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NEWSLETTER

FREE TO MEMBERS

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE.

The inactivity of the last few months as far as our building project is concerned has been frustrating to say the least and has given rise to all sorts of speculation and rumours. Under normal conditions the whole of the work should now be completed, while in fact we are only just commencing. However the bright spot is that work should actually commence by Monday 30th April. We have been hamstrung by matters over which we had no control, but finally everything has been ironed out and the builder is ready to commence operations.

To clarify the whole situation and the cause of delay, I will set out in detail what actually happened:

1. Four years ago, Jacobs Ltd approached the Society asking that we consider an alteration to our Right-of-Way which at that time went through their property to Sturt Street. After much discussion, it was agreed that in consideration for giving up the portion which went from our rear building line to Sturt Street, they would give us a 15 foot wide Right-of-Way along the Northern side of our building as well as the 10 foot Right-of-Way on the Western end. They were to be responsible for all costs incurred such as legal fees, registration of changes of Title etc. The contract was duly signed 3½ years ago and a copy of the agreement is filed in our records.

2. In April 1977, Jacobs Solicitors contacted the Society Solicitors to have a correction in name put into the Title. This was completed before the end of April and returned to them. We were assured that all that had to be done had in fact been done.
3. We lodged our plans and specifications for final approval with the Adelaide City Council at the end of September 1978 and after being advised of a minor alteration to meet Council requirement we were assured that the plans would be acceptable.

When we went to pick up the Permit- by which time the building contract had been signed and the builder ready to start- we were informed by the City Council Legal Department that the Right-of-Way had not been registered by Jacob's Solicitor and that no further work was to be done pending the Council sighting of the Title Deed with the amended Right-of-Way duly recorded by them. This was early in December 1978.

4. Since then we have been in continuous contact through our Solicitors, our Secretary and myself with Jacobs, their Solicitors, Stamp Duty Office, Title Office and the City Council until such time as only a threat of Parliamentary action managed to put sufficient pressure to cut down any more unnecessary delay. The Title was in fact cleared on Monday 23rd April and was passed immediately to the City Council for sighting. The Certificate of approval has now been issued.

This is the sad story of the legal side of our problem, now let us examine the consequences:

- (a) The long delay has necessarily incurred more expense due to rising costs and rising wages. The exact amount of this of course cannot be obtained until the completion of the job. The Specification sets out in detail the formula which must be used for any Rise or Fall of wages or materials and of course will be closely watched by the Architect.

(b) Our more important loss however is in the loss of revenue, not only over the last five months which is of course minimal, but more importantly from now until the work is completed in approximately 22 weeks time. This would cover lettings at a very much higher rate, and loss of Bar revenue, etc. To offset this of course we have not had any loan repayments or interest payable over the last few months. These will be progressive from the time we start drawing money against the loan for progress payments.

The position so far can be summed up as follows:

The delay was caused through Jacob's Solicitors failure to register the change of Right-of-Way on our Deeds with the Lands Title Office when he should have done so i. e. $3\frac{1}{2}$ years ago. Action for damages may be on his negligence and the amount could be for our actual losses which are as yet indeterminate. The Society's Council however will discuss the best ways of trying to recover any losses incurred.

As to the building renovations, we are still many thousands of dollars below the bulk of the original tenders submitted. We have a judicial promise with regard to our Club Licence dependent on us completing the work they have already approved. (i. e. on completion we apply for a renewal of the licence which would be automatically granted after the Court inspected our premises) My crystal ball is at present out of commission, but with any luck we should be able to enjoy our new premises by about the end of September.

May I express my deepest sympathy for those members who have had bereavements in their families. Mrs. E. Fleetwood, one of our Life Members and Chieftain John Fleetwood lost their eldest son and brother-Charles Fleetwood, and Scott Mathieson lost his father over the last few weeks. Words seem inadequate to give comfort, but I am sure the members join with me in these wishes.

ELECTIONS.

The Annual Council elections are coming up again soon. Nominations for Chief, Treasurer, and five Councillors must be in the hands of our Secretary before 30th June 1979. In accordance with our Rules, half of the Board retire each year, but Directors serve a two year term.

Those retiring under the Rules are;

CHIEF. Charles Gardiner.
TREASURER. Ian Fleetwood.
DIRECTORS. John W.R. Fleetwood.
Jack Moffatt.
Gordon Small.
Robert Saint.

There is at present a casual vacancy.

All of the above gentlemen are eligible for re-election.

Nomination Forms are available from the Secretary.

Members may have read an announcement in their local newspapers of the formation of a 'NEW CLUB FOR SCOTS' and reference to me for particulars. This was a shocking piece of reporting and completely misleading to anyone reading it. They were referring to the formation of the Association of Combined Scottish Societies in South Australia of which you have all been advised. This Association has a members the actual Societies themselves- Not individual people, and the objects as I have already pointed out are to promote Scottish culture generally, to act as a clearing house for information regarding functions, but not to usurp the rights of member Societies in any way. Representation have been made to the Messenger Press for a full correction to be printed.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next function which will be held on 20th July 1979.

LANG MAY YOUR LUM REEK.

Chief Charles Gardiner.

NEW MEMBERS

It has been brought to the Editor's notice that the following names of new members were omitted from the list appearing in the last Newsletter.

Mr. E. J. Brady.
Mrs. F. C. Brady.
Mr. S. J. Burns.

Mr. A. Campbell.
Mrs. R. Campbell.

The omission is regretted.

In addition to the new members mentioned above, a warm welcome is extended by the Chief and Members of the Council to the following new members accepted since our last Newsletter.

Miss H. M. Prigent.
Mr. W. S. Menary.
Dr. D. Menary.
Miss C. M. Menary.
Mr. W. Boundy.

Mr. G. F. Fleetwood.
Mrs. L. I. Symons.
Mr. D. A. Pollock.
Mr. J. L. C. Stone.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OVERSEAS.

The following correspondence (in brief) has been received at this office and could be of interest to our members.

BARNETT TAYLOR & SONS LTD. 17 & 33 Stockwell Street, Glasgow.

"This is a long established company of clothing manufacturers, and in recent years have ventured into the manufacture of Highland Dress Wear. At present their styles consist of Prince Charlie Coatee and Vest and Full Argyle or Semi Argyle Jackets. These are made in various shades of Scottish Tweed Cloths and also in top quality Black Barathea. They also use a light weight Black Trevira/Worsted Cloth which has been particularly popular in warm climates. They are also major suppliers of Scottish Tweed, Harris Tweed and Tartan Jackets."

An illustrated Catalogue has been requested from the Company.

LONDON BURNS' CLUB LONDON, ONTARIO CANADA.

"The International Conference of Federated Burns Clubs will be held in London Ontario Canada from Saturday August 18th until Wednesday 22nd. 1979.

Registration numbers will be limited to 500 and already over 200 Burnsians are registered from Britain and 20 from Australia.

Accommodation will be available in the University of Western Ontario, London. and an interesting programme is being arranged. This is the first time that the Conference has been held outside Britain since 1885. and early application is advised.

Application forms are held by the Secretary, Royal Caledonian Society and further information can be obtained from him. A group Tour could be arranged provided the number attending would be 20 or over.

Brochures and Conference papers can be viewed at this office.

A Directory of all Scottish and Caledonian Societies and Associations throughout the world is being compiled by Johnson & Bacon, Edinburgh-based publishers, and complete details of the functions, aims, and organisation of the Society, together with our main activities has been forwarded for inclusion in the publication. The planned date of despatch of copies is 1st. November 1979, and this will be an invaluable work of reference, particularly for those planning a trip overseas, or to make contact with a Clan Society or Scottish Association throughout the world.

LAUNCESTON CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

We have received correspondence from our kindred Society in Launceston giving details of functions to be held during 1979 and extending an invitation to all members who may be visiting Tasmania to join with them in any function at that time. The Secretary Mr. T. Marr can be contacted at 3 Parva Road, Launceston Phone 262515.

CLAN CAMPBELL SOCIETY.

We have received correspondence from the Clan Campbell Societies in N. S. W. and Victoria, requesting that it be made known to our members that an invitation is extended to our members who may be interested in making contact with these Societies. The contacts are:-

Clan Campbell Society of N. S. W.
Mr. B. O. E. Calder.
198 Bay Road.
ARCADIA. N. S. W. 2159.

Clan Campbell Society of
Vic.
Mr. G. C. Firth.
24 Beauville Avenue,
MURRUMBEENA Vic. 3163.

SECRETARY.

BURNS PRINTS.

Two excellent Burns Print pictures have been donated to the Society by Mr. Douglas Maxwell-Wright whose grandfather had been commissioned by the Society with public subscription to sculpture the Statue of Robert Burns which is erected on North Terrace. The print of 'Burns in Edinburgh Jan. 1787' was used as the model for the Statue and illustrates Burns in his poetic stance. Photocopies of interesting newspaper cuttings dated May 5 1894 provides details of the unveiling ceremony of the Statue together with a background history of the Sculptor as well as other work carried out by him. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Maxwell-Wright for these excellent Prints and background history of them and of his famous grandfather. The Prints will be re-framed and incorporated in the New Clubrooms.

MESSAGE FROM THE BAIRN'S.

Another very successful opening to our Bairns class took place on 16th March 1979, and I have much pleasure in announcing Mrs. Barbara Hamlyn as our Instructress. As you all know, her brother Greg. is the Pipe Sargeant in our Pipe Band and her family has been associated with the Society for many years. I look forward in this season of dancing and I hope that all parents will come along and support and encourage Barbara in her new challenge.

Chieftain John Fleetwood.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Results of the Pipe Band Championships Olympic Sports Field.

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD.
GRADE 1 Aggregate	City of Melbourne.	Adelaide Uni. Regt.	Melbourne Ladies.
GRADE 1 Medley.	Mt. Laura. Whyalla.	City of Melbourne.	
GRADE 2 Aggregate.	Adelaide Uni. Regt.	Mt. Laura. Whyalla.	
GRADE 2 Medley.	Mt. Laura. Whyalla.	Adelaide. Uni. Regt.	
GRADE 3 Aggregate.	Millicent.	Heather Girls.	Royal Cal. Soc.
GRADE 3 Medley.	Millicent.	Heather Girls.	Royal Cal. Soc.
STREET MARCH.	1st. City of Melbourne. 2nd. 3rd. Battalion R.A.R.		

DRUM MAJOR. (Ladies) Heather Bruce, Melbourne Ladies.

DRUM MAJOR. (Men) S/Sgt. John Rowe, Adelaide Uni. Regiment.

Drum Major Malcolm Hatty came second in the Drum Major Competition, missing out by 0.5 points.

SOME HISTORY FROM OUR PAST.

It would possibly be some interest to our members to read of the historical background behind the unveiling of the Burns Statue on North Terrace, and we have been most fortunate in having handed to us by Mr. Douglas Maxwell-Wright photocopies of the newspaper reports of the day. The reports also give us considerable information on the Sculptor, Mr. W. J. Maxwell and of the other works of sculpture art done by him.

"Morning Edition. Saturday, May 5. 1894.

THE BURNS STATUE.
A SCOTTISH CELEBRATION.

Today will mark an interesting epoch in the history of the South Australian Caledonian Society, when the ceremony of unveiling the statue of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns will be performed by the Chief of the Society, the Hon. John Darling M.L.C. In their labors in connection with the erection of the statue both the Chief and Mr. Hugh Fraser have been indefatigable and the consummation of their labors must be most pleasurable to each of them. The ceremony of unveiling the statue will take place in the afternoon, and in celebration of the event a grand promenade concert will be given in the Jubilee Exhibition Building in the evening, under the most distinguished patronage. A novel feature will be the first appearance of the Caledonian Pipers' Band of 15 performers, which will march from Victoria Square to the Exhibition Building, starting punctually at 7 O'clock. A capital programme of Scottish songs, bagpipe music, and Highland dances has been arranged for the evening's performance. The pipers will give two numbers, and the Goodwood choir will contribute three purely Scottish pieces, while the other vocalists are favorites with the Adelaide public. One of the interesting items on the programme will be the string quartets, reels and strathspeys by Messrs. Armstrong, James, Finnis and Whillas, accompanied by Mr. Lumsden on the piano. Mr. James Murray Jun., is to contribute two of the national dances of Scotland "Highland Fling" and the old Scottish "Seantrews" and he is admitted to be the champion Highland dancer in Australasia. The catering has been entrusted to Mr. Masson of the Crown and Sceptre Hotel, and complete arrangements have been made for the convenience of those requiring refreshments. A crowded and enthusiastic house may safely be predicted.'

For the information of our younger and newer-arrived members, the Jubilee Exhibition Building was erected on the northern side of North Terrace directly opposite the junction of Pulteney Street, and North Terrace, on the site now occupied by the Bonython Hall and University Building immediately to the East. The Office of the South Australian

Caledonian Society was situated in Gay's Arcade off the Adelaide Arcade. The style of newspaper reporting seems to have changed considerably since 1894.

'SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1894.'

THE BURNS STATUE.

The statue of Burns is of Angaston marble and is erected on a pedestal of Monarto granite. On the dye is engraved "Robert Burns. 1759-1796." and the inscription on the base will be - "Presented by the South Australian Caledonian Society, and unveiled by the Chief. the Hon. John Darling, M.L.C. on 5th May 1894." The granite pedestal has been prepared by Messrs. Fraser & Draysey, of Waymouth Street, who have successfully placed the statue upon it. The site is the eastern end of the reserve opposite Government House Domain. The statue stands 13ft. 6in. with the pedestal and the figure is full lifesize, and the garb in which Mr. Maxwell, the sculptor, has chosen to represent the poet is that worn during his first winter in Edinburgh, when he wore the livery of Charles Fox- blue coat, with brass buttons, yellow buckskins and top boots. He is supposed to be reciting the poem of a "Winters Night" to a company assembled at the Duchess of Gordon's house in Edinburgh. The attitude is taken from Hardy's Centennial picture of Burns now in the possession of Mrs. Barr Smith and purchased by Sir Thos. Elder for £2.500.'

The issue of the Evening Journal, Monday May 7. 1894 provides more detail of the unveiling and in particular the introduction of the Chief. the Hon. John Darling M.L.C., and his speech presented following the unveiling, the response by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the acceptance of the statue on behalf of the Adelaide City Council. There is also an interesting report on the promenade concert held in the evening.

Many prominent persons attended the unveiling and are named in the report and it may be of interest to our older members to read a summary

which will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter provided there is sufficient space available. The photocopies are held at the Society office and are available for perusal.

SECRETARY.

MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR.

The Highland Games Ball was, in my opinion, an unqualified success. I have not heard from anyone who did not enjoy themselves. It was gratifying to see so many people there, and in particular, I was pleased to see so many members of the Pipe Band with large parties. At interval time, the Pipes and Drums and the Dancers put on a magnificent floor show again- we simply cannot advertise ourselves any better. Bob Saint was his usual tower of strength as Master of Ceremonies and I simply hate to think how I would have fared without the help of our Secretary, Reg Verral - a tremendous effort on his part.

The Cabaret which was to be held on 25th May 1979, unfortunately has had to be cancelled due to the fact that the building alterations have deprived us of some of the essential facilities and conveniences temporarily.

YOUR DATE FOR THE NEXT CABARET.

Our next Cabaret is to be held on 20th July 1979 in our own Hall, and the band is once again Jim Nesbet's and it is a basket supper, Tickets are \$2.50 for members and \$3.00 for non-members. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets are available from me or the Secretary. The Cabaret is from 8 p.m. to midnight and liquid refreshments will be available.

Bill McBey.
SOCIAL DIRECTOR.

COMMONWEALTH DAY CELEBRATIONS 1979.

Nine members of the Society attended the Commonwealth Day celebrations held at Fernilee Lodge, Burnside, on Monday evening 12th March 1979. Those present were Chieftain Ron and Suzanne Layton. Ann and Brian Withers, Ian and Ann Fleetwood, Pipe Sargent Greg Gordon, and Senator Gordon and Mrs. Davidson.

The President of the Joint Commonwealth Societies, Mr. Redpath read the Queen's message. His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Keith Seaman, also delivered a speech following his being piped-in by Greg Gordon. The speeches focussed on the need to co-operate towards the good of mankind, not only with the member nations, but also with other nations. It was pointed out that this was particularly relevant to Australia, a country which is enriched by its composition being based on a large number of national groupings.

CHIEFTAIN R. A. LAYTON.

PORT ADELAIDE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

A cordial invitation has been extended to all members of the Royal Caledonian Society to join with our kindred Society at a Family Social night to be held in the Port Adelaide Caledonian Hall Saturday 2nd June 1979 commencing at 8 p.m.