

Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia

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FREE TO MEMBERS



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHIEF

1981 was styled by authorities in Scotland as the year of the Scot. It saw the best international gathering yet. Events took place over the whole country for the whole year. Other countries followed suit with the most successful event being the Grandfather Mountain Gathering which in a holiday like atmosphere attracted over 120,000 people.

In Australia we celebrated too with the Scottish Week in Sydney. A magnificent event which was only marred by poor publicity in other States.

In South Australia it was coincidentally the Centenary Year of the Parent Body and we certainly celebrated that in style. Although there was good participation by Kindred Organisations, the year did not succeed in putting South Australian Scots back on the map. Hopefully now we can plan for a build up towards extensive activities during the 150 year celebrations of the founding of South Australia in 1986.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we have hardly had the resurgence desired to maintain a strong community focus. The challenge put out in the same newsletter hardly created a ripple. Where is your spirit and fire, where is your sense of adventure and innovation? - all those qualities we have been hearing for years at "back-patting" St. Andrew's Day Dinners.

On the positive side I am pleased to report progress in co-operation between the societies, mainly through quarterly meetings of the Scottish Associations of S.A., and frequent get-togethers of some of the chiefs. Of particular note is the tremendous revival in the South-East. Did you know that some groups down there have commenced fund raising activities to help pay off the debt of the Scottish Community Headquarters in Adelaide? Many thanks to Kevin Hein for his strong support.

During 1982 I will be doing all in my power to ensure that the Scottish Community develops and maintains a strong identity in South Australia. One which adds to enrich our multi-cultural life style.

What can you do? Wear the tartan; give of your time and talents; encourage a spirit of warmth and friendship amongst your kin; attend functions, encourage the use of facilities which belong to the Scottish Community.

I will extend a hand of friendship and leadership - will you take it?

RON LAYTON, CHIEF

GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF A HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE SOCIETY HALL, KING WILLIAM STREET, ADELAIDE, ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19TH, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M. - BASKET SUPPER PLEASE.

MUIRDEN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Chief and Council are pleased to announce that the Muirden Scholarship has been awarded to Michelle Cockerill - Congratulations Michelle.

BAIRNS CLASS - 1982

Bairns Classes commence on Friday, 12th February, at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

Owing to the financial position of the Society and general review of our finance cost structure the fees for this year have been set at \$15 for the first bairn per family, \$12 for the second and \$9 thereafter, and may be paid equally over three terms.

Although this may appear to be a large increase over last year, it should be pointed out that it represents approximately 50 cents per night - where else can you get tuition and entertainment for 50¢ per night?

The Chief and Council are pleased to announce that the instructress for this year will be Mrs. Bev Hawthorne assisted by Mrs. Margaret Keane and Miss Leonie Garrick.

It should be noted, that according to the rules of the Society, a parent or sponsor (one who regularly brings Bairns to classes) must be a member of the Society.

A special vote of thanks must be given to Miss Marshall for her many years of guidance, help and assistance in moulding many of this State's top dancers as well as helping make this Society's Bairns Class one for us to be proud of and others envious of. It is the only class in the State to teach both Highland and Country dancing and has a very high reputation, one that will undoubtedly continue.

Thank you Miss Marshall for your very hard work over many years.

FAMILY DAY - SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

To start the year's social events, a FAMILY DAY at Hardy's Tintara Winery has been planned as an occasion when we may meet and enjoy each others company.

WHERE - Hardy's Tintara Winery in the main street of McLaren Vale.

COST - \$4.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child which includes a chicken and salad lunch.

Please phone the Secretary now (phone 51 5268) and indicate the numbers attending to enable catering details to be finalised.

Also, the winery has indicated that for those wishing to purchase wines at cellar door prices, they can be chilled for you (prior to consumption with lunch) if ordered through our Secretary at least one week prior to the event. Normal wine tasting and cellar door sales will be available on the day.

Please help make this a success - book now and don't forget to invite your friends.

NEW MEMBERS

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

CORPORATE

Miss J. Pigram
Mr. J.C. Barrie
Mr. G.T. Stringer
Ms. G.M. McCloy

Mrs. A. Miller
Mr. J. McGregor
Mrs. G.L. McGregor
Miss L.R. Garrick

ASSOC. / SOCIAL

Mr. K.G. Hein
Mrs. J.M. Hein

BUILDING APPEAL

Our thanks go out to the following people and organisations. The assistance of members is still urgently sought - a tear off sheet is to be found at the end of this newsletter.

Previously acknowledged	\$1,339.00
Mars Confectionery Pty. Ltd.	50.00
Mr. J. C. Barrie	5.00
Mt. Barker Caledonian Society	200.00
Dr. D. C. McKinnon	5.00
Mr. G. R. James	5.00
Mr. W. N. Macpherson	25.00
Mr. W. L. H. Baker	10.00
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SOCIAL CALENDAR

Your Council has drawn up the following programme for your enjoyment and participation, but without your attendance and willingness to help these functions may not be the success that they might otherwise be.

Please note these events in your diary NOW and invite your friends to join you in some wholesome good fun.

FRIDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY
SUNDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY

Bairns and Club Nights commence.
Family Day at Hardy's Tintara Winery, McLaren Vale -
\$4.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child includes chicken and salad lunch.
Please phone the Secretary - 51 5268 - to indicate numbers attending.

FRIDAY, 5TH MARCH
SUNDAY, 21st MARCH
FRIDAY, 2ND APRIL
FRIDAY, 28TH MAY
FRIDAY, 25TH JUNE
FRIDAY, 30TH JULY
FRIDAY, 13TH AUGUST
FRIDAY, 27TH AUGUST
FRIDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER
SATURDAY, 16TH OCTOBER
FRIDAY, 29TH OCTOBER
FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER
FRIDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER
FRIDAY, 31ST DECEMBER

Cabaret/Country Dance.
Family Tea.
Highland Ball.
Pioneer Evening.
Cabaret/Country Dance.
Burns Supper.
Annual General Meeting.
Annual Ball (Fancy Dress).
Country Dance/Ceilidh
Scottish Fair.
Bairns Hallowe'en.
Hallowe'en Ball.
St. Andrew's Day Dinner.
Hogmanay.

Please note these dates and tell your friends.

For enquiries or any suggestions please contact the Chieftain in Charge of Social Events, Mrs. Ena Richards, by phoning 271 7354 - remember we would appreciate your comments and ideas.

Please note that other events may be added according to requests - such as a progressive dinner in May - more details later.

OTHER SOCIAL DATES TO REMEMBER:-

- FEBRUARY 21ST - Mt. Barker Caledonian Society Highland Gathering.
- MARCH 13TH - Adelaide Highland Games
- Pipe Bands Cabaret - 8.00 p.m. Estonian Hall, North Adelaide - \$7.50/head
(After the Highland Games)

BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS

Over the last twelve months members have made bookings for social events and in good faith the Society has made catering arrangements, but unfortunately several people have let the Society down by not attending. This has a two-fold effect - firstly it prohibits others attending unnecessarily and secondly places the Society in a position where it must pay for the catering. Members who place us in this position will in future be sent an account for the expenses the Society incurs.

SECRETARY DUTIES

Our very able secretary, Reg Verrall, has been granted leave of absence from March 22nd to June 25th inclusive for travel overseas and the Society is looking for a volunteer to fill in during that time.

The job entails general office duties as well as some ordering during the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Expenses incurred may be negotiated.

If any member is interested, or knows of some-one who is willing to help, please contact the Secretary by phoning 51 5268 - this matter is important.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to all those persons who responded to the notice in the previous newsletter.

There are many subs still outstanding - please accept your responsibility.

Remember the rates	-	Corporate	\$15
		Associate	\$10
		Students and Pensioners (either category)	\$5

Subscriptions may be paid via the form on the back page of the newsletter.

HIGHLAND TARGES (SHIELDS) NOW AVAILABLE

These authentic handcrafted reproductions are identical to those used by the early scottish highlanders. Their decorative designs were as distinctive and symbolic as the tartans themselves.

FIVE DESIGNS AVAILABLE.

Stewart of Advorlich	circa 1685
MacDonald of Keppoch	circa 1730
Culloden	1746
Ferguson	
Wheel of Iona.	

All Targes priced at \$110.

For further details please contact the Highland Armoury, phone Adelaide (08) 296 5128.

THE TARTAN QUESTION

Over several years much has been debated about whether we should have to pay custom's duty on tartan items and material - it is far from over.

In the meantime the following mill claims to be able to produce over 100 registered tartans:

John Vicars & Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 109, Revesby, N.S.W. 2212

COSTS:

	Grade AKT	AKQ
120 metres	\$13.00 per metre	\$14.50 per metre
7 metre lengths	\$17.50 per metre	\$19.00 per metre

"FACTS AND FANTASIES OF SCOTLAND IN RHYME"

Some people would have read David Manclark's "Poems Chiefly Humerous" published in Edinburgh a few years ago. The success of this book and its quick sale prompted David to write a second.

In order to ensure an adequate supply to Australia it has been printed here. The launching took place at our St. Andrew's Day Dinner where 29 copies were sold in quick succession.

A book full of witty and funny pieces, it is available through the Secretary for \$4.99, some of the profits of which help swell our bank balance.

One copy has been donated to our Library by Mrs. Lindblom, David's sister - thank you Mrs. Lindblom.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY PIPES AND DRUMS OFFICERS

	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>
DRUM MAJOR:	Malcolm Hatty	Bob McKie
PIPE MAJOR:	Vern Raymond	Peter Hewlett
PIPE SARGEANT:	Greg Gordon	Barry Niven
PIPE CORPORAL:	Bob MacGregor	Bob Erskine
DRUM SARGEANT:	Bob Moffatt	Greg Bassani
DRUM CORPORAL:	Ron Modra	Lindsay Chuck

SECRETARY/MANAGER: Jeff Hooper
 UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT OFFICER: Peter Lattrell

BAND MANAGEMENT:

Chair: Chief R.A. Layton
 Council Rep: George Kelly
 Band: G. Bassani
 G. Gordon
 Pipe Major: V.S. Raymond

"BITS AND PIECES"

Congratulations to Ann and Ian Fleetwood on the safe arrival of a daughter (Sarah Jane) an addition to the Fleetwood Clan.

Our oldest member and former Bairns Instructor, John Ogg, is currently resident at the War Veteran's Home, 55 Ferguson Avenue, Myrtle Bank. Our best wishes John.

A particular welcome is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Archibald Grant. Mr. Grant is a former Chief of the Capetown Caledonian Society.

The Pipes and Drums have increased their size and now has a Grade 2 and a Grade 3 Competition Band. Vern Raymond and Mac Hatty are the Senior Pipe and Drum Majors respectively. Bob McKie is the Grade 2 Drum Major and Peter Hewlett the Pipe Major.

Miss Leanne Carpenter won the Chief's trophy for the Bairns Class, 1981 - Congratulations.

Chief Ron Layton has been appointed a Director of Ethnic Affairs in the S.A. Government.

Jock Cook has recently been elected Chief of the Pt. Adelaide Caledonian Society - Congratulations Jock.

Greg Gordon is the winner of the 1981 Harry Fairbank Memorial Trophy for all-round proficiency and contribution to the Pipe Band - Congratulations and well done.

Scott Mathieson has been re-elected President of the Scottish Associations of S.A. Inc. Chief Layton is Vice President and Ken MacPherson, Secretary.

The English visitor to the Ross-shire Moors was so confident of his shooting powers that he promised to give his ghillie 5p for every bird he missed.

Telling the story to his pals in the pub ----- "Anither blank cartridge an' I'd have had a pound! "

Calling at a friends house in Glasgow you're liable to be greeted with, "Come on in and have your tea".

In Edinburgh, the greeting is likely to be, "Come in - you'll have had your tea."

A haggis looks like a football.

You don't know whether to eat it or kick it.

After you've eaten it, you wish you'd kicked it.

Excavators in Aberdeen came on a scottish penny, dated 1588.

A few feet away, they unearthed three skeletons, all on their hands and knees.

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:

PHONE NO:

SIGNATURE:

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

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Please find herewith \$....., being my subscription for the year 1981/82.
Fees fall due on 1st July, 1981.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Membership cards and receipts will be posted.