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FREE TO MEMBERS



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHIEF

It has become customary for the Chief to write something of significance in the leading article of your Newsletter. Each time I spend some time thinking about what should be written. Should it be an exhortation towards better things? Should it point out our struggle for survival? Should it be good news only? 1982 has started off as a good year, and better than we expected. This has been achieved through the hard work of a handful of dedicated people, backed up by the many people who attend functions. It is currently estimated that between 40,000 and 45,000 people will come through our doors this year.

I have been conscious that most of my communications and time have been devoted towards the survival and prosperity of our Society and that of the organized Scottish community. This however is only a means towards an end. It is that end which reflects my real character and I would hope that of many of the readers. What is our Society without the fabric of the Scottish culture in S.A.? We must integrate and never let go, our culture, our literature, our language and yes, our peculiarities. Like Wales, with the prominence of its language and its sense of independence, Scotland has a real struggle ahead. There is magnificent progress in Scotland and there is the basis for it here. We must use every opportunity to ensure our survival, develop our culture and show initiative and leadership in the process.

New leaders will need to emerge, for I can not be your Chief for much longer. Already I am unable to devote the time to being an effective leader. In addition there is conflict of interest - that between my family, profession and the Society. More importantly, I believe, is that between my devotion to improving the position of the Scottish heritage in S.A. and that of ensuring that heritage is marked by a building, a memorial of substance.

We now have a good foundation for development, and develop we must!

RON LAYTON, CHIEF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY AUGUST 13, 1982

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON 13.8.82. NOMINATIONS ARE CALLED FOR THE POSITIONS OF

CHIEF
DIRECTORS (5)
TREASURER
AUDITOR

These must be on the prescribed form, available from the Secretary and returned to him, no later than 30.6.82.

THE LAND OF CAKES

Many people have asked why Scotland is the land of cakes. Some say it is because of the prevalence of the Oatcake. The most reliable authorities say it is because of the wide variety of cakes with the various localities producing their own speciality. Think about it:-

Aberdeen	-	Butteries and softies
Forfar	-	Bridies
Kirriemuir	-	Gingerbread
Dundee	-	Dundee Cake, bridies
Edinburgh	-	Currant Loaves, shortbread, factory biscuits
Glasgow	-	Tattie scones, tea bread, oatcakes
Ayrshire	-	Bluck bun, shortbread
Selkirk	-	Selkirk bannocks.

THE SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

This body was established in Sydney in 1981, with far reaching aims and objectives.

It basically aims to foster the heritage of Scots and those Australians of Scottish descent. Also that of the language, culture, literature and music of Scotland.

A further aim will be to strengthen the heritage through cultural exchanges, scholarships, research, writing and other means.

The Council has already held one of the finest events of a Scottish nature that Australia has seen - the Scottish Week incorporating the March of the Clans.

Future plans include a Southern Hemisphere Gathering of the Clans in 1985 and hopefully, an International Gathering in 1988 to coincide with Australia's bi-centennial celebrations.

It is anticipated that a meeting will be held in Adelaide shortly hosted by our Society in conjunction with The Scottish Associations of S.A. This will be an important step forward towards ensuring the Scots maintain a key part in our Australian way of life.

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

MRS. M. SENIOR
F. GREISON
G. L. BASSANI
W. E. COX
MRS. J. C. KUHL
A. E. GROCH

MRS. M. A. NEWMAN
W. R. NEWMAN
A. GRANT
MRS. M. GRANT
MRS. E. FARMER

Associate

MRS. H. BROWN
MRS. G. L. BASSANI
MRS. S. J. CUPPLES
MRS. I. GROCH

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Please contact the Secretary, telephone 51 5268, and make your booking or for any information.

28TH MAY - PIONEER NIGHT - please dress accordingly.

Form a party and enjoy an evening with a difference. \$4.00 per head. This was a highlight of last year's social programme.

20th June	Family Tea
25th June	Cabaret - basket supper
30th July	Burns Supper - Haggis provided - basket supper
13th August	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
27th August	Annual Ball (fancy dress)
24th September	Country Dance/Ceilidh
9th October	Bairns Hallowe'en
5th November	Hallowe'en Ball
26th November	St. Andrews Day Dinner
31st December	Hogmanay

Please note that this Calender is designed for your enjoyment - your suggestions are always appreciated - discuss them with any member of Council.



THESE PEOPLE ENJOYED THE HIGHLAND BALL - DID YOU?

RECIPE CORNER

WHISKY DROPS

5 oz bitter cooking chocolate
 1 egg yolk
 1 oz butter

1 tablespoon whisky
 chocolate powder (cocoa if preferred)

Melt the chocolate very gently and stir in the egg yolk, butter and whisky. Put on a gentle heat for a moment or two and then cool. Form into very small balls, about half an inch in diameter and roll them either in sweetened chocolate powder or in cocoa. Drop each onto a small paper sweet case and serve after dinner with coffee.

DANCING COMPETITIONS

Recently representatives from the Bairns group have competed at both the Highland Games in March and the Highland Dancing Competition held in April with excellent results. Unfortunately room did not permit a full report by category but the following list covers all classes from Beginners through Intermediate and Open Championship.

HIGHLAND GAMES

Rebecca Marshall	1st (1)	3rd (2)
Fiona Harkness	2nd (3)	
Sonia Harkness	2nd (1)	3rd (1)
Cathryn Pawson	1st (1)	2nd (2)
Leanne Carpenter	3rd (1)	
Heather Cockerill	2nd (2)	
Leonie Garrick	1st (2)	2nd (2)
Lisa Saint	3rd (1)	

APRIL COMPETITION

Louise Marshall	1st (1)	2nd (1)
Rebecca Marshall	1st (2)	
Julie Weston	1st (1)	
Sonia Harkness	2nd (1)	
Fiona Harkness	3rd (1)	
Elizabeth Wallace	1st (3)	2nd (1)
Alison Wallace	1st (1)	3rd (3)
Heather Cockerill	3rd (1)	4th (1)
Leanne Carpenter	4th (3)	
Cathryn Pawson	1st (1)	2nd (2)
Kerin Leedham	1st (1)	2nd (1)
Michelle Cockerill	4th (1)	

() denotes number of placings in corresponding position.

Well done, a most creditable performance, one which is reward for personal effort and capable instruction.

PIPE BAND REPORT

Our pipe band travelled to Melbourne during Easter to compete in the Australian Championships and were rewarded for their many hours of practice and dedication by achieving 3rd place in grade 2 with 799.5 points behind Blacktown RSL (825.3) and Queensland Irish (811.6). Congratulations and well done!

ARRIVING IN MELBOURNE

A hung over sun
 peered with blood shot eye
 over the grey blanket
 covering Melbourne's morning.
 Pallid white lights of cars
 leaving on holiday, streamed
 past and at last
 we wheeled through the dawning.

Bob McKie

Once again the Royal Caledonian Society can hold its head proudly high with the knowledge that its band is still the best in the State.

WANTED TO SELL

Kilted Skirt (Fletcher Jones)

Hunting Rose - 27" waist, 30" hips, 22" length, \$40 o.n.o. Contact Joyce Fleetwood 293 6390.

Dark Green Kilt, size 14-16 (adjustable), \$20. Contact Linda Hay 298 2294.

"A HISTORY OF THE HIGHLAND CLEARANCES, 1746-1886" VOL. 1

This book has recently been published by Professor Eric Richards, Professor of History at the Flinders University, and Society member. It is available from Croom Helm (Aust), P.O. Box 391, Manuka, A.C.T. 2603, at an approximate cost of \$25. The Chief has a copy for perusal.

Professor Richards is continuing his massive task with a second volume, including the history of many Highlanders who came to S.A. in the 19th century. He is most interested to hear of any documents relating to the subject, and can be contacted at the University on telephone number 275 3911.

This is a most worthwhile project and warrants full support.

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John Dunlop had saved up for many years to return to the land of his parents. He was determined to bring back a family kilt to Australia. His enthusiasm took him to a back street kilt maker. John was sadly disappointed when the shop assistant said that he could not provide any Dunlop tartan. He was about to step out of the shop when the proprietor rushed in with a length of material saying this was what he wanted. John was much relieved and quickly paid for a kilt length.

The much surprised shop assistant drew the proprietor aside after Mr. Dunlop had gone a safe distance from the shop. "Mr. Brown, sir" said he, "why did you sell that poor man a length of MacIntyre tartan when you knew he was seeking Dunlop?"

"Well, Davie, my lad" replied the shop keeper. "Have you not heard, that the Dunlops have been making tyres for many a year?"

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BITS AND PIECES

We have found a number of new copies of the book "McLachlan: An F.A.Q. Australian" in our archives. Mr. McLachlan was our Chief from 1899-1902, and was later to become a Minister in the Australian Government. This book which is now a collectors item will be available from the Secretary for \$6 on a "first come, first served" basis.

The S.A. Genealogical Society advises that as their contribution to the Sesqui-Centenary they will be providing a multi volume publication including biographies and listings of the 170,000 people who lived in S.A. between 1836-1885. Contributions (family details) are most welcome, as are donations to help finance the project. Scots were very important to S.A. during this period and it would be appropriate that due reference is provided.

Some time ago we acknowledged Mr. Ian Harrison's kind donation of an impressive Centenary Year Membership role. All financial members are invited to sign the book which is available in the Secretary's office or at certain functions.

The Port Adelaide Caledonian Society has kindly invited the Chief and members to a Social Evening on 5.6.82. This "pilgrimage" has been an annual event for many years, and everyone is ensured of an enjoyable evening. Will you not join us for the best yet?

BITS AND PIECES (CONTINUED)

Following the world wide movement to re-establish the Clans along modern lines, we have received advise of the following -

- 1) Clan Campbell is now strong in the Eastern States. Recently we had a delegation to the Society, and a number of clansfolk were contacted. Anyone else wishing details should contact Mrs. Marion Campbell, 11/516 Railway Pde., Hurstville, N. S. W. 2220.
- 2) Clan McDuff now has its International Headquarters in Canada. Charter members (50 from each country) are being registered now. Anyone interested should contact:

Clan McDuff Association,
Carleton Place,
Ontario, CANADA. K7C 3P2

Members Christine Gordon and Robert Moffatt have recently been involved in car accidents. We hope that by now they and their cars have fully recovered.

Lachlan Layton sang in the final production of the Adelaide Festival, "The Damnation of Faust", accompanied by the Australian Youth Orchestra.

For those members who have holes in their hose tops, do as a member of our drum corp did, colour in the part of the leg that shows through!

The Society was represented at the War Memorial on Anzac Day. A wreath made by Sue Layton was laid by the Chief. Several members were also in attendance.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPEAL OF THE DISARMING ACT -

1ST JULY 1982

In 1746 after the massacre of the Highland forces at Culloden, the English Parliament took brutal measures to ensure that Scotland would not arise again as a nation. In addition to the executions, forfeiture of land and the dispossession of the Chiefs, this Disarming Act was passed.

This was an Act which denied most Scots the right to wear the tartan, the country's symbol of nationality. It also prohibited the very use of many Scottish names. The penalties for breaking the law were severe.

By 1778 the Highland Society of London began petitioning for repeal, and this important event in Scottish history occurred four years later.

Why was it important? The 1780's and 1790's saw the wearing of the kilt and the importance of the tartan, soar to unseen heights. It was from this time that the majority of clan and family tartans of today date. It all of a sudden became fashionable to wear highland dress, boosted considerably by its adoption by the British Royal family. Whilst the nation was largely outwardly destroyed, inwardly these events allowed for the formation of the new Scotland, that which we see today through the International brotherhood of Scots.

It would be remiss of us to let this important event pass. On Friday, 2nd July, we hope to be commemorating the event with the showing of a film of Culloden in the Clubrooms - more details will be available at forthcoming functions.

SHOOTING SEASON FOR HAGGIS BY M. EVELYN BIRNIE

A biting wind whistled across the Scottish moors. Slate-grey clouds billowed round the distant hills bringing a fine rain which hung in a silver mist over the countryside. The Haggis clan sat huddled around the foot of a rowan tree, shivering. It was more than the cold which set them trembling. St. Andrew's Day was drawing close and the Scots were out in force, hunting down as many haggis as they could find. Now, normally, inhabitants were only allowed to shoot haggis in the proper season - in September - but this year the season had been extended due to inclement weather. Usually, the Haggis Clan could be seen in hundreds skipping about on the moors. They would dance and bob up and down, tantalising hunters by tucking themselves away in clumps of heather. As a rule, they were philosophical about being shot at but this long season was really a bit much. Their nerves were in shreds. Every rustle made them jump. Surely enough haggis had been stored away for St. Andrew's Day by now.

The MacDonald Haggis family were particularly disturbed. Several of their number had been 'bagged' already. 'This has got to stop!' Mrs. MacDonald Haggis' chin wobbled as she uttered the words in firm tones. 'I agree!' said her husband, his fat tummy oozing with oatmeal. 'Why is the shooting season being so long this year?' Harry Haggis asked. 'If it goes on much longer there won't be any MacDonald Haggis left.'

A rustling sounded close by and the haggis family cowered in fright, their tiny eyes glazed with terror. Out of the heather nearby staggered Henrietta Haggis, her brown speckled face alight with fear. From a hole in her shoulder, her insides trickled slowly down her smooth tummy. 'They just missed my intestines by a fraction of an inch', she wept, sticky tears rolling down her face. 'Look what they've done to my skin. It's quite ruined.'

'Henrietta! You poor child!' Mrs. Haggis' voice was consoling. After she had tucked back as much of her daughter's innards as she could, she whipped out a needle and brown thread to finish the job while Henrietta cried with the pain of it all. 'I'm afraid it isn't quite the right shade of thread, dearie, but it won't show after a few days.' 'If we live that long!' muttered Harry darkly.

'We must escape!' Mr. Haggis pronounced. 'But how?' Harry Haggis scratched his tightly-stretched skin thoughtfully.

At that moment, out of a tunnel close by, appeared Mr. Mole. 'Hear things aren't so good up here,' he said bluntly wiping the earth from his nose. 'Indeed they aren't!' Mr. Haggis agreed in a heartfelt voice. 'Wish I could help,' Matthew Mole went on. Harry Haggis suddenly became very still, only his dark eyes showing his inner excitement. 'The very solution!' he shouted, shattering everyone's nerves further.

Mrs. Haggis placed a shaking hand to her fluttering heart. 'Harry! I wish you wouldn't shout so. It frightens me.' 'Sorry, mother, but I've had an idea that's nothing short of brilliant.' 'Oh, yes!' His sister, still smarting from her recent operation, cast him a baleful glance. He ignored her. 'Mr. Mole you could help us,' he continued. 'Could you lead us through your tunnels to the other side of the moor? We'd be safe there.' Mr. Mole was silent but Harry's father patted him on the back. 'An excellent idea, my lad. Why didn't I think of that, eh?' He turned to Mr. Mole, laying a fat hand on his shoulder. 'Matthew, old chap, what do you say?'

They waited in suspended silence, the raindrops trickling down their pepper-and-salt skins. Mr. Mole considered the proposition carefully. He was a slow fellow and not given to brisk decision-making policies. After what seemed like an eternity of time to the MacDonald Haggis family, he indicated that his mind was made up. 'Come this way!' He waved a paw and turned his blind eyes in the direction of a nearby tunnel. Gasping sighs of relief, the Haggis family followed him, Mr. MacDonald Haggis leading with Mrs. Haggis, Harry, Henrietta and the six baby haggis - three boys and three girls - trooping along behind. They were plunged into darkness at once.

'Oh, it's scary down here!' cried the babies. 'Never mind, dearies,' said their mother. 'We'll soon be out.' They battled on and on, following closely behind Mr. Mole. Once they lost him but he reappeared again. He had found a worm and had been distracted for a moment. Finally, a chink of light appeared in the distance. 'We're there,' said Mr. Mole in muffled tones, his mouth full of earth. With cries of sheer pleasure, the MacDonald Haggis family emerged on the other side of the moor. Safe at last! Joining hands - paws? - with Mr. Mole, whom they insisted joined them, they danced a reel. Their boisterous singing could be heard on the other side of the moor.

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.