

# Royal Caledonian Society of S. A. Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

FREE TO MEMBERS

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AUGUST 1978.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Will be held in the Caledonian Hall on

FRIDAY 18th AUGUST 1978 at 8 pm.

(Please note alteration of date from 25th)

ANNUAL REPORTS.

BALANCE SHEETS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

ENTERTAINMENT.

SUPPER (Bring a Plate)

THE COUNCIL.

The Members of the Council have met eleven times during the year, (Being in recess in December) and attendances were:- The Chief, Charles Gardiner 10 - Chieftain Fleetwood 11 - Chieftain Layton 9 - Directors D. J. Bramley 10 - G. F. Chatfield 7 - K. A. McEwin 9 - C. V. Mitchell 10 - J. C. Moffatt 10 - R. Saint 8 - G. J. Small 9 - J. R. Teusner 8.  
Past Chief Sir Lyell McEwin 3 - Treasurer I. R. Fleetwood 10 -

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Secretary A. C. Bonney 7 - Dawn Hatty 4.

ELECTIONS.

The Chief Charles Gardiner, being the only nomination for that office will duly be appointed as Chief of the Royal Caledonian Society at the AGM for 1978/79 for the eighth consecutive year.

The Treasurer, Ian R Fleetwood, being the only nomination for this office will be duly elected at the AGM.

Director G. F. Chatfield who has retired through effluxion of time has also not renominated.

Chieftain R. A. Layton and Directors D. J. Bramley, K. A. McEwin, and C. V. Mitchell, retiring through effluxion of time have submitted nominations as have Messrs. J. F. Cook and W. M. McBey.

There being six nominations for the five vacancies on the Council an election by ballot will be necessary at the AGM. At the Council meeting held on 28th July, positions on the Ballot Papers were drawn, resulting in the following order.

1. McEWIN K. A.
2. MITCHELL C. V.
3. McBEY W. M.
4. BRAMLEY D. J.
5. LAYTON R. A.
6. COOK J. F.

Treasurer I. R. Fleetwood was appointed as Returning Officer with Chieftain Fleetwood and Director Chatfield as Scrutineers. Entitled to vote are, Life Members, Honorary Life Members and all Corporate Members financial as at 30th June, also any Corporate Members approved for New Membership at the Council Meetings on 19th May, 16th June and 28th July.

Voting will be conducted between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Any Member entitled to vote, and not able to attend the A.G.M. may exercise that right by applying for a Postal Vote, (Forms obtainable from the Secretary), these votes must be in the hands of the returning Officer by 8 p.m. on the night of the AGM, 18th August 1978. Secretary will

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accept voting papers to pass on to the Officer.

### CHIEFS MESSAGE.

A great deal has happened since our last Newsletter. Our basic plans for the modernisation of the Hall and the completion of licensed Club premises have received the approval of the Adelaide City Council Planning Authority. At the time of writing, detailed plans, specifications and working drawings are 85% complete, and we anticipate that with all documentation completed, tenders will be called on 18th August closing on 15th September. If all goes according to schedule work should commence about the beginning of November and the whole of the renovation completed sometime in March 1979.

In the meantime application has been made to the Licensing Court for the full Club License. This matter comes up for mention on 29th August, when a date for hearing shall be fixed by the Court.

Our activities have stimulated members in a desire for new membership. Your Council passed 23 applications at our July Meeting. This must be nearly a record for any one month. It is felt by Council that those who apply for membership after a specified date, a nomination fee should be charged. This is current practice with most Societies and Clubs, but still leaves our membership fee very low in comparison with other Societies.

On Friday 21st July we had one of the most enjoyable Cabarets we have had for a long while, no one, including the Band wanted to end the night. It was very gratifying to see the number of young people enjoying themselves, and we hope they will come again.

The Annual General Meeting on the 18th August will be important one and I hope that it will be well attended. First, of course, is the election of Officers. If you cannot attend please ensure that you get a postal vote recorded. This is important, for the running of the Society is virtually in the hands of those you elect and represent you. Secondly there are amendments to the Constitution and rules to be considered. Some of these are mandatory and comply with the Licensing Court requirements, and will require no discussion.

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However, the other amendments recommended by your Council are just as important to the Society.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Cgg who unfortunately broke her hip, and is now in Ward 1A in Northfield Hospital. We hope she has a rapid recovery and is back with us before long.

I would like to place on record appreciation for the efforts of two ladies who made the program of the last quarterly meeting so enjoyable particularly to Mrs. Joan Donald-Hill one of our new members.

I will let you know the latest position regarding the Building work at our Annual General Meeting. Word has just come through that the State Savings Bank are putting our application for finance to their Board of Trustees on Thursday 3rd August and we will be notified of the result in a day or so.

Look forward to meeting you on Friday 18th. Come early and cast your vote, as the poll closes at 8 p.m.

LANG MAY YOUR LUM REEK.

Charles Gardiner (Chief).

#### ADULT DANCING CLASSES.

In response to B. J. Minney's letter to the Society and all people interested please note the following:-

At the Bairnes classes on Friday evenings our dancing Instructress Mrs. Hawthorne, conducts adult classes in country style Highland dancing. Those that have attended are all benefiting and enjoying this additional part of the evening.

#### SOCIAL REPORT.

The Cabaret held on the 21st July was an unqualified success. Early in the week I was not sure if sufficient people were going to turn up to make the event worthwhile. However, many people behind the scenes put in a lot of time and effort on the telephone, and out and about to get people to come along. I was very surprised and pleased at the extent of the support and encouragement which I received from so many people and it would be unfair of me to name some and leave others out; it was a great effort and I

hope that it continues that way.

The profit for the evening was \$149.00 from tickets sales plus \$64.00 from the sale of pontoon tickets. which John Fleetwood and Jack Moffatt ably conducted. Bob Saint did a marvellous job as Master of Ceremonies and took a tremendous amount of work off my shoulders. It's always a thrill to see the Pipe Band march through the door at interval time ably supported by the dancers Bev Hawthorne, Leonie Garrick, Margaret Fleetwood, and Kay Mitchell, Andrew Scott, Lisa Saint, Glyn Gardiner and Susan Pratt. It's a floor show which no other ethnic society can rival and we should be justifiably proud of it.

Our next social event is the Clansmen's Ball at the South Australian Italian Association in Carrington Street. The band, Vegas, is one of the best in Adelaide, and the supper which is supplied is absolutely first class. The Ball is in aid of the Pipe Band funds; don't forget that they are our ambassadors and through them a great deal of credit has come our way. It is up to everyone of us to see that they are properly turned out, so on the 9th September give them your support.

The next Cabaret is on the 3rd November; the band is the best Scottish band in Adelaide - Jimmy Nisbet's - keep the date in mind.

Bill McBey.

BAIRNS CLASS.

The season is well into the year but don't let the Wed deter you. Come along on Friday Nights as we have a good number enrolled this year but would like to see better percentage attendance.

My THANKS goes to Mrs. Margaret McBey for starting off this season but she has regretfully declined the position of instructress for the rest of the season because of family commitments. Mrs. Beverly Hawthorne is now the instructress and I hope everyone will help and co-operate with her. We do get family involvement with parents getting up and enjoying doing Country Dancing, and my thanks to Mrs. McBey in getting parents to be ACTIVE.

The Bairns and Pipe Band will have performed at the Festival

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Theatre on 5th August with the Good Neighbour Council and a lot of time and effort has gone into this.

The Society will be holding its annual Dancing Competition on the 7th October from 9.30 am. all day and all members are welcome as competitors come from all over the state and inter-state. The John Ogg Trophy is the main event and Joanne Collins from Broken Hill is the current holder of the Trophy.

Friday 27th October Halloween Bairnes Night at 7-30 - 9 with formal Highland & Country Dancing, Bairns Supper then Party games to finish off the evening at 10-30. All members and friends with their children are welcome to attend but a small charge of 40c for children not being members of the Bairns class is charged for the night to defray expenses for being involved in the party games and supper. I would remind parents to send along Party eats that night, as drinks and Ice Cream only are supplied.

I would like to thank the parents or relations of the Bairns for making this part of our Society such a success.

Chieftain J.R. Fleetwood.

#### BAND REPORT.

Band activities have seen us performing in many varied engagements over the past three months, with many more to come.

We are now approaching our 'busy' season and I urge all Band Members to come along to practice on Thursday nights and participate in as many engagements as possible. The Pipe Major and Drum Major need your support probably more now than they have ever needed it.

I have tendered my resignation as Honorary Band Secretary and if I may take this opportunity of thanking very sincerely all members of the Society who assisted me in many varied ways and also to all Band Members for their very generous support.

G.F. Chatfield.

Director/Hon. Band Secretary.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY.

1. For Council Meeting Friday 28th July 1978.  
Change Rule No. 42.

MOTION.

"That Rule number 42 be deleted and that in its place the following be inserted.

'The Society may by a majority of at least two thirds of the corporate members present at any general or special meeting make any rule or repeal alter or vary any existing rule, provided that any corporate member wishing to make such rule or alter or vary any rule, must give notice of his motion to the council in writing. The Council shall, providing endorsement is made in writing by 9 other corporate members, call a special meeting within 60 days''

2. Change Rule No. 44.

MOTION.

"That the words 'Royal Caledonian Society Pipe Band' be deleted from Rule 44 and in its place the following inserted - 'Pipes and Drums of the Royal Caledonian Society.' "

Rules of the Society.

Notice of Motion for the Annual General Meeting.

"That the words " and quarterly meetings of the Society shall be held in the months of November, February, May" be deleted from Rule 34 of the Society.

R.A.LAYTON. CHIEFTAIN.

MEMBERSHIP FEES.

Fees for 1978/79 are now due, and it would be appreciated if these could be paid, without sending out notices, due to the high cost of postage. CORPORATE MEMBERS \$5.00. Assoc. Members. \$3.

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NEW MEMBERS FOR 1977/78.

Mrs. J. M. Abbott.	Miss G. L. Gardiner.	Mr. I. C. Morrison.
Mrs. C. Atwell.	Mrs. B. J. Hamlyn.	Mr. D. Paterson.
Dr. L. M. Baird.	Mr. J. W. Hay. 1	Mr. A. E. Richards.
Mr. F. W. Bicknell.	Mr. W. F. D. Hill.	Prof. E. Richards.
Mr. A. C. Bonney.	Mrs. S. Irvine.	Mr. V. L. Savage.
Mr. R. G. Bottroff.	Mr. F. H. Flassmann.	Mr. C. C. Smith.
Mrs. H. R. Carr.	Mrs. Y. R. Kleinig.	Mr. P. C. R. Soper.
Mrs. J. E. Crofton.	Mr. B. W. Knibbs.	Mr. J. T. Stallard.
Mrs. R. H. Dennis.	Mr. I. L. Marshall.	Mrs. C. Stretton.
Mr. L. F. Divine.	Mrs. G. E. Martinson.	Mrs. P. R. Sullivan.
Miss M. Fleetwood.	Mr. T. S. Mathieson.	Mrs. C. M. Tryk.
Mr. A. S. Fraser.	Mrs. M. O. Mehrtens.	Mrs. M. A. Tweedale.
Mr. W. J. Fraser.	Mr. R. J. Moffatt.	Mr. N. T. Wright.

CLANSMEN'S BALL.

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 8 pm.

At the South Australian Italian Association , Carrington St. Adelaide.

All bookings which close Friday night 1st. September, can be made, with the Secretary Tickets will not be available until payment is made. Book early and avoid disappointment.

ST. ANDREWS DAY DINNER.

This will be held on Saturday November 25th at the Sturt Club with 180 tickets available, booking will be accepted at any time, these will be tentative until firm booking with the required fees is made later in the year. The cost is not available yet as the menu is still in preparation, however full details will be in the November newsletter.

There will be more travel news re the Scotland Visit in our Next Newsletter.