



THE CALEDONIAN

Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia (inc.) Newsletter

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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

It is a far cry since the day when a few Scots held a meeting in the Adelaide Town Hall to make the decision to form a Society for Scots in South Australia. These men had the foresight to perceive the need to foster Scottish culture and tradition. They also recognised the need to assist Scottish immigrants to settle in South Australia. To this end, time, energy and money was given unstintingly, and spent wisely.

The building we have is the fruit of dedication, loyalty and strength of purpose which gathered momentum in Scottish hearts through the years that followed.

In 1946 the prefix Royal was conferred on our Society. It was not conferred lightly — it was earned through service to the community and the war effort. Our Society's worth was recognised and honoured.

It was not always smooth sailing. There were the ups and downs just as there are today, but the loyalty of members weathered every storm and we have survived for over a hundred years, and still hold a special place in the community today.

Scots have been renowned throughout the world for their loyalty so let us be mindful of our heritage and guard it for future generations. If we keep in focus the objects and aims established in our Society so long ago we will always be worthy of the name Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia.

—ENA RICHARDS, CHIEF.

SOCIAL REPORT

With the social activities now in full swing it was pleasing to see a good attendance at the recent Robbie Irvine Cabaret, which once again proved to be a most entertaining and enjoyable evening.

It was especially pleasing to see such a large number of visitors enjoying themselves on the night — perhaps we can encourage them to attend some of our forthcoming functions.

The following programme sets out the immediate forthcoming functions, and I urge you to invite your friends and join with us in what promises to be a most enjoyable evenings.

To assist those organizing the various functions it would be appreciated if you would book for these functions IN ADVANCE by telephoning the Secretary (51 5268) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. any week day.

Friday, May 18th: CABARET—to be held in the Hall, King William Street, Adelaide, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Admission \$5.00. Basket supper.

Saturday, June 9th: HIGHLAND BALL—To be held in the Barr-Smith Theatre at Scotch College, Carruth Road, Torrens Park 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. \$30.00 double including supper. *Bookings essential and required to be made by Monday, June 4th.*

This Ball will undoubtedly be one of the year's highlights — one not to miss!! The Barr-Smith Theatre of Scotch College is one of the few remaining magnificent buildings in the State and is the ideal venue for our Ball.

Council has given considerable thought to the cost structure for this function and has decided to limit the admission fee to \$30 double, which when considering today's economics, the venue and supper (included in cost), is an attractive cost.

As number unfortunately will be limited, I urge you to organise your party now and make your bookings with the Secretary to avoid disappointment. To enable arrangements to be finalised, **bookings will close on Monday, June 4th.**

Sunday, July 1st: FAMILY TEA at Hall, 4.30 p.m. Tickets \$5.00 adults, \$2.50 children. There will be dancing and games, then meal will be served at 6 p.m. Come along for a fun afternoon.

Friday, July 27th: RABBIE BURNS NIGHT—Commencing at 8.00 p.m. This promises to be a most interesting and enjoyable evening, as Burns has appeal for Scots all over the world! Tickets which will be reasonably priced will be available from the Secretary up to 25th July.

Friday, August 24th: PIONEER NIGHT—Commencing at 8.00 p.m. Come along and join Stan Fox and "Galimaufery" in a night of bush dancing and singing. Please come dressed to suit the occasion — early settlers, swagmen, troopers, etc. This is guaranteed to be a fun night!

If any member would like to organize their own function (e.g., progressive dinner), full support will be given — please inform the Secretary or Social Director of details.

Similarly, any member who would like to assist in any way toward the running of any of the functions listed in the programme, please contact the Secretary or Social Director — your assistance will be most welcome. Family Tea.

CHIEFTAIN KYM ATWELL,
Social Director.

BAIRNS REPORT

Numbers attending the Friday night class are disappointing: 18 being the highest number so far.

Our Instructress is working well with Bairns and assistants and has introduced at this early stage the Ribbon Reel to complement the traditional dances taught.

Results of the Mt. Barker Highland Games held on 26th February where dancers from the Society competed are as follows.

Amanda Richardson 2 firsts, 2 seconds.

Kirsty Nairn, 1 first.

Louise Marshall, 2 firsts.

Sonia Harkness, 1 second.

Cathryn Pawson, 1 third.

Leonie Garrick, 1 first, 5 seconds.

Results from the Adelaide Celtic Dance Festival held 10.3.84.

Kirsty Nairn, 2 firsts, 1 second.

Heather Cockerill, 1 second, 1 third.

Sonia Harkness, 1 second, 1 third.

Louise Marshall, 1 first, 1 second, 1 third.

Leonie Garrick, 1 first.

Results from competition held on 14.4.84.

Kirsty Nairn, 2 firsts, 1 second.

Ian Garrick, third.

Leonie Garrick, 3 seconds, 1 first.

Cathryn Pawson, 1 third.

Suzanna McLuckie, 1 first.

PIPE BAND REPORT

Repeating the performance of late last year, the Grade II band recently travelled to Ringwood (Victoria) and once again was successful in gaining 1st place overall in a very high standard competition — only 9 points separating first and fifth positions. As well as the band being first overall, the drum corps showed their expertise and were awarded first prize for drumming.

Well done — a well deserved result for a team effort!

The Grade IV band continues to improve and it will not be long before they are seen in the competition arena. The piping section is a balance of youth and experience and all are working hard to improve and

expand their repertoire while the drumming section consists mainly of younger members at various levels of proficiency. It is gratifying to see the improvements in all of the youngsters and their future prospects of the band look promising.

In the area of engagements, the band is being kept busy — with some of the functions being — the Heritage week march, 3 Anzac parades, a Cabaret at the Warradale Army Barracks, a Ball, and various Society functions — of course, the band is looking forward to seeing members and friends at the Highland Ball in June.

Fund raising continues with the need to upgrade uniforms and equipment, and the need to raise funds to enable participation in contests. Thank you to those assisting in this much needed work, and to those "members" who support the band in so many ways.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 p.m. Friday, 31st August, 1984

All members are invited and strongly urged to attend the A.G.M. of the royal Caledonian Society of S.A. Inc. in the Society's clubrooms.

Agenda:

Welcome

Apologies

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (A.G.M. on 12th August, 1983, ½ yearly meeting on 24th February, 1984

Business arising from the minutes

Reports

Financial Report

Auditor's Report

Declaration of Election of Officers

General Business Please bring a plate of supper.

ELECTIONS: In accordance with the constitution the following positions fall vacant:—

Chief, 5 Directors to be elected at the A.G.M.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY BEFORE 1ST JULY, 1984.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY.

Fete News

Stalls: Work, Mrs. Moffatt; Barbecue, Messrs. Nesbitt and Crawford; Cheap Jack, Jim Welsh; Flower, Ian Marshall; Tartan, Chris Cockerill; Drinks and Icecream, Trevor Hawthorn; Cakes; Plant; Second Hand Clothes, Mrs. L. Papple; Bottle, Dal Harkness; Lucky Dip, Barbara Percival.

If you can help with any of these stalls please contact me or the person responsible for that stall.

Stall sites are available for any group interested in participating.

Don't forget the day **Sunday 21st October 1984.** I look forward to seeing you there.

RAELENE WELSH
(Phone 266 0746)

NEW MEMBERS

CORPORATE:

Mr. R. Fairbairn
Mr. W. D. Anderson
Mrs. M. A. Anderson
Mr. R. S. Anderson
Mrs. M. Meadows
Mr. Woods

150th Jubilee Celebrations

Quite a bit of work has been done on this and an interesting programme of events is presently being planned. Included in this is a display of wedding dresses worn by Scottish brides or brides with Scottish connections, and we would like as many people as possible to offer to lend their wedding dresses. Also we would like models to wear these at the display. I believe there are a number of quite old wedding dresses around and wouldn't it be nice if their owners would be prepared to lend them for this occasion.

Laws at 336 2226 A.H.

Tasmanian Highland Dancing Championships — 21st and 22nd April.

We were pleased to hear of Leonie Georick's success at the above championships, where she distinguished herself by winning the Traditional Dance Premiership, and received a sash and salad bowl made from various Tasmanian timbers.

In addition Leonie did well in other dances gaining 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th places — quite an achievement as there were 338 dancers participating in the championships.

Well done Leonie.

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FOR SALE: Stick pins with Society's insignia — \$2.50 each. Please contact Secretary.

MEMBERS IN HOSPITAL

MRS. JANET PAWSON

and

MR. JOHN MacGREGOR

We hope they are making
a good recovery.

SCOTLAND REVISITED

Mrs. Cathy Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Papple returned recently from Scotland. Welcome back.

I hear that Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crawford will be heading off to that fair country in July — bon voyage and happy landings.

SCOTTISH VISITOR IN ADELAIDE

Mr. George Kelly's mother, Mrs. Kelly is on a visit from Scotland. She regularly visits the clubrooms, and seems to be enjoying herself in this part of the world.

Phoenix Rising

Scotland, perhaps more than any other part of U.K., has always been a country of several distinct languages. Wales has focussed on Welsh and English, with Welsh Gaelic as a one time language of the whole principality. This has made for easier revival.

Gaelic, Scots and English with significant dialects, have been the key languages of Scotland for several centuries. Gaelic, which was the language of the Celts of the Highlands and Islands, has survived despite often brutal repression by the English and Lowlanders.

Today it is advancing rapidly with schools of Gaelic prospering in several parts of the country.

Overseas in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the U.S.A. the language is being re-established as well. Native speakers as well as descendants of people who come here during the Clearances are looking at ways of keeping the language alive.

Sydney leads the way in Australia with a Council for Scottish Gaelic, radio programmes and a significant following. Melbourne has had at least one recent Gaelic Church Service of the traditional Outer Hebrides style.

In South Australia there is a small core of native speakers and people who are helping each other. Even the W.E.A. has shown interest in sponsoring a course. This has all been assisted by written material and all important language cassettes.

Anyone interested in further information should contact Ron Layton on 339 1916.

SCOTS IN AUSTRALIA

The February edition of Scottish Field featured a full page article on Scots in Australia. Particular reference was made to the long standing difficulty in getting tartan into the country without having to pay duty.

This issue is all tied up with supporting the Australian textile industry. But we all know that very few tartans can be produced in Australia and even then there are problems with design standards.

One interesting bit of information related to the importing of ethnic apparel for Lithuanian Australians from Scottish textile mills. The Lithuanians also use tartan which can be imported duty free. Scots apparently need to pay full rate.

The Eastern States are continuing to present the case.

Library

Amongst the Society's possessions is a library of books connected with Scotland. These are available for members to borrow, read and return and arrangements to do this may be made through the Secretary.

OBITUARY

We would express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Marian Johnson, whose sister Elizabeth Macaulay died at Elizabeth Vale on 12th September, 1983. The late Elizabeth Macaulay was from Dunoon, Argyllshire, Scotland and was well known to many of our members.

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 1983/84.
Fees fall due on 1st July, 1983.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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Kilts by Anderson

For those members who may not have read the rules of the Society the objectives are:—

- (a) To secure the affiliation of all such Scottish Societies established or to be established in South Australia as may be determined.
- (b) To cultivate and foster a love for, and further the interests of History, the Arts, Literature, Music and Sports of Scotland.
- (c) To promote friendly relations and good fellowship amongst the members and kindred societies.
- (d) To devote a portion of its funds to charitable and benevolent objects, and especially by way of assistance to deserving Scots and people of Scottish descent.
- (e) To found institutions or otherwise provide for the care and support and education of orphan children of Scottish descent.
- (f) To encourage greater proficiency in the traditional Scottish arts of dancing, piping and drumming by way of educational grants, or prizes, awarded for that purpose.
- (g) To encourage Scottish immigration, and devise means for the reception and settlement of Scottish immigrants in South Australia, and to afford advice and assistance on arrival.
- (h) Generally, to further any proposal for the advancement of Scottish interests.

Your Council has been most active in the past twelve months in attempting to comply with these requirements. Functions have been held to promote friendly relations and to promote our culture. Our pipe band is amongst the best in the State and there are many juniors currently learning the pipes and drums. Dancing classes are held regularly on a Friday night where members' children can learn Highland and country dancing.

To continue to carry out all the objectives of the Society a large amount of fund raising is necessary. Since the last annual general meeting we have been very active in fund raising and have obtained sponsorship from various businesses for the Bairns Class, ticket printing for functions, and advertising in our new-look newsletter. We are also receiving income from funds placed in the Trust Fund Investment, and commissions from Scottish Amicable from those members who insure or invest with that company. In addition there is the fete, the lamington drive and a proposed major raffle.

Negotiations are at present in hand to obtain a stand at the Royal Adelaide Show but to date we have not received a positive reply from the Royal Agricultural Society.

The Council would like to expand the fund raising to improve the various cultural aspects of the Society and to extend the functions and other operations in general **but** (you knew it was coming sooner or later) we need more willing workers and more money. Our mortgage is still our largest drain of funds but we have survived the first five years which are the years when the least amount is coming off the principal as the interest component of the repayments is high.

Between June 1979 and November 1979 the Society borrowed \$149,500 from the Savings Bank of S.A. on a **twenty year** mortgage. We are presently paying \$22,700 per annum in interest and principal repayments and now owe the Bank approximately \$140,000.

During these last five years there have been dramatic changes in the economy of our country with costs and interest rates increasing at a far greater rate than expected. Every effort has been made to pay these extra running costs by increasing fund raising. We have increased our charges for hall rental but this is an area which is highly competitive and the increased rental receipts do not cover the additional costs. The Council has made every effort to keep members subscriptions down but has found it necessary to review the fee structure for the coming financial year commencing 1st July, 1984.

From 1954 to 1966 the subscriptions were \$4.20 per annum. In 1967 these rose to \$5.00 and were reviewed again in 1980. For the past four years the subscriptions have been \$15 for a full corporate member, \$10 for an associate member and \$5 for a pensioner or student.

At present we have approximately three hundred and twenty members consisting of twenty life members, two hundred and fifty (corporate) members and fifty associate members. Of the 250 corporate members approximately 90 are **unfinancial** but in accordance with the constitution they are not removed until they are two years in arrears. Approximately thirty per cent of corporate members are pensioners.

It is proposed to increase the subscriptions to:—

\$25 for Corporate Members
\$15 for Associate, Pensioner and Student Members
\$300 for Life Membership (or \$150 if you have been a member greater than 10 years).

Any member who wishes to contribute in any way, or has any suggestions is requested to contact the Secretary, the Chief or a member of Council.

