naismith and members of that Society to attend this special social dance.

An invitation has also been extended to the President of Clan McLeod, Mr. George McLeod and Mrs. McLeod and their clansmen.

We hope that you, our members, will bring your friends and help us make the evening an enjoyable one.

And, Ladies! Please bring a little extra for supper - to meet the needs of visitors and special guests.

Remember the date. Friday, 21st August.

HIGHLAND DANCING COMPETITION

A dancing competition, open to all comers yet with special events for our own bairns, will be held at the Caledonian Hall on Saturday, 10th October, at 12.30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Social Committee and supported by the Teachers Association, with Mr. J. Ogg as the organiser, this event should attract a good attendance of competitors, parents and friends.

WORMS

If you have worms, you are invited to exhibit them, free of charge, at an open-air fete to be held at the Page Memorial Reserve at the corner of Cross Road and East Avenue, Clarence Park, on Saturday, 17th October, at 2.00 p.m.

The fete is being organised by the Pipe Band Social Club to raise money for new uniforms. There will be music by the pipers, dancing by the bairns and stalls containing cakes, preserves, clothing, work, glassware and cool drinks. Afternoon tea will be available.

And bring your worms - silkworms, glow-worms and earthworms. You may win a prize for being the owner of the biggest and best.

HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en will be celebrated on Friday, 30th October. Details will be announced later, probably at the Annual Meeting and certainly in the Reunion Column, The Advertiser, on the first and third Friday of each month.

The important thing to note now is the date. Write it on your diary.

All financial members and their families are eligible to attend.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY DINNER

Guest Speaker at this dinner, to be held at the South Australian Hotel on Friday, 27th November, is Mr. John McLeay, Member of the House of Representatives, Commonwealth Parliament, Canberra.

Further information will be given in the November issue of the Caledonian Quarterly. Meanwhile, members might care to make up their parties for this important occasion.

We are pleased to learn that some members have already started putting aside a few cents regularly to meet the cost of tickets. We shall, of course, make the charge as low as possible.

"THANK YOU"

We thank all those members who brought cakes, sweets, nuts, fruit and preserves to the trading table at the previous quarterly meeting. Everything was sold. Thanks!

Will you help us again - at the meeting on 21st August?

Thanks.

YULETIDE A'COMING

The Social Committee, especially its Trading Table Staff, needs gifts for its Christmas stall at the November quarterly meeting. Articles suitable as presents are required. If you are unable to deliver your contribution please let us know and we shall collect it. If every member were to give just one article we would have a fine array.

And if you cannot give, may be you could buy. We would appreciate your support.

ANNUAL REPORT

By the Secretary: Barton F. Hopkins.

Council. Council held eleven meetings in the year under review. Attendance was as follows: The Chief F. Clarence Martin 11, Immediate Past Chief Sir Lyell McEwin 7, Chieftain J.G. Pattullo 9, Chieftain K.A. McEwin 11, Directors J. Gordon Maitland 9, L. Niven 6, R.J. Anderson 7, H. McG. Paton 9, E.M. Gordon 9, R.A. Layton 10, D.A. Anderson 8, A. John G. Maitland 7, J.C. Moffatt 1 out of 2, Treasurer K.A. Murdoch 4 (leave of absence from several meetings).

Director J. Moffatt was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation from Council of Mr. L. Niven.

The Chief F. Clarence Martin, accompanied by Mrs. Martin, made official visits to the Port Adelaide, Salisbury, Mt. Barker, Port Pirie and Whyalla Caledonian Societies, to the Scots Cronies Club and Clan McLeod. In mid-August next he will propose a toast at the Pt. Lincoln Caledonian Society's annual dinner and a week later he will install the chief-elect of the Port Pirie Caledonian Society.

Membership. The table of membership below shows a total enrolment of 221 adults.

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Hon. Life</u>	<u>Full members</u>	<u>Associates</u>	<u>Total</u>
As at 30th June 1969	11	21	98	102	232
Resignations, Deaths and Exclusions	3	2	3	14	22
	—	—	—	—	—
	8	19	95	88	210
New Members	—	—	8	3	11
As at 30th June 1970	8	19	103	91	221

Financial. The audited bank balance as at 30th June 1970 was \$3109.38; fixed deposit stood at \$2500. Details are shown in the appended financial statements.

Hallowe'en. Highlight of this celebration was the bairns party at which a magician and a witch enlivened proceedings to the delight of the young revellers.

In the main hall, over two hundred adults saw a splendid display of Scottish Highland dancing by the bairns class under the direction of Miss Lorna Marshall. Later they joined in ballroom dancing to the music of our dance and pipe bands. All admired the novel and appropriate stage decorations arranged by the social committee.

An eightsome reel contest was won by the Stirling set comprising Eleanor Hameister, Heather Vickery, Julie Bramley, Jenny Staples, Christine Middleton, Robert Middleton, Dianne Anderson and Helen McEwin.

Winner of the trophy for most improved bairns class pupil was Wendy Susan Dixon.

St. Andrew's Day Dinner. Guest of Honour, Senator Gordon Davidson, proposed the main toast "Land o' Cakes"; George Manson gave the address "To A Haggis"; Miss Carole Kohler, Mrs. L. Brown, Mr. Malcolm Potter and officers of the pipe band provided musical items. Ninety nine guests attended.

Highland Games Ball. A feature of this important social event was the ceremonial presentation of fifteen debutantes to the Chief of the Games Sir A. Iyell McEwin and Lady McEwin. Trained and introduced by Mrs. H. Leverington the debutantes were Annette and Eleanor Hameister, Barbara Nicholl, Heather Vickery, Jane Andrews, Alison May, Cheryl Hall, Susan Reilly, Joanne Murray, Saskia Linckers, Elizabeth Cowley, Kathryn McEgan, Leslie Clark, Beverley Russell and Elizabeth Hewitt.

The Society's Social Committee was responsible for the general arrangements including the decorations and programme of dances. Messrs. J. Moffatt, L. Hameister and D. Bramley, and Misses R. McEwin, B. Moffatt and J. Crane did supervisor duty. Special commendation is due to Mrs. Leverington, Mr. George Munro, Director D. Anderson and Chieftain John Pattullo. The pipe band also played an important role.

An attendance of 596 made the ball a financial as well as a social success.

Geilidh. About two hundred members and friends saw a haggis borne overhead by Director D. Anderson, piped in by P/M V. Raymond and Piper G. Gordon, and addressed by Mr. George Manson at the Caledonian Hall on Friday, 19th June.

Guests were entertained by Mrs. 'Rine Alderson, Mr. Jim Rooney, the Kirby Trio, the pipe band and senior bairns. Mr. Charles McManus proposed a toast "To The Pipers" and the Royal Caledonian Trio - Mrs. L. Brown, Walter Brebner and Sam Armstrong - played music for dancing.

Highlight of the supper was a generous serve of warm, reekin' rich haggis.

Conclusion. To the Chief, the council, the committees and members of the Society I express thanks for the help they have given and the courtesies they have extended to me.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

By Chairman: Chieftain K.A. McEwin.

In the past year the Social Committee met on several occasions and organised or, assisted in arranging, on the average one function a month. These events were as follows:

- (1) Social Dance on 21st June 1969.
- (2) Cabaret on 16th August 1969.
- (3) Dancing Competition 5th and 6th September 1969.
- (4) Cabaret 25th October 1969.
- (5) Hallowe'en Ball 31st October 1969.
- (6) Fancy Dress Frolic 7th November 1969.
- (7) Bar-be-cue 15th November 1969.
- (8) Hogmanay 31st December 1969.
- (9) Jumble Sale - Scots Church 28th January 1970.
- (10) Highland Games Ball 14th March 1970.
- (11) Society Picnic 19th April 1970.
- (12) Geilidh 19th June 1970.

It will be seen from this list that the Committee's aim has been two-fold. Firstly to arrange social functions for members and their friends and secondly to assist the Society by running fund raising events.

Fund raising events contributed \$287 to Society Funds.

The Committee is restricted in the functions they can arrange at present because of regular lettings of our Hall. Nevertheless the Committee plans to hold socials whenever an opportunity arises. Attention is now being given to the Highland Dancing Competition to be held in the Society's Hall on Saturday, 10th October 1970, at 12.30 p.m.

At the annual meeting of the Committee the following Office Bearers were elected: Chairman, Chieftain R.A. McEwin; Secretary, Mr. D. Bramley and Treasurer, Mrs. V. Moffatt.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those members of the Committee who so willingly gave of their time and talents and to those members of the Committee and others who made various donations to assist us during the year. May we have your continued support in the year ahead?

BAIRNS CLASS REPORT

By Chairman of Committee: Chieftain K.A. McEwin.

The Bairns Class continued the 1969 season under the very capable instruction of Miss Marshall and in accordance with Royal Caledonian Society tradition culminated the year's activities with the Hallowe'en Ball at the Norwood Town Hall on Friday, 5th October 1969.

The number of bairns registered and their attendances each Friday night during the 1969 season were the highest for many years and a great encouragement to all concerned, particularly so of course to the instructress Miss Lorna Marshall, her assistant Miss Beverley Moffatt and the pianist Mrs. L. Brown. The Society is very fortunate to have the honorary services of these three ladies, without whom the class could not function. We extend to them our sincere thanks.

Our thanks are due also to those ladies who have helped in the Ganteen week by week to provide the bairns with sweets and cool drinks and that ever welcome hot cup of tea for the parents. There have been several who helped in this department but our thanks go especially to Mrs. Hameister and Mrs. Moffatt who may well be regarded as custodians of our kitchen.

With the improved numbers in the Bairns Class over recent years we had hoped to see the trend continue in 1970 but to date we are a little disappointed. Both registrations and attendances have been down on the 1969 figures but it is nevertheless encouraging to see the number of wee bairns in the class. We expect registrations to increase as Hallowe'en approaches.

Finally, our thanks to the parents who bring their children along each week and enable the Society to keep up this worthwhile activity.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY PIPE BAND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1970.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Opening Balance	531.09	General Expenses Account:	
General Expenses Account:		Honorarium	31.50
% of engagement fees	72.27	Cupboard	70.60
Sundries	9.95	Travel Fund	10.50
Travel Fund solo fees		Dunbar donation/	
and interest	28.09	refund	12.50
Dunbar		S.A. Pipe Band	
Donation/refund	<u>12.50</u>	Association	
	122.81	Fees	15.50
Interest Received	18.91	Sundries (post-	
Uniform & Equipment Account:		age, entry	
% of engagement		fees, maint.)	<u>26.32</u>
fees	201.38	Uniform & Equipment Account	78.36
Band Social Club	<u>400.00</u>	Travel Expenses	90.05
	601.38	Social Functions	11.40
Travel Expenses	90.05	Band Member Reimbursement:	
Social Functions	-	Solo Fees	7.00
Band Member Reimbursement:		Travel Fund	<u>62.00</u>
% engagement fees			<u>69.00</u>
since 7/4/70	11.25	Balance Funds at the Bank	415.73
Solo fees	7.00	as at 30/6/70	<u>1028.76</u>
Travel Fund	<u>62.00</u>		
	80.25		
	<u>\$1444.49</u>		
			<u>\$1444.49</u>

ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1970.

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
To Advertising	30.62	By Commission Received	26.62
" Bairns Class	36.63	" Donations	14.00
" Caretaker's Wages	522.50	" Highland Games Ball	748.96
" Depreciation	79.59	" Interest received	180.63
" Hall Expenses	313.48	" Rents received	2547.00
" Hallowe'en Ball	19.67	" Subscriptions	417.80
" Highland Dancing Competn.	9.93	" Shop	19.08
" Insurance	194.77	" Social Committee	286.98
" Light and Power	153.19		
" Pipe Band Honorarium	40.00		
" Printing & Stationery	149.69		
" Postages	29.53		
" Rates & Taxes: Water	343.72		
Council	375.00		
Land	168.00		
	886.72		
" St. Andrew's Dinner	49.40		
" Sundry Expenses	40.43		
" Secretary's Honorarium	540.03		
" Telephone	81.40		
	3177.58		
" Balance - Excess income over expenditure	1063.49		
	<u>\$4241.07</u>		<u>\$4241.07</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1970.

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	19187.74	LAND & BUILDINGS	
Add Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>1063.49</u>	(at cost)	14409.85
	20251.23	FURNITURE & FITTINGS	
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		(at cost less Depcn.)	509.33
Boys Scholarship	3405.46	EQUIPMENT	
Girls Scholarship	<u>289.33</u>	(at cost less Depcn.)	45.00
	3694.79	CASH IN HAND	9.12
SUNDRY CREDITORS	42.12	BOYS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
		E.T.S.A. Debenture	
		(at cost)	1700.00
		Savings Bank	
		Deposit Stock	1400.00
		Savings Bank	<u>305.46</u>
			3405.46
		GENERAL FUND	
		Savings Bank	
		Deposit Stock	2500.00
		Savings Bank	
		Current A/c.	<u>3109.38</u>
			5609.38
	<u>\$23988.14</u>		<u>\$23988.14</u>

(Sgd.) R. KEITH MURDOCH, F.C.I.S.
 Treasurer.

We report that we have examined the above Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure and in our opinion they are properly drawn up and exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA Inc. as at 30th June 1970 according to the best of our information, the explanations we have received and as shown by the books and vouchers produced.

(Sgd.) DONALD LAUDER	A.A.S.A. (Senior), A.C.I.S.) Auditors.
(Sgd.) F.G. HAWKINS	F.A.S.A. (Senior), A.C.I.S.	

TREASURER'S REPORT

R. Keith Murdoch

I wish to express my sincere personal thanks to Chieftain Ken McEwin for valuable services rendered in finalising the records for the year ended 30th June 1969 following my hospitalisation. My sincere thanks also to The Chief, the Immediate Past Chief and the Secretary for their assistance and continual contacts with my family during my prolonged serious illness. It is pleasing to be able to again resume duty.

The year under review has been a successful one as far as finances are concerned due mainly to the efforts of the Secretary in keeping his eye to expenses and at the same time following up every possibility of hall letting. The Social Committee is again a driving influence for money raising and the Society appreciate the efforts of the Chairman, Secretary and all members of this "live wire" Committee. Members are urged to support ALL functions arranged by the Social Committee and give them encouragement. The subscriptions collected are down this year as accounts were sent out early last year and many were paid before the records were closed at the end of the 1969 year. Water rates on the property have increased by \$42.48 during the year, and it now means the Society has to find just over \$17.00 per week to cover Rates and Taxes alone. With an increase of income from Rents must of necessity come an increase in lighting costs. Renovations and repairs to the Office and Hall will have to be carried out very soon and although in the past most of this has been done by volunteer labour, we cannot always rely on the willing few.

Members in arrears with subscriptions are urged to pay up immediately and relieve the task of the Secretary in chasing up overdue amounts and the resultant loss of members through not paying.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By The Chief of the Society.

The past year, so it seems to me, has been a good one. There were numerous social gatherings, including a ceillidh, highland ball and a series of cabarets. All were well attended. Enrolment in the bairns class at the time of hallowe'en was the highest for many a year. The pipe band, despite the loss of players, retained its identity and made a number of public appearances. Attendances at quarterly meetings were better than expected. Interest in Society affairs, it seems, deepened significantly.

Furthermore, the Society played an increasingly important role in extramural activities, such as those related to the Adelaide Highland Games, The Folk Art Group, Good Neighbour Council, Pipe Band Association, Council of Commonwealth Societies, Highland Dancing Association and Scotch College Board of Governors.

All in all, it was a rewarding year, characterised by a warmth of fellowship and a spirit of co-operation.

Council

In recording these observations I am conscious of the good work that our council has done. It has husbanded our resources, adopted a forward-looking policy and safeguarded the interests of members in general. Each chieftain and director has contributed in one way or another to the smooth functioning of council as an administrative body.

We were sorry to lose the services of Mr. L. Niven, who resigned from council after a long and useful term of office. In the Caledonian Quarterly of February 1965 I paid a tribute of appreciation to Mr. Niven on the eve of his leaving as chief instructor of our Bairns Class. To the sentiments I expressed then I now add a wish, endorsed by council, that Mr. Niven will enjoy "all the best" in his years of retirement just recently begun.

Two other stalwarts will be missed from council next year. Although Chieftain J. Pattullo and Director E. Gordon were eligible for re-election neither has sought nomination, Mr. Pattullo because of business commitments and Mr. Gordon because of state-wide pipe band involvement.

Chieftain John Pattullo has held many key positions since he was appointed to council and in every case he has served with distinction.

Director Eric Gordon has shown a sincere interest in Society affairs and taken an active part in fostering the development of pipe bands within the S.A. Pipe Band Association.

I thank these two members for what they have done on our behalf.

At its June meeting council welcomed Mr. J. Moffatt as locum tenens director. I am confident he will serve us well.

Council Business

A matter of concern, as I mentioned in the previous annual report, is the mounting liability of our Caledonian property.

Council has enquired, and is continuing to enquire, into the feasibility of selling the King William Street property and using the proceeds of sale to acquire other premises. Certain proposals have been considered but the point at which a decision must be made is not yet in sight. When that stage is reached members will be convened to hear the details and to decide the issue.

It will be interesting to see whether the proposed amendments to the Lotteries and Gaming Act now being debated in parliament, will if adopted, have an effect on the leasing potentiality of our building. Any beneficial results to the Society in that regard will influence our thinking on the future of the property.

In the meantime council will use commonsense in determining just how far it will go in repairing, renovating and improving the existing quarters.

Financial

The extent to which council conserved its resources during the year is

reflected in the appended Balance Sheet and Financial Statement. The healthy financial position is due in the main to higher income from hall rents and the lower expenditure on repairs and renovations.

It will be seen that utility rates and land tax, a total of \$886, are burdensome for us, with our comparatively small membership and low revenue.

I am well aware of the need for new roofing, new flooring, new toilets, new lighting, repainting, refurnishing and reconditioning. But there is little we can do about those needs at present.

The auditors Mr. F. Hawkins and Mr. D. Lauder found our accounts and records to be true and accurate, for which pleasing state I thank the treasurer Mr. K. Murdoch and Chieftain K. McEwin, the latter deputising for former during his leave of absence. I am also grateful to Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Lauder for auditing the books expeditiously.

Our Social Committee

Perusal of the Social Committee Chairman's report in this issue reveals the nature and extent of this group's activities. What the report does not mention, and understandably so, is the extent of the personal sacrifice in time, effort and money that individual members make to achieve the committee's dual purpose - to provide social entertainment and to augment general funds.

Being close to members and their families the committee has a good idea of their social needs. That it succeeded in meeting those needs is shown by the good attendance at each of its main functions - the Highland Games Ball, the Ceilidh and the Cabarets.

I was pleased with the committee's decision to re-introduce the Royal Caledonian picnic and the Caledonian Highland Dance Competition. The former attracted a good crowd; the latter an encouraging number of entries.

On behalf of members of the Society I express appreciation of the work that the Social Committee has done. A special word of thanks is due to the chairman Chieftain K.A. McEwin, the secretary D. Bramley, treasurer Mrs. Moffatt, the convener of the highland dancing contest Mr. J. Ogg, and the ladies who staffed the canteen, manned the trading table, donated prizes, decorated the hall and served suppers.

The Bairns Class

"Bairns Class" to Royal Caledonians is synonymous with "Lorna Marshall", the quiet, imperturbable and efficient instructress who readily wins the confidence of young pupils and steadily raises the proficiency of their dancing to a higher level.

Miss Marshall is ably assisted by a gifted pianist Mrs. Loris Brown and a talented tutor Beverley Moffatt. I am grateful for what they are accomplishing.

The importance of the Bairns Class to the Society cannot be stressed too strongly. It is one of the factors that help the Society to function as a family organisation.

The Pipe Band

Prospects here are encouraging. There is a nucleus of young players who have remained loyal to the Society, attended practice as frequently as possible and given of their best at public engagements. In open competition, too, the band has met with a measure of success. It is definitely on the up-grade in many directions.

In the Pipe Band Social Club players have a body of supporters deserving a high praise. To raise over \$400 in the past twelve months is no mean feat. When that sum has been trebled the purchase of a completely new set of uniforms may be possible.

To Pipe Major Vern Raymond, secretary Mrs. R. Layton, officers and members of the Band, and to the chairman Mrs. J. Moffatt, secretary Beverley Moffatt and committee of the Social Club I express commendation and thanks.

Our Secretary

Mr. Hopkins continues to serve us faithfully and well. He has carried out his secretarial work efficiently and discharged his executive responsibilities effectively.

He has co-operated fully with council and committees in organising important social events, and shown initiative in strengthening relationships between the Society and its tenants, business firms and kindred societies.

Like council I greatly appreciate his dedicated service.

The Future

A restless person, constantly striving for the optimum, I am rarely ever completely satisfied, least of all with my own efforts. For the Royal Caledonian Society I would like to see a longer membership list, more facilities for members, more effective means of helping immigrant Scots, closer ties with kindred societies and a more active participation in community affairs particularly those related to education and the arts. In short, I would like to see our Society achieving more effectively its main objects - physical, social and cultural.

As the coming year is to be my last as your Chief, for I do not seek re-election, I shall aim at the more readily attainable of those objectives whilst keeping others clearly in view. Your co-operation, of course, is essential.