

Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia (inc.) Newsletter

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THE SCOT

A few weeks ago a colleague asked me why Scots the world over maintain a significant cultural identity often for generations. Are they different from any other person with roots in an English speaking country?

Britain is a unique country which in a number of respects consists of a union of a number of countries. Even the status of these "countries" varies one from the other. Unlike Wales, which has the status of a principality, Scotland remains a kingdom with the Queen as its head of State. But it is not totally independent. It has its own Parliament House but no parliament, it has its own crown jewels, its own education and legal system, etc. etc.

Scotland was not finally conquered, it was sold out by its rulers at the time of Union. But even after this time it maintained a fierce independent identity.

Its true nationhood was not really lost until the latter part of the 18th century, when harsh and repressive measures were forced upon the Scottish people. These were aimed particularly at the rebellious Highlanders.

It often happens in a country where nationhood is destroyed, national memories are somewhat frozen at the period during which these events took place. Hence we have the prominence of the clans of today, the history of the period and the romanticism of the Highlands and other significant localities.

But it is not as simple as this. The northern part of the British Isles does contain distinct races of people (Scots, Celts, Norse and Anglo mixtures). It does have a markedly distinct geography, language, social and institutional structure. All of this has combined to present a race of people which, despite extensive anglicization, remains distinct. Although much of its language, and particularly the Gaelic language, has disappeared, the popularity of the kilt has given the country a new hallmark the world over.

In comparison with its neighbours, friend and foe, Scotland always has been a struggling nation. A harsh climate, a harsh geography and its remoteness tended to breed a race of people who became explorers, scientists and experimenters of note. They had to excel to rise above their more populous English neighbours.

THE SCOT (continued)

An over-simplified statement about Scotland, perhaps. But what about where the Scot has settled elsewhere? Although national pride is still strong in Scotland, it remains equally strong elsewhere. This is particularly the case in New Zealand, Canada and U.S.A., and to a lesser extent in Australia. Why?

The Scot (and his descendant) are in many respects a member of a minority ethnic group. One which unknown to many still has its own (non-English) language. Customs are markedly different from his English neighbour, showing great reverence for the many aspects which make his culture - Burns, Scot, distinctive music, sports, cooking and above all the Clan system and all which that entails.

Even the social psychology of the Scot varies, although it is less obvious today. He has had to struggle to survive, he doesn't like things easy, is less outgoing and considered to be mean. The latter wrongful reputation stems from the fact that the people were much poorer than their English neighbours - but what they did have they shared and in a much less demeaning way.

In Australia, the Scot has been fiercely proud of being an Australian, but for generations to come will remember his cultural heritage even if it is only through the occasional wearing of the tartan. In many instances he will appear visually different - the sandy hair, the ruddy complexion and the recessive genes thrown up by the various clan members.

Above all he will remember the "brotherhood of man".

RON LAYTON - Chief

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1982

<u>1981</u>			<u>1982</u>
	<u>INCOME</u>		
4986.62	Club Bar Sales	7400.26	
2006.76	Hall Bar Sales	<u>1940.67</u>	
<u>6993.38</u>			9340.93
	<u>COST OF SALES</u>		
995.74	Opening Bar Stock	772.85	
4826.07	Bar Purchases	5493.43	
5821.81		<u>6266.28</u>	
772.85	Closing Bar Stock	<u>760.00</u>	
<u>5048.96</u>			<u>5506.28</u>
1944.42	Gross Profit on Trading		3834.65
160.00	Bairns Class Subscriptions		498.00
92.00	Badge Sales		100.00
(44.10)	Less Cost of Badges		-
239.00	Bingo		-
1570.54	Cabarets and Social Functions		2300.42
-	Centenary Ball		2269.15
744.40	Hallowe'en Ball		498.20
776.12	Highland Ball		1065.51
-	St. Andrews Dinner		202.50
858.00	Donations		723.60
2534.15	Fete		2991.03
400.00	Government Grant		-
97.55	Highland Dancing Competition		-
24.79	Interest Received		-
50.00	Insurance Recovery		-
13743.40	Rent		17119.40
3581.50	Subscriptions		2946.00
213.99	Shop		287.92

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (continued)

<u>1981</u>		<u>1982</u>
1108.95	Social Committee (Fund Raising)	2542.89
-	Centenary Port	1226.22
52.03	Sundry Income	17.85
<u>52.00</u>	Ties & Scarves Sold	<u>145.50</u>
28198.74	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	38687.84
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>		
437.79	Advertising	130.46
683.11	Affiliation Fees, Licences and Bank Charges	510.11
85.00	Bar Wages	50.00
-	Badges Written Off	177.50
1865.12	Cleaning	2064.60
48.55	Depreciation	2932.77
1371.35	Electricity	1673.75
57.33	Equipment Repairs	310.56
-	Highland Dancing Competition Loss	32.20
178.66	Hall Expenses	447.92
150.00	Honoraria - Bairns Class Instructor	150.00
4160.00	- Secretary	4240.00
979.41	Insurance	1230.46
17215.63	Interest	21500.69
415.92	Postage	325.53
823.76	Printing and Stationery	1167.42
1359.68	Rates and Taxes	1857.90
228.00	Rent A/c Bairns Classes	-
85.65	St. Andrews Dinner	-
242.69	Telephone	360.14
1394.53	Ties and Scarves Written Off	-
15.00	Petty Cash Expenses	60.00
<u>235.50</u>	Sundry Expenses	<u>147.30</u>
35232.68	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	39369.31
<u>7033.94</u>	<u>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</u>	<u>681.47</u>

MATTERS FINANCIAL

All members and kindred organizations were forwarded circulars during September reporting a second financial crisis.

The response in the three weeks to follow was pleasing in that we were able to get out of a sticky situation quickly. We have now been able to pay almost all our bills.

Many people have rung the Secretary, Chief and other members of Council expressing support. Means of channelling this support into constructive ends will occupy much of Council members time over the next few months, as we work towards a successful future.

It is anticipated that further difficulties may be experienced during December-January, 1983. The following issues are being considered by Council and readers are encouraged to take their part in ensuring their success.

- 1) Membership drive - please use the form on the last page of the Newsletter to attract new members.

MATTERS FINANCIAL (continued)

- 2) Invite new and prospective members and other interested people to functions.
- 3) Markedly improve publicity within resources availability.
- 4) Introduction of a low interest rate "at call" loan system.
- 5) Encourage improved participation and responsibility amongst the broader Scottish community.
- 6) Lottery tickets - have you sold a book yet - if not contact the Secretary, for the prizes will be drawn at St. Andrews Day Dinner.
- 7) Improve hall/office rentals - one or two more rentals would largely overcome current problems. The premises are currently rarely used during the day. Some Clan groups have now come to see the Hall as their home.

A rough financial statement has been drawn up for the remainder of the year. Some items of possible income have not been included because there is no guarantee of success. The Budget clearly shows that unless improvement continues we will be in an insolvent situation again by December.

Please study the implications carefully.

REVISED BUDGET TO DECEMBER 1982

	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Rent	1330	1720	1720
Subscriptions	600	250	250
Bar	800	1200	1000
Fund Raising	200	480	180
Functions	-	2850	200
Donations	150	50	50
Stalls, Lottery Profit	250	-	-
Sundry	100	400	-
	3470	6950	3400
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Secretary	480	320	320
Cleaning	200	200	200
Postage	10	100	15
Printing	100	200	-
Electricity	400	-	-
Insurance	-	-	150
Rates and Taxes	150	-	230
Fees	230	25	-
Function Costs	-	700	1550
Repairs	50	100	50
Sundry	120	100	100
Loan Repayment	-	-	5800
Bar Purchases	400	800	700
	2140	2545	9115
Opening Balance	(7200)	(5870)	(1465)
(Deficit)/Surplus	1330	4405	(5715)
Closing Balance	(5870)	(1465)	(7180)

NEW APPROACH TO HALL FINANCING

A new concept for liquidating the Hall debt was presented to your Council at its meeting on Monday, 18th October.

It is vital that a positive and vigorous approach be made now to establish a scheme for reducing the outstanding debt on our Society's Hall.

The basic principle of the Scheme proposed is that interest free or very low interest bearing loans be made to the Society for re-investment in Authorized Trustee Investments yielding maximum returns.

These loans would be legally documented, protected and redeemable on demand.

Only the interest earned would be used to reduce the principal sum now outstanding on the building.

To achieve a 20-year pay-back of capital a continuing investment sum of approximately \$50,000 would be required.

This type of scheme is used extensively in the Eastern States and is particularly recommended to pensioner members of the Society and pensioner relatives of members who have finance deposited at Banks or other similar Institutions, earning no interest in order to protect their Social Service benefits.

Please do think about the benefits that your participation in this Scheme can bring to the Society.

Help us to hold this valuable asset for our use and that of future generations of members of our Society.

Should you require further information about the proposed scheme please telephone Director Ron Catt at his home on 271 4721.

There will be more details in the next news bulletin.

PIPE BAND REPORT

The recent months have been very busy for the pipe band, with a great deal of work being done in the area of internal organization, practice for and participation in competitions, engagements and the all important area of fund raising.

The area of organization has seen many changes, including the rules and constitution being re-written, band policies being set and upgraded and the election of band officers.

Drum Major
Pipe Major
Pipe Sargeant
Pipe Corporal
Drum Sargeant
Drum Corporal

Grade 2
R. McKie
B. Erskine
B. Niven
B. Tidswell
G. Bassani
A. Ward

Grade 3
K. Atwell
V. Raymond
G. Gordon
R. Moffatt

The Society representatives are Mrs. E. Richards and Mr. W. Cox.

The effort and application of band members toward practice has been rewarded with very satisfying results at the recent SAPBA Competitions with the RCS pipe band again proving that it is indeed one of the best in the State. The results were extremely pleasing when considering the recent re-organisation and with five (5) members of the grade 3 band participating in their first competition.

PIPE BAND REPORT (continued)

Grade 2

1st Royal Caledonian Society - 409 pts.
2nd Mt. Laura-Whyalla - 389.5 pts.
3rd
Best Drum Major - R. McKie

Grade 3

City of Elizabeth - 371 pts.
Royal Caledonian Society - 326.5 pts.
Noarlunga - 278 pts.

The grade 2 band will compete at Daylesford (Vic.) in December, and we wish them well, and are sure that once again will be rewarded for their efforts.

The busy schedule of engagements has involved such functions as the Royal Show, the recent Fancy Dress Ball and displays at various fetes. The period up to Christmas is extremely busy with many functions including John Martins, Taillem Bend and Murray Bridge Christmas pageants, displays at a St. Andrews Day Ball, Hallowe'en Ball, the Royal Adelaide Golf Club Classic, several fetes and other social functions - some weekends will see the band participating in as many as three separate functions.

The much needed fund raising activities are progressing well and many thanks must be given to the ladies for their untiring efforts in the social area, but much more is required if the bands are to be re-equipped and compete in the Australian Championships - Hobart 1984.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT - WILL YOU HELP?

WANTED:

- Learner pipers and drummers
 - Experienced pipers and drummers
- Contact the band secretary or come along to the Hall on any Thursday night from 7 pm.
- Photos, news clippings, etc., of the Pipes and Drums to enable their history to be compiled.

VALE - JOHN OGG

Beloved of all Scots, John Ogg, quietly passed away on 2nd August, 1982, during his 99th year.

John, born in New Zealand in 1884 came to South Australia as a young man and remained an inspiration to all until the day he died. More than anyone else, he was responsible for putting Highland dancing "on the map" in South Australia. Thousands of bairns over the years have received instruction from him.

As the years rolled by many of these bairns as adults continued to pay homage to him. In the few months of 1982 whilst he was resident at the War Veterans Home, Myrtle Bank, hardly a day went by without some of his admirers visiting him.

To his family we have expressed our sadness but also our thanks for being privileged to share in the life of such a humble yet great man.

A SAD LOSS

The Society was saddened to learn of the death this week of one of our most valuable members - Someone Else.

Someone's passing, creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with the Society since its beginning. He did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a social function to attend, funds to be raised, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips. "Let Someone Else do it".

A SAD LOSS (continued)

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest contributors of his time to the Society; whenever there was a need for volunteers, everyone just assumed Someone Else would volunteer. Someone Else was a wonderful person - sometimes appearing superhuman but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else.

Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do the things Someone Else did? When you are asked to help remember -

WE CAN'T DEPEND ON SOMEONE ELSE.

DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND

Adelaide Highland Games	\$60.00	B. D. Redpath	\$10.00
F. Grierson	\$5.00	A. Laws	\$5.00
V. Cox	\$20.00	Pipes and Drums of the Royal	
Mrs. Boyd	\$15.00	Caledonian Society of S. A.	\$100.00
F. Bicknell	\$5.00	J. Laws	\$18.00
K. J. Leustner	\$50.00	M. Harris	\$10.00

BITS AND PIECES

MR. GEOF. CHATFIELD

Council has been pleased to grant honorary life membership to Geof. for his outstanding contribution to the Band as a member and Secretary. Geof. retired during 1981 following continued ill-health and mounting business pressures. Congratulations.

WINE

An unnamed wife of a recently elected second time Council member was the first to fall off a chair at a recent wine bottling. And she wasn't even on the production line. Bottles are still available through the Secretary at \$1.80 each or \$20 per dozen.

MARION MARTIN

At her recent Festival Theatre concert Marion Martin proudly announced that her Australian composed song "Always Argyll" is one of the most popular songs in Scotland.

THE PORT ADELAIDE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY will be celebrating its centenary in 1983. Commencing from the branch of the South Australian (Royal) Caledonian Society it has always maintained links with the parent body. We wish Jock Cook and members all the best in their preparations.

THE PENOLA CALEDONIAN SOCIETY will be celebrating its 50th year during 1983. A number of our members will be attending various functions.

SCOTCH COLLEGE has recently prepared a statement of purpose which emphasises the desire to maintain continued recognition of its Scottish heritage.

Australia now has five Clan Chiefs resident here. We hope to receive visits from one or more in the not too distant future.

ST. ANDREWS DAY will be celebrated with a traditional dinner in the Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. on 26th November (please be seated). Guest speaker will be Senator Don Jessop, who has expressed some considerable concern at the difficulties the S.A. Scottish community is experiencing. Tickets at \$13 per head are available through the Secretary.

Readers will be concerned to learn that Life Member, Allan McAllan, is in Q.E.H., having had his second leg amputated. We wish him a safe return home in the not too distant future.

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)
 Country Corporate Member (\$10)

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 1982/83.
Fees fall due on 1st July, 1982.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Membership cards and receipts will be posted.