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NEWSLETTER

FREE TO MEMBERS

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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

In the February Newsletter I wrote that our Centenary Year would be a year for all to remember. It has certainly started off that way. From the opening by Viscount Maitland at the March Ceilidh through to the Highland Ball and our regular Friday night Club evenings.

Interest and activity is at an unprecedented level, and I am confident that we are at the beginning of a new era when the Scottish community (and also those who express an interest in it) will once again be noticed in S.A.

For the remainder of the year we are attempting to cater for all tastes, but also trying to do different things which both allow for the development of our own background as well as show the rest of the State that we are able to make a significant contribution to its own well-being. The programme sets this out in greater detail elsewhere.

There are many hard working members who are toiling behind the scenes as well as performing "up front". To those people we owe much for the current enthusiastic climate. We would welcome more, particularly from perhaps retired people who are looking for something to do during the day - there is still much to be done - would someone like to take over the Building Appeal?

One of the features for this year is publicity - watch the press, as there are some big surprises in progress which are aimed at putting the Scottish community back on the S.A. map.

On the business side of things, I am pleased to report an improvement, but, there is certainly no room for complacency. We will shortly be appealing to the WHOLE S.A. Scottish community to ensure that our premises remain securely in the possession of that community. All of the major ethnic groups in this State have significant headquarters - the Scots should also, don't you think?

Won't you do your bit - use the Newsletter to attract new members, elicit donations, spread information, etc. We still urgently need the active support of members to ensure that the Scottish community remains a significant one.

With my best wishes
RON LAYTON - Chief

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF A SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE SOCIETY HALL CLUB ROOMS (UPSTAIRS), KING WILLIAM STREET, ADELAIDE, ON FRIDAY MAY 22nd, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M., TO RECEIVE THE AUDITORS REPORT.

AUDITORS REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF S.A. INC. ON THE BALANCE SHEET & INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

I have examined the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account of the Society and certify that they are in agreement with the books of account.

In my opinion the Balance gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society subject to the following:-

1. The medallions which form part of the assets of the Education Fund have a doubtful value and should be written off.
2. The term "Loss for the year" is not appropriate for a non-profit making organisation and the words "Excess of Expenditure over Income" should be used.

In my opinion the Income and Expenditure account fairly states the Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year subject to the following:-

I was unable to form an opinion on the adequacy of the gross profit earned on the "Bar Account". My investigations indicated that comparing costs of supplies with selling prices the gross profit should have been approximately 40% of sales and not as stated 20.2%.

A. L. R. RAE
Hon. Auditor
28/1/81

HALL CLEANING

As mentioned in the newsletter, the contract to clean the hall constitutes a large portion of our budget. Council has taken steps to reduce the contract hours and has also received some offers from members to form a roster for voluntary cleaning duties, however, if we are to successfully form a roster which will not over-tax those members, additional volunteers are required. If you can assist in this matter PLEASE contact the Secretary or any member of Council.

1981 CENTENARY YEAR PROGRAMME

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES

- 22/5/81 SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING - to receive Auditors Report, 7.30 p.m. (Bairns as usual).
- 29/5/81 CABARET & COUNTRY DANCE - at the Society Hall, 8.00 p.m. Tickets \$3.50 each, from Secretary - Basket Supper.
- 19/6/81 FIRST OFF THE BOAT - EARLY COLONIAL DANCE - Organised by Stan Cameron-Fox and Galimaufery Folk Group - featuring Bush Dancing, Australian Folk Songs and music. You are requested to wear late 1800's dress (prize for best costume) - check with the Constitutional Museum, North Terrace for ideas. \$6.00 admission, including light supper.
- 17/7/81 FESTIVAL OF CELTIC CULTURE - The Irish, Welsh, Cornish and Manx communities will be joining us to present songs, dances, music and stories. An evening not to be missed. 250 tickets at \$6.00.
- 14/8/81 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 7.30 p.m. at Clubrooms.
- 22/8/81 GRAND CENTENARY BALL - Dom Polski Centre - 8.00 p.m. 600 tickets at \$12.50 each. 18 piece swing and country dance orchestra - top quality floor shows - professional compere - first class supper - other Scottish Societies participating. All this in the

the presence of his Excellency the Governor, Mr. Keith Seaman and Mrs. Seaman, and still hopefully a Clan Chief. Tables of 10 already going fast - reserve yours quickly by phoning booking - payment within one month to the Secretary.

ORGANISE A PARTY NOW! DO NOT HESITATE TO BOOK OR YOU WILL MISS THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

NOTE. Tables will be reserved for interstate visitors wishing to attend and these people are requested to contact the Secretary as soon as possible to assist in finalizing seating arrangements.

13/9/81 CEILIDH AND COUNTRY DANCE

17/10/81 CENTENARY YEAR FETE

30/10/81 HALLOWE'EN

28/11/81 ST. ANDREWS DAY DINNER

REGULAR FEATURES:- 50/50 Dancing each Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Each Friday evening - Bairsms and Club nights - films, country dancing, singing or just talking.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (14/8/81)

Nominations for the positions of Chief, Directors(5), Treasurer and Auditor(1), are invited in writing, and in accordance with the Constitution. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary and must be returned appropriately completed before 1st July, 1981.

Further details next Newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended by the Chief and Council to the following new members.

LIFE MEMBERS

A.F. Beattie, Miss L. Marshall.

CORPORATE MEMBERS

Mr. E.A. Allan
Mr. R.B. Birnie
Mrs. E. Birnie
Mr. J.A. Borthwick
Mrs. H.M. Bremner
Mrs. B. Bray
Mrs. J.A. Cameron-Fox
Mr. A.D.F. Compion

Mr. K.J.M. Cuthbertson
Mrs. E. Elliott
Mr. H. Grandison
Mrs. M. Grandison
Mr. H.S. Humble
Mrs. J.M. Humble
Rev. D.W.A. Keay
Mrs. S.J. Kidd

Mr. W.N. MacPherson
Dr. J.R. McPherson
Mr. I.H. Nicholson
Mr. J.R. Paton
Mr. B.D. Redpath
Mr. A.J. Scott
Mrs. H. Scott
Mr. J.M. Tennant

SOCIAL/ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Master M. Bassell
Mrs. B.D. Borthwick

Mrs. A. Nicholson

Mrs. G. MacPherson
Mr. P.D. Sykes

BUILDING APPEAL

Previously acknowledged	\$991.00
Matron D. Cameron	25.00
David Jones (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Donald-Hill	20.00
Sir Lyell and Lady McEwin	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>\$1236.00</u>

SOCIETY TRAVEL CLUB

Members are advised that a complete travel service at discounted rates is available through Stewart Moffatt Travel, 44 Gawler Place, Adelaide. This company is one of the oldest and most reputable travel organisations in Australia and can provide full services for individual or group travelling within Australia or overseas.

You will receive in the near future, a special members card and details of the discounts available to you - we urge you to consider this offer when next contemplating any travel arrangements.

CASSETTES

Tapes of the Galimaufery Folk group are available through the Secretary at \$6.50 each.

THE MYSTERY OF THE DASHING WHITE SERGEANT

In the world of "country" or "folk" dance one is constantly coming across surprises, dances that have survived unrecorded for generations, variations upon a theme, and "traditional" dances that turn out to have been invented last year!

Even amongst some of the more recent offerings one can find considerable variations, and origins become quickly obscured.

Until recently we had supposed that the Dashing White Sergeant, that most popular of Scots dances, held no surprises but! in our research into Australian bush dances we discovered that in the Burra area during the height of the mining boom, the Scots miners danced the Dashing White Sergeant in a longways formation and as a couple dance rather than a threesome.

At first we imagined that it was simply a case of dancing a country dance to the tune of Dashing White Sergeant and as so often happens, the name of the tune becomes also the name of the dance.

We know that the music which was originally intended for a song was written in 1826 by Sir Henry Bishop, an eminent Victorian composer and conductor, so it is unlikely that the dance existed before that date.

We have a small very dilapidated Ballroom Guide published by the Glasgow Music Publisher Mozart Allen. It is undated but clearly belongs to the reign of Queen Victoria. In it, to our surprise, are the directions - not very clear! - for the Dashing White Sergeant. The dance is obviously a couple dance in a longways reel formation possibly for four couples although this is not made apparent. It bears some resemblance to the Australian bush version, and gives a clear indication that the miners were drawing upon genuine Scots tradition.

In her book "The Darling Division" Evelyn M. Hood refers to the so-called Swedish dances which gained popularity in Scots ballrooms in the late 19th Century. In David Anderson's Universal Ballroom Guide of 1890, (says Evelyn Hood) he introduces a mixture dance of "threesomes and Swedish dance" which was entitled La Danse Florence. This, according to Evelyn Hood, met up with Sir Henry Bishop's tune, and gave us the dance we know today. Mystery solved? Well, not quite! for interestingly enough in the same Ballroom Guide of Mozart Allen, there are the instructions for a dance called the Highland Reel (complete with some very patronizing comments about the Highlanders of North Britain!) which is very similar to today's Dashing White Sergeant.

The Australian version is a longways progressive dance for as many couples as will which now has not been danced anywhere for some 80 years. We intend to revive this piece of history perhaps at the Society's forthcoming Colonial Ball.

If we can work out the mysterious Mozart Allen instructions we could also revive that version.

Well there you have it! Where did the Dashing White Sergeant really originate from? Any further information or reminiscences would be greatly appreciated by the editor.

Happy Dancing.

Joyce and Stan Cameron-Fox

PIPE BAND

As is usual, the first quarter of the new year has been a very busy time. Members have journeyed to Loxton and Taillem Bend to take part in festival activities in addition to fulfilling a variety of commitments in the metropolitan area. At the same time, contest preparations have been continued with extra time spent pounding the drill course in the parklands whilst other people might be in kirk. The earnestness of these endeavours was evident in our performance of the quickstep at Adelaide Highland Games. It must have looked and sounded as good as it felt, as is evidenced by the high points awarded. It was a great feeling to be back in the prize list after too long an absence. Unfortunately the journey to Mt. Gambier at Easter was not as successful despite very sincere efforts and commendable self discipline throughout the day. Our stars were just not sparkling.

Following a recent inspection of uniforms and equipment it has been found necessary to embark on an extensive maintenance program to the tune of about \$2,000. In addition, the sad state of our cap badges, irreplaceable through not being a "Stock" style has led to a new badge being designed. The new badge will be more symbolic of the band's relationship to the Society rather than representing a single clan. We hope it may be possible to have them by the time of the Centenary Ball in August.

Our learner pipers are making steady progress and it should not be too long before some graduate into the band ranks. Surprisingly we have seen few lads interested in the challenge of modern pipe band drumming and the ranks of our drummers remain precariously thin.

We are starting to plan towards competing at the Australian Championships in Melbourne next Easter, and hope that it will be possible to have sufficient numbers of bandsmen, supporters and friends to fill at least one coach and make it a very worthwhile expedition. Do you want to join in?

WISHES

The current holder of the John Ogg trophy for highland dancing, Miss Lisa Saint, leaves on a three month visit to Scotland in June, and during her stay will be competing in several dancing competitions - the Braemar Gathering and Cowell Games to mention but two. The Chief and Council wish her the best of success in the competitions.

Best wishes have been received by the Society for its Centenary Year from the Premier, Mr. David Tonkin, the Scottish Tourist Board, the Secretary of the International Gathering of the Clans - 1981, the Standing Council of the Scottish Chiefs, and six individual Clan Chiefs.

CENTENARY YEAR FETE

As a result of the highly successful Fete of October last year it has been decided to hold a similar function on October 17th. Mrs. Raelene Welsh has very kindly volunteered to be the Fete co-ordinator and members who can assist in any way (e.g. run a stall on the day, provide goods for stalls, etc.) are asked to contact her by phoning 266 0746 or at the Hall on Friday club nights. This function can only be a success if people are prepared to help.

***** In the good old days the man who saved his money was a miser; nowadays he's a wonder *****

RESTORATION

Members who have recently visited the club rooms will have noticed that many of the old photographs have been restored and hung in prominent positions. Unfortunately, two valuable paintings are in need of some restoration and framing and cannot be displayed at this time. If any member could undertake this work and so enable these paintings to be restored to their rightful position the Council would be very grateful. Please contact the Secretary - phone 51 5268.

BAIRNS REPORT

Yet another season has started successfully with Miss L. Marshall as our capable instructress being aided by Mrs. Bev. Hawthorn and Andrew Scott. My daughter Margaret has been assisting but with her marriage coming up in May other engagements have cropped up but I hope she will continue to help.

The Bairns attendance is about average so old and new faces will be most welcome to come along that haven't been this year. The parents and friends of the Bairns make their own entertainment up in our Clubrooms so if you feel like some Country dancing come along on Friday nights.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your Society. Come along and make good use of it and I am sure we will have another successful year.

Chieftain John Fleetwood

WANTED TO BUY

Copy of Alastair Alpine MacGregor's "The Peat Fire Flame". Any old Scottish Music books, esp. Robert Burns. Phone 278 1354 - Moira Lawry.

The Society would like to obtain a piano for use in the upstairs club rooms. This will assist in providing entertainment on Friday Club nights.

WANTED TO SELL

MacDonald Hunting Tartan Kilt. 34" waist - height of wearer would need to be 6 feet. Made in Scotland by Geoffrey Highland Crafts, Edinburgh, 1974. The kilt is in excellent condition having been worn only 3 or 4 times. Price \$125.00. Please contact Mr. Michael James - phone 277 3743.

MEMBERSHIP OFFER

All members are reminded that subscriptions for the 1981/82 year will be due at the end of June, 1981. Council has decided that applications for the new membership received after 1st April will be valid until 30th June 1982. RATES REMAIN THE SAME. Applications may be received on special forms, or that which appears on the last page of the newsletter. New members are always most welcome.

SOCIETY APPAREL

Various styles of "Club Shirts" to suit men, women and children, and which bear the Society emblem are now available. These casual tops are proving very popular and any person requiring information regarding size, price, colour etc., is requested to contact Mrs. Christine Cockerill by phoning 276 5348 or on Friday Club nights, or the Secretary during business hours.

Special Centenary Year tea towels are also available at a cost of \$2.25 each and these are a must for all members and make ideal gifts.

Society badges suitable for sewing on to tracksuits will soon be available. Be proud of your Society in its Centenary Year - wear a club shirt and advertise the Society's Centenary by giving a shirt or tea towel as a gift.

RECIPE CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS SALAD (c.1583)

Dice sliced, boiled celeriac (a form of celery) with half its quantity of bite sized crisp lettuce leaves. Moisten with a little cream, sharpen delicately with wine vinegar. Garnish with sprigs of chervil and slices of hard boiled egg.

Mrs. M. Kropinski

ZUCCHINI SOUP

1 tbspn. butter	1 tspn. salt
1 small onion chopped finely	sprinkle of pepper
medium sized potato peeled and diced	1 tspn. mixed diced herbs
zucchini sliced	2 cups chicken stock

Method

Melt butter and add onion, potatoes, herbs, salt and pepper, zucchini, 1 cup of chicken stock and simmer 30 mins., stirring occasionally. Cool slightly and put in blender. Deep freeze here if you want to. Add 1 cup of stock and a little cream, heat gently.

Robin Pawson

Remember :

It is better to try something and fail than to do nothing and succeed.

SOCIETY PERSONALITY

DRUM MAJOR MALCOLM (MAC) HATTY

When quite young he played with the Princes Hill (Vic.) School Brass Band as a double bass player. After leaving this band he had nothing further to do with bands until joining the R.A.A.F. during World War II, when he joined the unit band as a side drummer.

Soon after moving to Adelaide in 1950 Mac was approached by Andy Nesbitt and asked if he would be interested in becoming the band's Drum Major. At the time he was more interested in drumming, but having been approached and having accepted, found he really enjoyed being a Drum Major, and has held that position since.

During his time with the band he has had the honour of leading the band to success in many competitions, which often included well known Victorian Bands. Probably the most interesting of those was winning the South East Competitions for three years in succession during 1955, 1956 and 1957.

As Drum Major, Mac has won many Competition trophies, probably the most memorable one being at Port Adelaide. Quite apart from competition trophies he has won many special band trophies (some unprintable), and in 1979 won the Harry Fairbank Trophy for the best all round band member.

Another memorable occasion was leading the Royal Caledonian Society Pipe Band during the Queen Mother's visit to Adelaide.

It is to Drum Major Malcolm Hatty, who for 31 years has been a dedicated, loyal, and consistent Drum Major and band member, that the Society pays tribute.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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To the Secretary,
Royal Caledonian Society of S.A. Inc.,
379 King William Street,
ADELAIDE. S.A. 5000

I apply to be nominated as a member, and agree if elected to be bound and abide by the rules of the Society.

NAME:

ADDRESS: arri

PHONE NO:

SIGNATURE:

Membership Category applied for - Life Member (\$200 or \$100)
 Corporate Member (\$15 or \$5 pensioner)
 Social/Associate Member (\$10 or \$5 pensioner/dependent student)

PROPOSED: SECONDED:

BUILDING APPEAL

Please find herewith \$....., being my donation to the Society Building Appeal.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Please indicate if receipt is required

All donations will be acknowledged in the Newsletter and Clubrooms.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Please find herewith \$....., being my subscription for the year 1980/81.
Fees fall due on 1st July, 1980.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Membership cards and receipts will be posted.