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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Society of S.A., Inc.,  
will be held in the Caledonian Hall, 379 King William Street, Adelaide,  
on Friday 20th August, 1971, at 8.00 pm.

The Chief, Charles Gardiner, Dip. Mech, E., F.C.E.S., F.I.S.M., A.F.A.I.M.  
will preside.

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, Charles Gardiner; for Directors A.J.G. Maitland, J.W.R.  
Fleetwood, J.C. Moffatt, R.M. Catt, and for Treasurer R.K. Murdoch.

These nominees will be duly appointed at the Annual Meeting.

Director J. Gordon Maitland who retires has decided not to seek re-election.  
Our warmest thanks go to Gordon for the services he has given to the Council  
and Society over a period of seventeen years.

The vacancy caused by his retirement will be filled at the Annual General  
Meeting.

Director W. MacG. Paton did not seek re-election. The Council thanks him  
for the service he has given to the Society over many years.

A 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.

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 20th August.

"THANK YOU"

The Council again 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 kindly assist us again - at the meeting on 20th August? Thanks.

FOR SALE

Complete ladies Lindsay Kilt, Blouse, Socks, Bonnet, Jacket and Plaid.  
Practically new.

Sailors Hornpipe uniform, Pants and jumper, Bodice and pants attached are  
45 inches long, Jumper complete with lanyard and scarf 19 inches in length.  
Please approach Secretary, if interested.

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, 9th October, at 12 Noon.

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.

HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en will be celebrated on Friday 29th October, at the St. Peters Town Hall. Details will be announced later, probably at the Annual Meeting and 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 in your diary.

All financial members and their families are eligible to attend.

We are planning to make this year's Hallowe'en Celebration one of the best on record. Special arrangements are being made to entertain bairns and adults.

Bairns will use the floor from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm; adults from 9.00 pm to midnight.

The Bairns Class, under direction from Chief Instructress Lorna Marshall, will give a demonstration of dancing and compete for trophies.

At 9.00 pm all children present will be given a "sit down" Hallowe'en Party organised by the Social Committee. The Society will provide ice cream and cool drinks. Parents are requested to bring cakes, sandwiches and festive food for the party. Mothers, will you please take your contribution to the kitchen as soon as possible after your arrival so that the Committee can put it on the special tables?

Adults will have exclusive use of the dance floor from 9.00 pm. A dance band, noted for its Scottish Airs, will play and a fast-moving programme of popular modern, old style and highland dances will be followed until midnight except for a Supper break at about 10.00 pm.

Members are advised to make up their parties early and notify the Secretary, Mr. Barton Hopkins.

We shall follow the long established practice of bringing our own supper and enjoying it at our specially reserved tables.

Please note arrangements for admission.

For Everyone - Admission by ticket.

- \* Bairns who are registered members of the Bairns Class will be admitted free of charge provided they wear their membership badges.
- \* Bairns who are not registered members of the Bairns class will be admitted on production of a ticket from the Secretary at a booking fee of 20 cents.
- \* Members: Ordinary member and wife, Associate member, Life member, by ticket free of charge except for the booking fee of 20 cents each person.
- \* Non-members, by ticket at \$1.00 each plus 20 cents booking fee.

Remember: You are invited to bring your friends. Admission is by ticket as stated above.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY DINNER

It has been decided to hold the Dinner at the Sturt Club, Corner Oxford Street and Trimmer Terrace, Unley, on Saturday, 27th November 1971 commencing at 7 pm.

It is intended that kindred Scottish Societies be invited to participate and make the Dinner a real Scottish night.

The cost of the traditional Scottish fare (with a miniature bottle of Scotch Whisky) will not exceed \$4.00 per person.

Please keep this date free, enter it in your diary. More details later.

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.

HIGHLAND GAMES BALL

Saturday . . . 11th March, 1972

Next year the Ball will be held in the Latvian Hall, Clark Street, Wayville. This Hall with a larger floor space will enable us to cater for a larger number of guests and members.

More information regarding the Ball will be given in the February 1972 Quarterly letter and we again look to the members in particular and their friends to attend and make this function a success. Debutantes will be presented.

SOCIETY EVENTS

Please refer to the "REUNION" notices appearing on the last page of the Advertiser on the first and third Friday of each month.

Make a note in your diaries, and more important, give your support by attending and furthering the success of the Society.

Here are a few to make a note of now . . .

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| August 20th    | Annual General Meeting: To be followed by a night of dancing. An Orchestra has been engaged. |
| September 10th | Ceilidh. To be held at the Society Hall. Tickets will be available from the Secretary.       |
| October 29th   | Hallowe'en at the St. Peters Town Hall.  |
| November 6th   | Barbecue at home of Chieftain D.A. Anderson, 4 Clarence Avenue, Klemzig.                     |
| November 27th  | St. Andrew's Day Dinner at Sturt Club, Trimmer Terrace, Unley.                               |
| December 5th   | Society Picnic at Scott's Creek Picnic Grounds.  |

V A L E

It is with regret that we advise Members of the death on the 26th June of Mrs. J. M. (Jean) Manson the wife of George Manson. Mrs. Manson together with her husband have been stalwarts of the Society for many years and were regular attendants at Society functions, especially St. Andrew's Day Dinner. The assistance that Mrs. Manson gave to the Society and the Social Committee in particular was much appreciated. To Mr. George Manson we again express our sympathy in the sad loss he has sustained.

We would also advise members of the passing on 8th August, 1971, of Mr. Donald Lauder, a member of the Society for many years and Auditor from 1957 until the time of his death. Mr. Lauder was well-known to all the older members for his enthusiasm and work for the Society and his assistance as our Auditor will be greatly missed. To Mrs. Lauder and her family we extend sincere sympathy in the sad loss they have sustained.

BAIRNS CLASS

Director D. J. Bramley

The Bairns Class consisting of fiftyseven continued the 1970 season under the capable supervision of Miss Lorna Marshall, ably assisted by Miss Beverley Moffatt, together with Mrs. Loris Brown as pianiste. In accordance with the Royal Caledonian Society tradition the year's activities closed with the Hallowe'en Ball on Friday 30th October, 1970. The Ball being held at the Olympic Hall on this occasion.

The William Taylor Cup for Eightsome Reels was the competition feature of the evening and was won by the Clan Stirling group consisting of: Judith Forbes, Cynthia Potter, Jennifer McLenna, Lynnette Cannon, Jennifer Staples, Julie Bramley, Sandra Cooper and Glenys Cannon. Congratulations are conveyed to Clan Stirling on their success and thanks to

all other competing Clans.

Margaret Fleetwood received the trophy for the most improved Bairns Class pupil.

On the 16th April, 1971, the Bairns Class re-commenced and although the number of Bairns registered is not as large as in 1970, we are hopeful that numbers will improve as Hallowe'en approaches.

The sincere thanks of the Society are extended to Miss Lorna Marshall, Miss Beverley Moffatt and Mrs. Loris Brown for their part in making the Bairns Class a success.

To Mesdames Hamiester, Moffatt and Nichol and all the other ladies who have assisted in looking after the needs of the Bairns and supplying the ever welcome cup of tea to the parents, the Society express thanks and appreciation.

Finally the Council convey thanks to the parents who bring their children along each week and so enable the Society to continue this worthwhile activity.

#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Director J. W. McLennan

This year the Social Committee consists of an Executive Committee comprising Director J. W. McLennan, Chairman, Mrs. R. A. Layton, Secretary, Mrs. L. Moffatt, Treasurer and Mesdames J. E. Hamiester, M. E. Nichol and M. Anderson together with Director D. J. Bramley and Mr. J.W. R. Fleetwood. This committee has met and arranged a program of social events as enumerated earlier in the Newsletter.

These are the Social events at present planned and we ask for your continued support and attendance as we are attempting to raise money for a special Royal Caledonian Medal to be available for Dancing Competitions to be held at the Hall on Saturday 9th October, 1971.

Special thanks are conveyed to Mr. & Mrs. J. W. McLennan, W. Edwards, Charles Gardiner, J.C. Moffatt and D. A. Anderson for acting as Hosts for the Progressive Dinner held on 19th June, 1971. The Dinner was a very successful function and appreciation is extended to all those who attended.

I would like to thank the Members of this Committee and all other Members of the Society for their very willing help in all matters pertaining to the Social events of the Society.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

Secretary - Barton F. Hopkins

Council: During the year under review the Council met on eleven occasions and the attendance was as follows:

The Chief, Charles Gardiner 9 out of 10, Chieftain K.A. McEwin 4 out of 4, resigned due to transfer to Canberra, Chieftain A.J.G.Maitland 7.  
Directors J. Gordon Maitland 10, W. McG. Paton 5, R.A. Layton 9, D.A. Anderson 10, J.C.Moffatt 11, D. J. Bramley 10, J. W. McLennan 4 out of 5, elected March 1971, G.F.Chatfield 3 out of 4, elected April 1971, Treasurer, R. Keith Murdoch 5, Secretary 11.

During the year Directors J.W.McLennan and G.F.Chatfield were appointed Directors of the Council to fill vacancies owing to the death of our late Chief, F. Clarence Martin and the transfer of Chieftain K. A. McEwin to Canberra.

Membership at 30th June was 203 as shown below:-

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Hon.Life.</u>	<u>Full Members</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Total</u>
30 June 70	8	19	103	91	221
Resignations					
Deaths and Exclusions	-	-	15	13	28
	8	19	88	78	193
New Members	-	-	4	6	10
30 June 71	8	19	92	84	203

Subscriptions: To those who have already paid, many thanks, If you have overlooked forwarding your subscription please do so as soon as possible. By so doing you will assist the Society to meet its many commitments.

Property: During the year the following improvements have been made:

Ladies toilets were painted and an additional mirror placed on the wall. Office as painted and this work was carried out by Director Jack Moffatt, ably assisted by the Chief, and Directors Gordon Mairtland and D.J. Bramley.

Upstairs Foyer - the appearance has been greatly improved thanks to some very fine Clan maps and pictures kindly donated by Chieftain John Maitland. Hall - new and more up-to-date seats purchased, and these have certainly improved the appearance of the hall. Furthermore, they will assist in the letting of the hall, especially as the old seats were in very bad condition.

Hallowe'en (270 present), St. Andrew's Day Dinner (100) and the Highland Games Ball (224) were all very successful functions.

Society Dancing competition held in October 1971 was most successful and gratifying. Total entries numbered onehundred and seventyfour.

Conclusion: It is now  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years since I was appointed as Secretary of the Society and I must express appreciation for the many courtesies that have been extended to me by the Chief, Council, Members, Band, Bairns and the Committees of the Society. The co-operation received has greatly assisted and made my duties a pleasure. Thank you all and may the Society show further strength and prosperity during the coming twelve months.

#### CHIEF'S MESSAGE

I would like to express thanks to Members of the Council and the Society for their help and encouragement over the first few months of office.

As you can see by the Reports, we have had a busy year and we plan to make the next one of interest to Members. In this respect we welcome suggestions about our activities. If you have any ideas you would like to bring forward - please do so.

During the year my wife and I had the pleasure of representing the Society and receiving the Debutantes at the Highland Ball at Millicent. We have had several official visitations from kindred Societies.

I would like on your behalf, to thank the Pipe Major and Members of the Royal Caledonian Society Pipe Band for their efforts on our behalf throughout the year. We look forward to seeing them completely equipped with new Kilts and Uniforms in the very near future.

Finally, I would like to express my personal thanks and appreciation to the sterling work of our Secretary, Barton Hopkins, to whom we owe so much for the smooth running of the Society's affairs.