

Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia (inc.) Newsletter

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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

The social programme for 1985 is well under way and it is gratifying to find so many dedicated members who have supported functions and given a great deal of time and effort to ensure that they would be successful. We can never afford to lose money on any of our social functions. The question - "What are the younger members doing to contribute to the social programme?" is being asked repeatedly.

Fundraising is always with us and not likely to go away for some time to come. How successful fundraising projects will be will depend on the efforts of every member.

The feasibility of a tattoo in 1985 was considered, but it was felt that 1987 would be more appropriate provided all members agree to it.

The loss of the regular Saturday night hirer was a big blow and the loss of the tenant in the shop served to compound the blow. However, the tremendous enthusiasm of members to use the shop to get rid of clothes and knick knacks left over from the Scottish Fayre last year was a joy to behold and paid off !!!

The possibility of a new tenant in the shop is imminent and when final details are ironed out we may see a plant shop. The Hall is now being hired on a Saturday night more frequently.

Membership is an important issue. We have gained quite a number of new members, but we need more. If every member made a point of bringing in just one new member it would be terrific. Don't leave it to the other fellow he may not do it.

My thanks go to all the members who have supported the Society in every way.

A special thanks to Scottish Amicable Investments who have agreed to sponsor our newsletter for the next 12 months. Remember that every successful investment with them means a commission to us.

A thought to ponder - "What does the Royal Caledonian Society mean to me?"

D.N. RICHARDS
Chief

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY, 30th AUGUST, 1985

Nominations for the positions of Chief, Directors (5), Treasurer and Auditor (1), are invited in writing, and in accordance with the Constitution. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary and must be returned appropriately completed before 1st July, 1985.

BAR ROSTER

More volunteers are required to do bar duty. Several of the men are on holiday and there is need for more.

The bar is another source of income and needs your support.

Bar Manager

DATES TO REMEMBER

COLONIAL NIGHT in the hall on Friday, 10th May, 8-12 p.m. Stan Fox and Galimaufery. Admission \$5 adults and \$2 children - basket supper. An outstanding night's entertainment for the whole family. Prize for best dressed colonial.

FASHION PARADE in the hall on Friday, 31st May, 7.30 p.m. Tickets \$2.50 each from Secretary or from Mrs. Eileen Gardiner on 337 5473. Supper provided, and drinks will be available.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER AND DANCE in the hall, Friday, 28th June. Details later.

CEILIDH in the hall on Friday, 19th July. Details later.

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND BALL - 23rd August. Last year's ball was a great success - your presence will make this one even better. Details later.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in clubrooms on Friday, 30th August, at 7.30 p.m.

FAMILY TEA in hall on Sunday, 29th September. This is a real family event - come along with all the family. Further details later.

HALLOWE'EN FANCY DRESS SOCIAL for Bairns and adults in hall on 25th October from 8-11 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY DINNER in hall on 23rd November. Further details later.

Other functions may be programmed throughout the year. Please help us by ordering and paying for tickets prior to functions.

FUND RAISING

Although results of the Buy & Sell Mart have been somewhat mixed, enthusiasm has been high. With winter coming on we have gone into recess at the Wayville venue although we may arrange mini marts in our own Caledonian Hall.

I must thank the willing army of helpers over the past few weeks who have given generously of their time and moral support.

Again I appeal to all members and friends to support the wide range of society functions and activities arranged for 1985.

The Royal Caledonian Society exists for the benefit and enjoyment of its members. Please help it to help you.

Grant Andrews

SCOTTISH FAYRE NEWS

The above will be held on 17th November 1985.

The committee held a progressive dinner on Saturday, April 30th, to help defray the costs of preparations for the fayre.

Guests visited four lovely homes and enjoyed a delightful dinner. Grateful thanks go to Mr. & Mrs. R. Catt, Mr. & Mrs. J. Fleetwood, Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Easton, and Mr. & Mrs. J. Moffatt.

Thanks also to all who donated raffle prizes and helped with dishes, etc.

NOW you could donate something for the Xmas hamper raffle prize at the fayre.

NOW you could gather pine cones and gumnuts etc. to make Xmas decorations.

NOW you can look at books, magazines, sewing, knitting and toy patterns.

NOW is the time to plant annuals for spring flowering, or snip off and plant from perennials ready for the plant stall.

NOW is the time to sort out old stockings and pantyhose for stuffing toys - contact Mrs. Eliz. Easton who will arrange collection, by phoning 267 1493.

NOW is the time to start knitting and sewing for the work stall.

Also, we need plasticine for floral work, and dried flowers, leaves, and rose hips, please.

The next meeting of the fayre committee is Friday, May 17th, at 7.30 p.m. in the clubrooms at King William Street hall.

It is vital that all stallholders attend this meeting.

Elizabeth Easton - Convener

'Bairns' CLASS

Our Friday night Bairns class has started well and we already have 25 children learning the fundamentals of Highland Dancing as well as some of the more advanced dances.

Children from 5 up to any age come along with parents, grandparents, aunties, relations and friends.

We would like to see the class increased to at least 50.

Bev. Hawthorn and an excellent team of senior assistants instruct the children.

So don't deny your children the opportunity to learn the lovely traditional Scottish dancing. Cost is \$6 per term for one child with reduced fees for more than one.

Reg Laught

BAND REPORT

WINS IN S.A. AND VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A magnificent performance by the members of our Grade Two Pipes and Drums Band at Ringwood, Victoria, enabled them to win the Grade Two Victorian Championship for the second time.

The high standard of this Band was shown when they competed in Grade One and finished a close second to the Australian Champions, City of Hawthorn.

Our Drum Major Bob McKie won Best Drum Major (All Grades). Congratulations Bob, also to Brian Erskine, Pipe Major, and Greg Bassani, Drum Sergeant, and all members who combined in the effort.

At the close of the day a barbecue provided by the Band drew a large crowd of competitors, friends and well-wishers. Truly a happy finish to a great day for the Scots.

A week later the Mount Gambier S.A. Championship was a happy and successful time - the band winning 1st place in Grade Two.

Our Chief, Ena Richards, and husband Jack, were present at this Gathering.

Bill Cox

INVESTMENT

The Society is successful because of your help in the past - you can assist it to go faster and further.

We owe money on our building - the sooner we pay it off the better.

You have already supported us by loans, with the interest applied to debt reduction.

Why not lend us some of that spare cash to reduce it further. The sum may be large or small. If you offer, we won't say "NO".

Don't forget:

- * Your money is safe
- * You can have it back when you need it
- * By helping the Society, you are helping yourself
- * The tax man takes half your interest if you invest. This way the Society gets 100 per cent.

Ernest Easton

VALE

The Society has been advised that Mrs. Dorothy J. Forsyth passed away on 17th February 1985, and her funeral was attended by Immed. Past Chief Ron Layton as well as other members of the Royal Caledonian Society.

Mrs. Forsyth had been closely associated with the Society through the late Mrs. E.E. Layton.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Corporate

Mr. F.M. Clark
Mrs. M.A.H. Bested
Mrs. S.J. Castle
Mrs. J.R. Trengove

Life Member

Mr. W.E. Cox

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUILDING FUND

Mrs. C. F. Monck	-	\$53.00 (Raffles)
Mrs. M. A. H. Bested	-	\$2.00
Mr. F. Bicknell	-	\$5.00

SHOP

Our shop requires extra hands to help run it - can you help us? Please contact the Secretary.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Lorna Papple, Mrs. Gwen Crawford, Mrs. Margaret Keane and Mrs. Jill Pope are all recovering from their recent illnesses. These ladies have been in hospital, but we are glad to hear that they are back on their feet.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Several people last year asked for Scottish country dancing for adults.

Over some nights last year, which were attended in varying numbers, there will be country dance nights held this year in conjunction with some Bairns' nights. They will be held on the last Friday of each month that a Bairns' class is held. In other words if there's another function on that Friday night the country dancing night will be on the preceding week.

Therefore the next two nights will be the 26th April and 24th May.

There will be old favourites and one or two new ones.

Come along and have a good time.

Neville Pope

WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee in the hall on Saturday, 11th May, starting at 9 a.m., and everyone is welcome.

PORT ADELAIDE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

The above society invites all members, dancers and pipe band, to the yearly sojourn at 189 Semaphore Road, Exeter at 8 p.m.

ANZAC DAY

The Chief and Mr. Richards attended the Dawn Service at the War Memorial and laid a wreath on behalf of the Society.

POSTERS FOR THE SCOTTISH FAYRE

How are your Fayre posters coming on? Don't forget them please - put as many entries in as you like - there is no entrance fee, but a prize for the best girls' section, one in the boys' section and one in the adults section. Entries must be in by Friday, 23rd August, 1985.

Eileen Gardiner

CORRECTION

Newsletter of November 1984 stated that the Australian Tartan Competition was run by Fletcher Jones. This should read the competition was devised and completely arranged by the Scottish Australian Heritage Council.

A SCOT IS VERY CAREFUL WITH HIS MONEY

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