

# Royal Caledonian Society of S. A. Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

FREE TO MEMBERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF.

February 1977.

The Chief, Charles Gardiner, and the Members of the Council extend to all Members, best wishes for 1977, and look forward to meeting you at functions to be held during the year.

## NEW MEMBERS.

A very warm welcome is extended to the new Members since the last quarterly meeting.

D.R. Phillips.  
F.H. Stretton.  
R.S. McGregor.  
R.L. Jones.  
B. Talbot.

A.H. Forbes.  
I.R. Mortimer.  
J. Dick..  
R. Hissey.  
G. Tuit.

This brings the number of new Members for the current year to 27 this compares more than favourably with a total of 25 for the whole of last year, and Members are urged to make every effort to increase this number by letting your friends know the privileges and benefits of belonging to the Society.

## ANNUAL HIGHLAND BALL.

The Royal Caledonian Society Inc. will present their Annual Highland Ball at the Joe Oberdan Convention Centre, Findon Road, Findon. This will be held on Saturday 12th March 1977. Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Music by the "Clansmen"  
Super Included. Refreshments available. Lucky Tickets.

COST. \$5.50 per head.

Bookings can be made with:-

The Secretary Tues-Friday between 10 a.m. -12 Noon  
Ph. 51-5268.

D. Bramley after 6 p.m. Ph 261-7265.

Mrs. Pat Mitchell. Ph. 261-1035.

Bookings close 7th March by which date all Tickets are to be collected and paid for.

## HIGHLANDS GAMES.

Please note new Venue. OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD.  
Kensington Park.

Date 5th March 1977.

Pipe Bands, Highland Dancing, Amateur Athletics,  
Traditional Irish Dancing. Tug O'War - Caber Tossing.  
Scottish Country Dancing.

## DATES TO REMEMBER.

Friday 25th February.	Quarterly Meeting.
Saturday 5th March.	Highland Games.
Saturday 12th March.	Highland Ball.
Friday 11th March.	Bairns Class Resumes.
Sunday 17th April.	Society Picnic.

## FROM OUR PAST.

### Scots in South Australia During the 1850's.

It has been estimated that over 40,000 Highland Scots emigrated to Australia during the Nineteenth Century, most of these during the Highland Clearances, when places in America and Canada had been exhausted. The Majority emigrated under the auspices of the Highlands, and Islands Emigration Society, to meet the demands for rural manual and urban domestic labour.

The peak of this emigration occurred in 1852-5, when 4709 people arrived in Australia and 848 of those in South Australia. It is further estimated that many landing in other States drifted to S.A. when disillusioned in the gold fields, Victoria and particularly South Australia developed distinct Scottish communities, based to some degree on the feudal system in the Highlands. Scottish Lairds, attracted to the prospects in the developing colonies established their own Communities, many of which were Gaelic speaking. The Best known examples are those of Naracoorte, founded by William MacIntosh of Kingraige Inverness, and John McTaggart of Poltalloch.

The Majority of Scots arriving in S.A. During this period were escaping from severe economic depression in the Highlands. Although adding to the already pauper problem in Adelaide they quickly earned a most positive reputation as hard working and valuable citizens. In 1852 the legislative Council was so impressed that it voted £3,000 to encourage further emigrations.

There is very little record of their dispersal throughout the colony, but if one looks at the land Titles of the 1870's and 1880's Scottish names tend to dominate, particularly in the Mid-North and South East of the State! By the 1880's the Scots and Silesian Germans were by far the largest national groups outside the English in this State.

It was on the foundation of this group of people that the Royal Caledonian Society was established.

I make a please again for any piece of information, no matter how trivial it may appear to the reader, to be forwarded to myself such that it can be used in the Centenary History of this Society. Unless I achieve this support, such a history will not be possible. When writing the book I will make every effort to acknowledge contributions.

At this stage I have 3 contributions, including one from a non-member. How about showing South Australia that the Scots are proud of their heritage. Unless we make the effort now this will be lost forever, and our lives will be but a distant memory.

CONTRIBUTIONS may be sent to the Secretary of the Society, Mr. Alb. Bonney, or myself at "Moidart", the Crescent, Crafers 5152.

Chieftain Ron. Layton.

#### SOCIETY LIBRARY.

Our Secretary has recently completed a list of the large number of valuable books in our Library. Some of these will be listed in our Quarterly Newsletters of the Future. I know that there are many book worms amongst our members, and a quick look over the books can be arranged through Mr. Bonney. I can assure you that you will be most impressed by our collection..

I remind you also that the Council has voted \$100 towards the purchase of books this year. So far I have only had two suggestions, for purchase - J. Peebles "Culloden" and "Lion of the North". I have negotiated a very healthy discount with an Adelaide Wholesaler and wish to put this to good use.

Any suggestions should be telephoned through to me at home 339-1916 or at work 297-5799.

Chieftain Ron. Layton.

CLAN MACDONALD FAMILY TREE MANUSCRIPT.

Mr. William Lughton (71-5575), has for sale at a negotiable figure around \$100 an early Nineteenth Century Manuscript, which is in reasonable condition for its age, would be a valuable document to anyone interested in that Clan.

Queries can be directed to myself on 339-1916 (home) or 97-5799 (Business) or the Lughtons on 71-6675.

Chieftain Ron. Layton.

BAIRNS.

Bairns Evening begins at 7-30 p.m. Sharp.

FRIDAY 11th March.

We have much pleasure in having Miss L. Marshall as Instructress again this year, her efforts can be seen at several public performances where the Bairns and Band have attended. January holiday weekend they appeared at Fort Adelaide Carnival, and at Elder Park, & Festival Theatre Concourse where they did our Society great justice.

We (Bairns group committee) would like to see more new Bairns along to our evenings, so members please invite your friends to join and bring their children.

SOCIETY PICNIC.

SUNDAY 17th APRIL 1977.

SCOTTS CREEK RESERVE.

We have hired this oval, two tennis courts, Kitchen (Hot Water) for the full day.

Tennislovers, the earlier start, longer play! Bring your lunch along and make it a family affair. Official sporting events will start at 2 p.m. Cordial (Iced) drinks, will be available. Make up your parties and come along it is Via Heathfield and Follow the sing.

R. J. FLEETWOOD. CHIEFTAIN.

BAND REPORT - QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.

The Band at the present time is busily preparing for Adelaide and Mount Barker Highland Games to be held on March 5th and February 13th respectively. We are your Band and we hope we have your support at these competitions.

On the Social side the Band was engaged extensively on the Australia Day weekend playing at Port Adelaide and Elder Park with our Dancers.

We have the fortune to have been invited to Loxton later on this month to attend their Mardi Gras and as it is a weekend engagement all members are looking forward to it.

We have been fortunate to establish a good supply link in Scotland for equipment and in the past few months have replaced a number of items.

At our Christmas functions, as is traditional we announced the Winner of the Harry Fairbank Trophy for general proficiency and it was awarded to Robert Moffatt. Congratulations Bob from all Band Members.

As Band Secretary I would like to record my sincere thanks, both personally and on behalf of the Band to our Chief, Chieftains and fellow Directors and to all Society Members for the support given over the past twelve months - it has been greatly appreciated by us all.

G. F. Chatfield.

Director/Band Secretary.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The February meeting will be held in the Caledonian Hall on Friday 25th February and a good attendance of Members is requested. There were over 80 members present at the November meeting, for that time of the year it was excellant, and the Council appreciated the suggestions put forward by Members for improvement in the cultural and social activities of the Society, and have them under consideration:.

The usual basket supper will be required, and Director Bramley is arranging entertainment, the Cabarets will resume when the weather is more suitable. Why not bring along a friend or two this could encourage more Members.

CONGRATULATIONS.

To our Nonegearian stalwart, John Ogg, who will be 93 on the 26th February, a Life member for 39 years, and a corporate Member for many years before that, our best wishes for continued good health and interest in the Society.

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1977 HIGHLAND BALL.

JOE OBERDAN CENTRE. FINDON ROAD, FINDON.

SATURDAY 12th MARCH at 8 p.m.

To the Secretary.

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379 King William St. Adelaide 5000.

Please find enclosed the sum of \$. . . . . for . . . . .  
Tickets (at \$5.50 each).

NAME..... PLEASE PRINT.

ADDRESS.....

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Tickets must be collected and money paid by 7th March.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

There are still 40 subscriptions outstanding and it would be appreciated if the Members concerned would respond to our constant requests, we also have 26 Life and Honorary Life Members, and 144 financial Members. As mentioned earlier in this Newsletter we have 27 New Members for the year, unfortunately we regret that 10 Members have resigned, but we do appreciate the fact that they have advised us of this action. The Council has been reluctantly compelled to comply with Rule 9 of the Constitution, and delete from the records the names of 18 Members who despite repeated appeals have not been heard of during the years 1971 - 1975, this of course has offset our New Members. Total Membership at this stage is 210, and we would like to see them 100% financial.