

Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia

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NEWSLETTER

FREE TO MEMBERS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BY DIRECTION AND AGREEMENT of the Council, the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia Incorporated will be held in the Caledonian Hall 379 King William Street, Adelaide on MONDAY 18TH AUGUST 1980 at 8PM.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM THAT NOTED IN THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER.

AGENDA

DECLARATION OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
INSTALLATION OF CHIEF.
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS A.G.M.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
30TH JUNE 1980.
NOTICES OF MOTION.
ANNUAL REPORTS.
BALANCE SHEET.
GENERAL BUSINESS.
OTHER BUSINESS.
SUPPER (Bring a plate.)

THE COUNCIL

Members of the Council have met on thirteen occasions during the year, which included the special meeting held on Monday 30th June 1980, with a recess in December 1979 and attendances were:

Chief.	Charles Gardiner.	13.	
Past Chief.	Sir Lyell McEwin.	8.	
Chieftain.	R.A. Layton.	8.	
Chieftain.	J.W. Fleetwood.	11.	
Treasurer.	I.R. Fleetwood.	12.	
Secretary.	R.M. Verrall.	12.	
Directors.	D.J. Bramley, 13.	C.V. Mitchell, 12.	
	K.A. McEwin, 10.	J.C. Moffatt, 10.	
	Mrs. D.N. Richards, 12.	L. Pawson, 11.	
	G. Johnson, 4.	Resigned May, 1980.	
	R. Dennis, 2.	Resigned March, 1980.	

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ELECTIONS

As stated in the previous newsletter, the following positions become vacant through effluxion of time:

Chief. 1 Chieftain. 4 Directors and Treasurer,
and the following nominations have been received:

CHIEF. Chief Charles Gardiner did not seek re-election and Chieftain Layton being the only nomination for that Office will be installed as Chief at the Annual General Meeting.

CHIEFTAIN. To be elected by the Council.

TREASURER. The Treasurer I.R. Fleetwood, being the only nomination for that Office will be duly elected at the A.G.M.

DIRECTORS. 5 positions become vacant, and Director D.J. Bramley retiring at the end of his term submitted a nomination for re-election, and nominations were received from:-

Mr. K.P. Atwell. Mrs. C.F. Cockerill.

Mr. J.F. Cook. Mr. I. Harrison. Mr. George Kelly.

The following Directors did not seek re-election to the Council:

K.A. McEwin. C.V. Mitchell. L. Pawson. (Casual appointment.)

As a Ballot will be necessary to fill the vacant Director positions, the following information is included for the guidance of members:-

Mr. Kym Atwell. (33) is an Industrial Engineer at General Motors Holden, who together with his member and former Bairn wife Annette and son James (6) live at Sturt. Kym has been an active attender at Society Conventions and is a driving force amongst the Bairns parents group. He feels he has several new proposals to improve the Society, expand its membership and make it generally more valuable and worthy of the assets it holds.

Mr. Doug Bramley. Is currently a Director and is employed at Elders GM. He joined the Society in 1967 and has been a tireless and valuable worker ever since and has represented the Society on a number of outside bodies, Doug is more than prepared to continue this, and is confident of his ability to attract and hold members within the Society.

Mrs. Christina Cockerill. (30) lives at Daw Park, and has two children, Michelle (14) and Heather (7) attending Bairns. She is active in local community and school programmes and is committed to see the Society develop as an integral body for the benefit of all.

Mr. Jock Cook. Lives at Clarence Park and is a plumber trade. Jock has been a member of the Society for most of his life, has been a Band member and is a grandfather of Bairns. He is interested to see the Society make the most of its assets and assume a prominent position in South Australia.

Mr. Ian Harrison. Lives at Clovelly Park and although he has lived more recently in Melbourne, has been closely associated with the Scottish Community since a child. His parents were prominent for their devotion to the teaching of country dancing in this State. Ian feels that he has considerable energy which he wishes to put into practise in the area of the social and business activities of the Society.

Mr. George Kelly. (35) is a carpenter by trade and lives with his wife Susan and children Julie (4) and Alexander (2) at Hyde Park. George before coming to South Australia, was an active member of the Caledonian Societies of Rhodesia and South Africa. He was born in Wishaw near Glasgow and feels he can offer the Society much in the way of new ideas.

There being six nominations for the five vacancies on the Council, an election by Ballot will be necessary at the A.G.M. At the Council meeting held on Monday 14th July 1980, positions on the Ballot Papers were drawn, resulting in the following order.

1. BRAMLEY. Douglas James.
2. KELLY. George.
3. HARRISON. Ian John Livingstone.
4. COOK. Jock Forrest.
5. ATWELL. Kym P.
6. COCKERILL. Christina F.

Treasurer I.R. Fleetwood was appointed as Returning Officer and two Scrutineers will be appointed at the AGM. Entitled to vote are Life Members, Honorary Life Members, and all Corporate Members financial as at 30th June 1980, also any Corporate Member approved for new Membership at the Council Meeting on 14th July 1980. Voting will be conducted between 7 pm and 8 pm on the night of the AGM-MONDAY 18th August 1980. Postal voting for five of the six nominations will be received by the Secretary to 5 pm on 18th August. As only one nomination was received for the Office of Chief and Treasurer respectively, the following information is noteworthy in regard to the Officers elected;

CHIEF. Ron A. Layton, A.U.A., Dip. Soc. Stud., Grad. Dip. Bus. Admin. Ron has been a Director of the Department for Community Welfare for the past 5 years, is aged 36 and lives at Crafers. Ron together with his family have been active in the Society for some 20 years. His wife, Suzanne was Secretary of the Pipe Band for a number of years, and children Lachlan (7) and Katryna (5) are recent additions to the Bairns class. He has been a Chieftain of the Council for 6 years and hopes that he might lead the Society into expanded membership and an organization of which Scots, Scots decendants and others interested in Scottish activities are deeply proud.

TREASURER. Ian R. Fleetwood is a qualified Accountant and is the son of Chieftain John Fleetwood. Ian lives with his wife Ann and daughters Emma (4) and Kate (20 months) at Flagstaff Hill. The Fleetwoods have been extensively involved with the Society over three generations, with Ian, not only currently fulfilling the onerous task of Treasurer, but also serving on the Bar Committee.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and appreciation to Members of Council and the Society for their support during my term of Office. It has been an eventful time in many ways. The decision to stand down from Office was made many months ago and your Chief Designate, Ron Layton, accepted nomination for the position and has been elected unopposed.

I hope you will give your new Chief your unstinted support during his term of Office and assist by offering to help at the many functions held.

Your new Chief will be a worthy representative of the Society in meetings with Kindred and other bodies. During the last few years, he has represented on many occasions when two or more functions have clashed.

Chieftain John Fleetwood has been a tower of strength and a very able and willing worker over many years. The Members of the Council have worked very hard and merit your appreciation.

My thanks to our worthy Secretary, Reg Verrall, who has been extremely co-operative and has assisted far beyond the normal scope of his duties.

I wish the new Chief, Council and members of the Society all the very best for the future.

LANG MAY YOUR LUM REEK.

Charles Gardiner.

NOTICES OF MOTION

At the Special Meeting called on Monday 30th June 1980, the following Notices of Motion were proposed and seconded, and will be included on the Agenda of the A.G.M.

Mr. R. Catt: "Notice of Motion that a recommendation to the Council be considered that the Council should investigate the closing of the Club facilities in favour of developing the Clubroom as a suite of Offices."

Mr. J.F. Cook: "Notice of Motion that the quarterly meetings be re-introduced."

The following Notice of Motion were delivered to the Secretary for consideration at the A.G.M.

Mr. J.F. Cook: "That Rule 17 be added to by including the following words; namely:
"The Chief shall serve a term of two consecutive years if re-elected after the first term of one year, and shall then retire and take his place on the Council as a Past Chief."

Chieftain Layton: "Amendment to Rule 8 increasing the life membership rate from the present rates of \$100 and \$50 respectively to \$200 and \$100 respectively.

Treasurer I.R. Fleetwood: "That the funds contained in the Education Grant fund be transferred to the General Funds for ordinary use of the Society."

BUILDING APPEAL

In the April Newsletter this appeal was announced and \$272 was immediately acknowledged. Since that time I have contacted 27 South Australian businesses and have received donations from two. At present I have a list of well over 100 to contact, but this takes considerable time and energy.

We have also received a welcome donation of \$100 from Mr. Andy Nesbitt, who incidently **has** just retired and together with Mrs. Nesbitt is looking forward to a period of travelling around Australia.

I have also written to Scotland requesting assistance with our appeal there, also a letter to the Editor of "Scottish Field", whose readers are scattered throughout the world.

This next year will be a crucial year for our Society; won't you please help by sending in a donation to help us get back on our feet. If you are aware of an organization who may be approached, please contact me at 339-1916 (home) or 217-0461 extension 379 (work). Every little bit counts. Remember all donations will be acknowledged in our Newsletter and those \$50 and over on a Donor's Roll.

Previous acknowledgements.	\$272
Earl of Zetland Hotel	\$ 50
Theodore Bruce Real Estate	\$ 50
Mr. A. Nesbitt	\$100
Union Hotel Pty. Ltd.	\$ 50
Crown & Sceptre Hotel	\$ 50
Anonymous	\$ 50
Mr. J.L. Pawson	\$ 50
	<u>\$672</u>

Ron Layton.
Appeal Co-ordinator.

Members could use this form for your Donation to the Appeal

ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF S.A. INC.

BUILDING APPEAL.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED THE SUM OF \$.....

RECEIPT REQUIRED..... SIGNED.....

BAIRNS NEWS

Enrolments as at 30th June 1980 now stand at 54.

The move to the Uniting Church hall, Porter Street, Parkside for Friday night dancing lessons commenced on 6th June 1980. Attendances to start with are slightly down but it is hoped that numbers will improve as the year goes on.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are slowly obtaining samples of tartan no smaller than 12" x 12" for a permanent display in the hall. If you can supply a sample of tartan, either drop it in to the Secretary during the day, at Friday night Bairns class or phone the Secretary who will arrange someone to collect.

REMEMBER BAIRNS HALLOWE'EN. FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER 1980
Make a note of the date now.

L. Pawson.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Cabaret held on Friday 27th June 1980 was well attended and it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. I look forward to seeing you again at the Burns Night on Friday 25th July 1980. You will be entertained by the Galinaufery Folk Group with a feast of songs and music, as well as a traditional Scottish supper. NOTE THE ADMISSION PRICE REDUCED TO \$6.00 single so please book early as we have to limit the number attending.

A REMINDER. SCOTTISH CABARET

FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST 1980

FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 1980

Excellent Band. Floor Show. Scottish Dancing.

Basket Supper. Tickets \$3.00 single.

Social Director.

COUNTRY DANCING

At a recent meeting of Bairn's parents it was agreed that we should attempt to increase our repertoire and skills at Country Dancing.

Our new location in Parkside has two small halls, and whilst the children are learning with Miss Marshall, parents are hoping to try at least one new dance per night which will at a later stage be built into adult functions. Room permitting other participants will be welcome also.

AULD LANG SYNE

I have received a number of comments concerning the "proper" words for Auld Lang Syne; that which we sing at the end of Bairns evenings, Cabarets, etc. There are many versions, but the most popular three verses are the following (from Robert Burns) it would be good if all could learn them such that we are consistent.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty friend,
And give us a hand of thine,
And we'll take a right good-willy waught, (1).
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne my dear, etc.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp, (2).
And surely I'll be mine.
And we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne my dear, etc.

- (1). good-willy waught - hearty drink.
- (2). pint-stowp - large drinking vessel.

Ron Layton.

ROBBIE BURNS

On Friday 25th July, we will be holding our Burns Supper. A festival of a type which is given to no other poet the world over. On or about the 25th January (the anniversary of his birth) or 21st July (the anniversary of his death) over half a million Burns Suppers are held around the world. The Burns Federation boasts over 950 Clubs, the first being established in Dumfries in 1801, 5 years after his death, the largest being Philadelphia with over 18,000 members. Russians are particularly fond of Burns, and in 1979, two special charter flights flew scots to Moscow, together with their haggis and 30 crates of whisky.

Why all this? I can only touch on it briefly.

Robbie lived in a period, 1759-1796, when Scotland for the last time had lost its fight to restore nationhood. It lacked an acceptable hero, until the likes of people such as Burns and Sir Walter Scott provided it in a different form. Burns was of Highland background and with his family lived close to the ground for all of his short life - he gave his whole life to the earth and the earth sustained him.

He was always popular in the small villages, for his wit and presentation, but had to be encouraged to put these in writing. As soon as he did, his qualities became known widely and quickly, especially in Edinburgh where those who were someone had been assuming a quasi-English mode of living. He was instantly accepted by these people and more importantly by the common man, the very people about whom he wrote. Burns took very little of this fame (and fortune) for himself, but ploughed it back into the land and the ordinary folk he loved so dearly.

Burns proved a prolific writer, the majority of his works written in just a few years. By the time he was 30 he was severely stricken with a cardiac disease and was dead within 6 years. Although he was widely and well known and respected during his short life, like many such people he became a legend upon death and is "worshipped" by millions to this day. Providing a strong sense of national identity, he was quickly proclaimed as the Scottish National Poet. He provided a new way in which Scots could remember their country.

His memory was avidly fostered by none less than Sir Walter Scott. In Ayrshire, his wife Jean who lived for a further 38 years, and his children did much for Robbie through their gracious, loyal and humble manner.

So today when almost every Scots family still read their collection of Burns poems, we can not only make a pilgrimage to see not only his country, but also to see the shrines to his memory. There are tasteful museums throughout the South-West and magnificent monuments to his memory in Edinburgh, Dumfries, Kilmarnock and Alloway. There is even a statue of his memory on North Terrace in front of the State Library.

The memory of Burns therefore is an important memory of Scotland. His words are something more than pictures that will remind us forever of an important part of our heritage. What better way to bring this forward than in an evening of simple pleasures, food and traditional entertainment in the style of Robbie Burns.

"It's no in titles nor in rank,
It's no in wealth like Lon'on Bank,
To purchase peace and rest;
If happiness hae not here seat
and centre in the breast,
We may be wise or rich or great
but never can be blest."

Chieftain Layton.

NEW SCOTTISH SHOP

Readers will be interested to note that a new Scottish Shop has opened in Twin Street, Adelaide, just behind Malltown. Items for sale include novelties, music, a limited range of apparel, and gifts. Arrangements can also be made through the shop for items to be imported.

The Scottish Shop, 22-24 Twin Street, Adelaide is well worth a visit.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended by the Chief and Members of the Council to the following new members who have been accepted since our last Newsletter:

Mrs. P.M. Hissey	Mr. W.J. Paull
Mr. W.R. Mullins	Mrs. C.A. Gordon
Mr. David Mullin	Mr. P.J. Collins
Mrs. E.H. Mullin	Mr. D.W. Muller
Mrs. H.E. Weston	Mrs. S.J. Poolier
Mrs. H.G. Magee	Mrs. R. Hawkins
Mrs. P.A. Dunstone	Mr. J.C. Welsh
Mr. K.P. Atwell	Mrs. R.J. Welsh
Mrs. A.M. Atwell	Miss Y. Laird
Mr. R. Scott	Mrs. J.A. McIntosh
Mr. A.F. Cook	Mr. P. Bryson
Mrs. S.H. Layton	Mr. T. Thomson
Mrs. A.E. Marshall	Mr. T.A. Quinn
Mr. R.J. Callaghan	Mrs. M.N. Quinn
Mr. K.J. McGregor	Mrs. E.M. Nancarrow
Mrs. J.D. McGregor	Mr. H.E. Handricken
	Mr. D. Beard

MEMBERSHIP FEES

At the monthly meeting held on Monday 9th June 1980 the Council recommended and approved of a new range of membership subscription fees to commence as from 1st July 1980 as follows:

Corporate Member. \$15.00 Per annum
Associate Member. \$10.00 Per annum
Pensioners and Junior members \$5.00 Per annum
Life membership \$200.00 or \$100.00 if over
ten years membership, subject to confirmation
at A.G.M.

Renewal of membership is therefore due as from
1st July 1980