

Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia (inc.) Newsletter

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FROM THE CHIEF

Two council meetings have been held since the election of officers at the AGM in August and members of council have warmed to their tasks which are many and varied.

Members of council are:-

Chieftain Robert Nicholls;	Chieftain Bill Cox
Secretary: Reg Verrall;	Treasurer: Ian Fleetwood
Directors: Bill Anderson	Grant Andrews
Jock Cook	Thomas Hunter
Reg Laught	Jack Moffatt
Thomas Woods	

Your support for the endeavours of council is vital.

It is exciting to know that the Australian Tartan Competition run by Fletcher Jones brought 170 entries and kept the judges busy for a whole day. The winning design was based on the tartan of Lachlan Macquarie but using the colours associated with the Australian outback. Prizes for the winner and runner up will be presented by the Rt. Hon. The Duchess of Sutherland at the Tartan Gala Night on 29th November at the Sydney Town Hall. By that time John Vicars Pty. Ltd. will have woven some of the tartan cloth and Fletcher Jones will have made kilts and kilted skirts. The first kilt length to come off the loom will be presented to the Governor General Sir Ninian Stephen (a Scot of course). The Australian tartan will be registered world wide.

November will be a very busy month socially for all of us and I look forward to meeting up with you.

There will not be another newsletter before the close of the year 1984, so I shall take this opportunity to wish you health, wealth and happiness in 1985.

D.N. RICHARDS - Chief

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SOCIAL REPORT

HALLOWE'EN CABARET - at the hall on Friday, 2nd November, 8 p.m.
Tickets \$5, basket supper. Fancy Dress.

POETRY READING AND TALK - by Dr. Douglas Dunn, one of Britain's finest writers, with a large number of books to his credit.

This will be in the clubrooms of the hall at 7.30 p.m. till about 9 p.m. on Monday, 12th November.
Cost \$1.00. Bar facilities.

A GOOD FUN SCOTTISH EVENING - in the hall with bingo, dancing, a sing song and bar facilities.
Steak and chip rolls will be available.

\$2.50. Friday, 16th November, at 7.30 p.m.

ST. ANDREWS DINNER - in the hall.

An excellent speaker will provide the main address, and there will be musical entertainment.
Friday, 30th November, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets - \$16 single; \$32 double.

FAMILY PICNIC - in Tusmore Park.

B. Y. O. food and drink. 11 a.m., Sunday, 9th December.

BURNS MARCH AND CEILIDH - marchers to muster at Torrens Parade Ground, march to statue on North Terrace led by R. C. S. Pipe Band, and after this proceed to hall, where sandwiches, tea, coffee will be provided at reasonable prices. Bar facilities will be available.

10 a.m., Friday, 27th January, 1985.

SCOTTISH FAIR

Despite the variable weather, Sunday, 21st October, dawned clear and sunny, with warm summery breezes.

Business at the stalls began briskly with customers at the White Elephant Stall delving into the bags of goods before the stall holders managed to get to them.

All stall holders worked hard to dispose of their goods for the best prices, and customers appeared to be enjoying themselves, as they sifted through the goods for the most attractive bargains.

The children's dancing, particularly, was appreciated - what more attractive sight than the tinies, with their little legs working overtime to keep time with the music. The older girls too did a fine job as did the Pipe Band and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society dancers.

The final total is not yet to hand, but we expect to make about \$2,300 and this of course does not cover our major raffle to be drawn on 30th November at the St. Andrews Dinner.

The prizes for this raffle are:-

1. One B. M. X. (Cyclops) coaster bike - Value \$140.
2. PGH Bricks and Pavers - Value \$100.
3. Lifetime membership to Focus Video movie library and \$50 worth of movie hire - Value \$80.
4. Crested Sgian Dubh donated by Kilts by Anderson - Value \$50.
5. Scottish brooch donated by Scottish Accessories - Value \$28.

If you have not yet got raffle tickets for these appealing prizes, they may be obtained from Tom Hunter 'phone 45 1497 or from the secretary.

SCOTTISH FAIR (continued)

My grateful thanks to everyone who helped me with the fair - the list is too long to mention everyone by name, but I do sincerely appreciate all the support given me.

Incidentally, although I expect to be in Scotland by this time next year, I would be prepared to help with the preliminary work, if another person could take on the convenership. If the organisation is started early, then the work will proceed more smoothly, and it may even make more money. Do give this some thought - your society needs the money.

Many thanks to the generous people who donated raffle prizes, and goods and money.

JUNE LAWS - Convener

COUNCIL

New members elected at the AGM are:-
Grant Andrews
Reg Laught
Robert Nicholls
Thomas Woods
Thomas Hunter

We wish these gentlemen well for the duration of their term of office.

June Laws was re-elected, and Jack Moffat, Jock Cook and Bill Cox have one year of their term to serve.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

SUBS. WERE DUE ON 1ST JULY, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID, WOULD DO SO. CORPORATE MEMBERS ARE \$25; PENSIONERS & ASSOCIATES ARE \$15.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - Mr. J.F. Cook

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

CORPORATE

Miss F.M. Clifton
Mr. H. Clifton
Mrs. S.M. Hamilton
Mr. J.E. Pattison
Mr. V.E. Clark

ASSOCIATE

Mrs. E.K. Hunter

DONATIONS TO BUILDING FUND

Mr. J.M. Tennant	\$10
Mr. F.H. Stretton	\$5
Mr. W.R. Laught	\$10
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Mrs. S. Kidd	\$75
Anonymous	\$200
Bequest from Estate of Mrs. Ethel Alice Ogg - \$100.	

PIPE BAND REPORT

Our Pipes and Drum Band is aiming to make the trip to New Zealand early next year for the N. Z. championship competition. Enthusiasm and hard work by members and supporters on fund raising is under way. Your donation to help swell the funds would be appreciated.

HELP THE BAND SHAKE THE SHAKY ISLES.

At the Royal Caledonian Pipes and Drums Band Annual Meeting on 27/9/84, all reports reflected a most successful year.

Elected for the ensuing year:- Grade 2 Drum Major - Bob McKie; Pipe Major - Brian Erskine; Drum Sargeant - Greg Bassani; Grade 4 Drum Major - Kym Atwell; Pipe Major - Vern Raymond; Uniform and Equipment Officer - Chris Walters; Secretary - Mike Mulvihill; Treasurer - Lindsay Chuck.

All these appointments have been confirmed by Council of the Society.

In the future we have a busy list of engagements and the trip to Daylesford (Vic) in early December for the Victorian Competitions will no doubt see a strong Band going East.

Anyone wishing to support the Band by accompanying them on this trip to Daylesford are asked to contact the Secretary.

The Band is building up its proficiency on Drill, Display and Marching and at the recent Scottish Fair showed what a great attraction they make in the way of entertainment for all people.

BAIRNS CLASS REPORT

The numbers attending the Bairns class have been disappointing with an average of 18 Bairns attending per night. The Bairns have worked very well during the year and I was very pleased to see quite a good attendance at the Fete and a very good performance as well. I was very pleased with their effort especially the 6 small Bairns who danced for the first time in public.

Keep up the good work Bairns and I hope to see you all in the New Year.

Results of Competitions. The following Bairns were successful.

<u>11/8/84</u>	- M. Fairbairn	1sts - 2	2nds - 2	
	J. Groch	1sts - 2		
	K. Pope	2nds - 1		
	K. Nairn	1sts - 2	2nds - 2	
	L. Marshall	1sts - 2	2nds - 2	
	C. Pawson	1sts - 3	3rds - 1	2nds - 1
<u>25/8/84</u>	M. Fairbairn	1sts - 3	2nds - 1	
	K. Nairn	2nds - 3	3rds - 1	4ths - 1
	Sonia Harkness	2nds - 1	3rds - 1	
	H. Cockerill	1sts - 1	2nds - 1	
	M. Cockerill	1sts - 1	2nds - 2	
	C. Pawson	3rds - 1		
<u>6/10/84</u>	A. Lawry	3rds - 3	1sts - 1	
	J. Groch	1sts - 1	3rds - 1	2nds - 1
	A. Richardson	1sts - 3		
	K. Nairn	1sts - 2	2nds - 1	
	C. Pawson	2nds - 3	3rds - 1	

BEV HAWTHORNE - Instructress

GOOD WISHES

To Mr. Keith Garrick and Director Bill Anderson, both of whom have recently come out of hospital, and hopefully are feeling much better.

BAIRNS INSTRUCTRESS

Applications are invited from a suitably qualified instructress to take the Bairns' Class, and teach the rudiments of highland dancing, while maintaining a good social atmosphere for Bairns and parents alike.

A VISITOR FROM SCOTLAND

we have a young lass from Scotland here in Adelaide on a year's working holiday.

Joan Oswald, who is from Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, graduated in electrical engineering at Edinburgh University on 15th July and flew out to Australia on 19th July.

Welcome to Adelaide Joan - we hope you enjoy yourself in our fair city, and in the State of South Australia.

ETHNIC RADIO

June Laws and Bill Anderson are delegates on the above committee, which has just completed a constitution for Scottish radio.

When this has been accepted, the steering committee will call a meeting to form a permanent committee to start regular radio broadcasts for the Scottish community.

Interested people may contact June Laws on 336 2226 A.H. or Bill Anderson on 224 0676 Bus. or 339 4505 A.H.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 1986

Due to delays within some Scottish organisations we have not been able to finalise and submit the programme for this to the Jubilee Board. It is hoped that this will be done soon.

ST. ANDREWS DAY SERVICE

A St. Andrew's Day Service will be held at the Adelaide Presbyterian Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 25th November. All members welcome.

GAELIC SPEAKERS

The Council for Scottish Gaelic, c/- A.J. Stewart, 16 Kingsford Street, Blacktown, N.S.W. 2148, are interested in hearing from Scottish Gaelic speakers living in Australia.

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS - 1985

Details have been announced of the 1985 gathering, the third held in Scotland since the initial highly successful one in 1977. The current plan is to hold one every fourth year in Scotland and one in between in an overseas country. To date two have been held in Nova Scotia, Canada, and one in Atlanta, U. S. A. Australia is to host the 1988 Gathering.

Whilst the whole year will give special emphasis to the Gathering the highlight events will be held between May 25th and August 23rd. Exceptions to this will be the International Burns Supper to be held in the City Chambers, Glasgow on February 2nd and St. Andrews Day on November 30th.

Most Clans will be holding their own gatherings in Clan territories. Some of these, such as Clan Donald, are planned to be particularly appealing.

Further details are available from Ron Layton on 339 1916.

LECTURESHIP IN SCOTTISH HISTORY AND CULTURE

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Sydney has recently announced that the Geoffrey Ferrow appeal to establish a lectureship at the Sydney University will be formally launched during Australia's Scottish Week (24/11/84 - 1/12/84).

If successful this will bring Australia into line with most other Western Countries which have significant tertiary studies into Scottish history, etc. Donations may be sent to "Scottish Lectureship Appeal", P.O. Box 253, Potts Point, 2011.

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