

# Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia (inc.) Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

The Society is grooming and blooming. The Scottish Fair and St. Andrews Night were resounding successes; a tartan carpet enlivens the stage; singers are now accompanied by a suitable piano - thanks to the Robert Burns Society of South Australia.

I am pleased "chiefly" because the attitude of members is positive and promising; guests have gone away wanting more. The Finance Committee labours for a workable proposal to reduce outstanding Society liabilities and it is refreshing to note that we have met our running costs with funds in hand.

Next year will be full of opportunities for members to support the stalwarts, the brains and the funds (some subscriptions are still outstanding!).

Membership has increased by 16 since the A. G. M. - some of these can assist in decorating the hall. How about you?

CHIEF GORDON GREIG

## 1986 JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATIONS to celebrate South Australia's 150th Anniversary

### PROGRAMME FOR THE SCOTTISH COMMUNITY OF S. A.

December/1st January 1986 - 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

HOGMANAY "Welcome to the Jubilee Year" BALL at Flamingo Ballroom, McKinna Road, Christies Downs - South Coast Scottish Association.

24th January 1986 - BURNS SUPPER RE-ENACTMENT

"An Evening with Burns" from 8 - 10.30 p.m. at Parks Community Centre Theatre -  
Robert Burns Society of S. A.

26th January 1986 - BURNS MARCH

The Robert Burns Society of S. A. invite you to muster at Torrens Parade Ground leaving at 10.30 a.m. and proceeding along King William Street into North Terrace to attend a ceremony at the Burns statue. Later there will be a ceilidh at the Royal Caledonian Hall.

23rd February 1986 - MT. BARKER 25th HIGHLAND GATHERING at the Community Centre Complex, Mount Barker, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pipe Band Competitions - Highland Dancing Competitions. Caber tossing. Tug-o-war and other entertainment. Food stalls - Bar facilities. To be opened by Mr. Kym Bonython, Chairman, Jubilee Council, at 12 noon.

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## PROGRAMME FOR 1986

- FEBRUARY 2nd - Carrickalinga Ceilidh.  
" 14th - Half Yearly General Meeting.  
" 21st - Bairns start Dancing Lessons.
- MARCH 1st - Gallery Showing, Elizabeth Easton House, North Adelaide.  
" 11th - Floral Pageant.  
" 21st - Music Hall.  
" 29th/30th - Australian Pipe Band Championships at Thebarton Oval.  
" 29th - S.A.P.B.A. Ceilidh in support of Championships, 8 - 1 in R. C. S. Hall.
- APRIL 18th - Highland Ball.
- MAY 18th - Family Tea and Quiz night.  
" 24th - Scottish and Empire Costume Ball at Enfield Civic Centre - Scots Cronicle Club
- JUNE 13th - Fashion Show and Supper.  
" 28th - Royal Scottish Display of Dancing through the Ages.  
" 28th - Naracoorte Gathering.
- JULY 4th - Royal Caledonian Society Ceilidh (in Hall).  
" 5th - Elizabeth Highland Ball.  
" 25th - Burns Night in Hall.
- AUGUST 8th - Early Scots Exhibition in Hall.  
" 15th - Annual General Meeting and Social.
- SEPTEMBER 26th - Pioneer Night.
- OCTOBER 17th - Highland Ball, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, in Hall.  
" 19th - Elizabeth Period Costume Picnic.  
" 24th - Bairns Hallowe'en.  
" 31st - Royal Caledonian Society Hallowe'en.
- NOVEMBER 1st - Elizabeth Birthday Scottish Float Celebrations.  
" 16th - Scottish Fair.  
" 22nd - Golf Tournament.  
" 28th - Royal Caledonian Society St. Andrews Day Dinner.  
" 29th - Lodge Kilwinning Ball.  
" 30th - St. Andrews Church Service.
- DECEMBER - Carols.

## PRIVATE GALLERY SHOWING

The North Adelaide home of Elizabeth and Ernest Easton will be open from 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, 1st March 1986, for a showing of paintings (oils, watercolours, prints, etc.) from a discontinued gallery.

Ten per cent of proceeds will be donated to the Society.

E. & E. W. EASTON

## BATTLEFIELD BAND

For all those people who love Scottish Music and Song, the Battlefield Band will be visiting Adelaide and performing with Lynne and Denis Tracey, and Mike O'Callaghan, at the Royalty Theatre in Angas Street at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th February, 1986.

Tickets available January from BASS. Further enquiries phone 79 4894.

## SIR LYELL McEWIN SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Piper Brett Tidswell of the Pipe and Drums of the Royal Caledonian Society who received the Sir Lyell McEwin Scholarship to attend the Summer School at Stirling University in Scotland.

"Well done Brett."

## BAND REPORT

The Band played at Murray Bridge Pageant on 30th November 1985.

Engagements between now and the New Year include:-

Crippled Childrens' Assoc. at West Beach on 5th December 1985;  
South Coast Scottish Club, Christies Beach, on 31st December 1985;  
Port Vincent Progress Assoc. on 1st January 1986.

Twenty two Bandsmen marched in John Martins Pageant.

Australian Pipe Band Championships - 29th/30th March 1986. Up to 56 Bands may compete and Overseas judges will be in attendance.

The Band Christmas Surprise Party (break-up) will be held on 14th December at 3 p.m. in South Parklands.

W.E. COX - DIRECTOR

## SOCIETY HISTORY

Amongst the Council appointments this year Past Chief Ron Layton has been appointed Society Historian. Ron is a graduate in History, Management and Social Work from the University of Adelaide and the South Australian Institute of Technology. He has a number of publications to his credit and is often sought after as a speaker on various subjects.

One of Ron's long standing intentions has been to write a history of the Scots in S.A. Research has now been continuing for some 20 years and it is likely to continue for some time before he is able to write the book. In the meantime a number of projects are bearing fruit. For example a series of broadcasts over 5EBI-FM on the subject have occurred over three months commencing in October, 1985.

There is considerable interest in the history of Scots in S.A. and despite the fact there is a wealth of information available it is not in any consolidated form.

Ron says that what we do today must also be seen as having possible value for future generations. It is therefore important that we record significant events. This can be done in simple form by ensuring that mention is made of such events in Minutes of meetings and in Newsletters, all of which are kept for posterity. A copy of our Newsletter also goes to the State Library.

## **SOCIETY HISTORY (continued)**

In more complex form, events can be recorded on film and it is for this purpose a call is made for any photographs (old and current) and newspaper clippings.

As we approach Jubilee 150 it is a good time that we should focus on history and its value in shaping the future. On August 4th, 1986, as a part of the Official Jubilee 150 programme, Ron will be presenting a history of the early Scots of South Australia. This will include a display of material from the State Archives and other interesting items. The work for this exhibition has been ongoing for some time, but further assistance, particularly in the form of offers of items of historical interest would be appreciated.

Ron can be contacted through the Society office, or at home on telephone 339 1916, or business - 297 5799.

## **HIGHLAND BALL FILM**

The film of the Ball at Scotch College, which was professionally done, is now available at \$25 in VHS or BETA. This low price was made possible by Creative Video, photographer Paul Fleming and Donald Richards. It is approximately 80 minutes duration and brings out the highlights of the event. If you want to see yourself at the Highland Ball please contact the Secretary for your copy on 51 5268 or A.H. 271 7354.

Chief Greig has viewed this film and highly recommends it to all members who attended the Ball.

## **BAIRNS**

Mrs. Beverly Hawthorne has been appointed dancing instructress for our Bairns for the year ending 1986.

## **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions for the forthcoming twelve months became due for payment on the 1st July 1985. As you are no doubt aware, the Society has a shortage of funds at present, and one way of overcoming some of this shortage is for all members to renew their subscriptions immediately. As soon as you have finished reading this newsletter, write out the cheque, fill in the envelope and post it off to our Secretary.

The subscriptions are unchanged from last year and are:-

\$25.00 Corporate Membership; \$15.00 Associate, Pensioner and Student Membership; and \$300.00 Life Membership (or \$150.00 if you have been a member for 10 years or more).

## **BAR STAFF**

We are desperately in need - due to holidays, interstate transfers and resignations for other reasons, the number of persons who work voluntarily behind the bar on weeknights and at social functions has declined to a point where additional help would be greatly appreciated.

Any member who feels that they may be able to assist in any way should contact the Bar Manager, Ian Fleetwood, phone 47 2333 or A/H 298 2253.

## CHALLENGE TROPHY COMPETITION IN INDOOR SPORTS

It is proposed to hold a competition between Scottish Societies in South Australia in indoor sports to be held in the Royal Caledonian Society Hall on Sunday afternoons or evenings with either tea or supper available. These would be essentially social events and would include competition in darts, dominoes, cribbage, indian arm wrestling, and a three member team quiz. Society representatives would be chosen for their relevant expertise and there will be a trophy or prize for the best individual competitor and the overall winning Society.

Commencing perhaps in March, there will be regional heats concurrently in the South (Mt. Gambier) and the North (Whyalla) and it is planned that the final event with presentations could be October at the joint Scottish Societies Hallowe'en or in November at the St. Andrews celebration.

To cover the cost of Competition Trophies and hall expenses there will be a small admission fee with catering either a basket meal (\$3) or supplied by RCS (\$6).

This information is presented at this stage by the Royal Caledonian Society in order that there may be reactions expressed by the Scottish Societies with a statement or preference for either afternoon or evening and the suitability of Sundays. Any other suggestions at this stage will be gratefully received by the Chief, Dr. Gordon C. Greig, (either personally at his home address, 67 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove, or at the Royal Caledonian Society, 379 King William Street, Adelaide.

## VALE

We have been notified of the death of Life Member, Mr. Allan McAllan, who died in July 1983. This remarkable man had varied interests and achievements. After a long service to the Woodville Rotary Club, of which he was President for 2 years, he was made a Paul Harris Fellow in 1978. This is the highest award given to a Rotarian for services to others.

He worked for Meals on Wheels from its inception and was also a Life Member and Patron for 29 years of the Woodville Spastic Centre.

Mr. W.L.H. Baker, a retired Bank Officer, was a member of the Royal Caledonian Society since 1978. Mr. Baker was also Chief of the Port Pirie Caledonian Society for three years during the 1960's.

Mr. Robert Patullo was a member of our Pipe Band for many years. His funeral was well attended by members of the Band and the Society. Our condolences to his wife and young family. Robert died in October aged 43 years. Past Chief Ron Layton attended on behalf of the Society.

## MEMBERS CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify this office of any change of address to enable the Society to continue mail contact with our members.

## OVERSEAS NEWS

An exceptional holiday opportunity to rent an apartment in a 16th Century Scottish Castle (the ancestral home of the Mackenzies) in the magnificent Highlands of Scotland.

Cost per week: £ 350 sterling or equivalent in local currency.

\* Members of Mackenzie Clan: £ 200 sterling per week.

Further details from Office - 51 5268, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING in our Hall has been organized by Mrs. Eileen Gardiner for Friday, 20th December, 1985, at 7.30 p.m.

Please come along and help us celebrate the Christmas season. Dr. Greig will accompany on piano.

Tea, coffee and biscuits available. Admission 50¢.

## BINGO AND SOCIAL CABARET EVENINGS

BINGO, 7 to 8.30 p.m.      DANCING, 8.30 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Mr. Tom Woods has arranged these social evenings to be held every second Saturday night commencing on 28th December, 1985.

We invite all members to come and join in the fun as often as possible.

Let's get together and make new friends and renew old friendships with members who share the same cultural background and a common interest in making our Society a really great Society. We are "Grooming" as the Chief suggested in the message in the last newsletter and already the "Blooming" is evident.

Admission \$3.00 - Basket Supper - Bar facilities available - Good Band.

## SCOTTISH FAIR

The 1985 Scottish Fair held at Rymill Park on November 17th raised \$4,500 net. A truly wonderful result for a year of planning and hard work.

A very special Thank You to all those Members and Non-Members who helped in any way to make the Fair the success it was and such a happy day for the thousands who attended.

Stall-holders and helpers attended an end of year meeting on Thursday 28th November to collect and discuss ideas for making the 1986 Scottish Fair even more memorable.

Many more helpers are required to assist at the Fair - to give stall-holders and helpers a (cup of tea) break.

Please phone me or write, to say you will help us out, for even just a few minutes on the day.

Outside stall-holders are already booking sites for the 1986 Fair - they know what a marvellous day it will be - and so do we.

ELIZABETH EASTON - CONVENOR

## ST. ANDREWS DAY CHURCH SERVICE

St. Andrews Day Church Service was again held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide, on 24th November.

Chief Gordon Greig read the lesson and Piper Brian Erskine played "Amazing Grace". Rev. Alan C. Stubbs delivered the sermon.

The 1986 St. Andrews Day Church Service will be held on 30th November 1986.

## FUNDRAISING

Our Lottery was drawn on the 15th November in the Hall and was witnessed by a large group of people. The prize winners were:

1. Weekend for 2 at American River, K. I. - Mrs. Gillian Price
2. The Microwave Oven - Sir Lyell McEwin
3. Still Life Painting - Mr. L. McMahan
4. Stegbar Window - Mr. D. Munro
5. 3 bottles of spirits- - Mr. N. Harden
6. 12 bottles of Wine - Miss F. Balnaves
7. 8 bottles of Wine - Mrs. S. Kidd
8. 4 bottles of Wine - Miss A.M. McDonald

## TRADING TABLE

Would anyone with a few hours to spare on a Thursday or Friday, who would be willing to assist on a Trading Table outside the R. C. S. Hall, please contact Mrs. Mary Nesbitt - 293 6862 or Mrs. Marion Bested - 298 4138.

Now that the weather has improved we intend having a trading table every Thursday for fundraising purposes. If we have enough volunteers, we may extend to Thursday and Friday.

Any donations of jams, preserves etc. would be appreciated and can be left at the office with Mr. Verrall between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A word to our "crafty" members. We would love to sell your goods on a consignment basis. A small percentage will be added to your asking price and this will benefit the Society when the goods are sold. All handcraft items will be considered.

So - please help us to help you earn a bit of pocket money while helping the Society. Further details from Mrs. Nesbitt or Mrs. Bested.

Remember to look at our goods when making up your Christmas gift list. You may just find the very thing you need and help yourselves and the Society.

If you have a surplus of fruit this summer would you donate some for jam-making, preserves, etc. to be sold on our Trading Table.

## MINI LOTTERY

Mrs. Eileen Gardiner is now organizing a Mini Lottery. The fee is \$10 and there will be 9 weekly draws of \$10 and a \$200 prize on the 10th week.

Please contact Mrs. Gardiner or the office if you wish to participate in this Lottery.

## TEASPOONS

Robert Burns Letter Openers	\$4	Tea Caddy Spoon - Thistle	\$3
" " Teaspoons	\$3		
Royal Caledonian Teaspoons	\$3	Boxes Jam, Sugar & Teaspoon	\$9
Thistle Teaspoons	\$3	Boxes of 6 spoons in presentation box	\$20

If interested ring office on 51 5268 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, or Mrs. Bested on 298 4138.

## SCOTTISH CEILIDH

To be held at "Bay of Pirates", Scenic Way, Carrickalinga, from 12.00 noon, Sunday, 2nd February, 1986. Luncheon, entertainment and private pool (beach nearby) \* B. Y. O. drinks \*

Admission by this invitation - Adults \$8.00; Children (5-12 yrs) \$2.00.

R. S. V. P. - 20th January - Mrs. Easton, P.O. Box 264, Yankalilla, 5203.

Tickets available from Secretary.

This beautiful home, with many distinctive and quite different architectural concepts, has attracted a great deal of interest on the South Coast.

Proceed along South Road through Normanville, turn right at Carrickalinga sign. After approximately 3 km turn left into Broadbeach Drive, right (at phone box) into Bennett Street, first left into Solitude Drive. Parking available in Bennett Street, Solitude Drive and on adjoining vacant allotments.

Bring chairs - tables - umbrellas - if needed for own use.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR SCOTTISH CEILIDH - CARRICKALINGA at 7 p.m. in Royal Caledonian Hall on Thursday, 23rd January 1986, to arrange details of transportation of tables and chairs, donations of casseroles etc.

Would you kindly assist with this venture.

ELIZABETH EASTON

## THE CHIEF'S GARDEN CEILIDH

The Chief's Garden Ceilidh was very well attended and as hoped enough money was raised from this event to purchase a piano for our Hall. Our thanks go to the Chief and his Lady for lending their home and also to the Burns Society for organizing and helping to provide a piano for the Hall.

## HALLOWE'EN FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

This event on the 25th October combining the Bairns party and the adult social was a resounding success and all members and friends who attended enjoyed a very good evening. Many thanks to Beverley Hawthorne and Marion Johnson for their excellent co-ordination in providing a well organized program.

## ST. ANDREWS DINNER

This was held on the 22nd November and was well attended by 139 people. This "Grand Show" of Scottish Culture was as promised a "feast" both in a culinary sense and more importantly culturally.

Dr. Duguid, who is 101 years old, was unable to be present to receive his Honorary Life Membership Certificate, but this was accepted by his son Mr. Thomas Duguid. The speeches were taped to allow Dr. Duguid to hear our appreciation of his life's work in the South Australian community and also his long association (pre 1914) with our Society.

We welcomed overseas guests Mr. Ian MacAulay M.B.E. and his wife, Nina, from Dunoon in Scotland. Ian is Chieftain Marion Johnson's brother. Also from overseas, Mrs. F. Caldwell from Thornton & Clevelys Scottish Society in England attended with Mr. and Mrs. N. Harden.

## NEW MEMBERS

CORPORATE - Mrs. A. C. Brownsea      Mrs. Eva Redhead      ASSOCIATE - Mrs. Rhonda Schlank  
                 Mrs. J. M. Gerken              Miss Phyl Gall  
                 Mrs. J. S. Chambers

## THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has under consideration detailed proposals for improving the financial viability of the Society. It expects to be in a position to present specific proposals early in 1986.

The Society was able to meet all its commitments related to the mortgage on its property due as at 30th November. This is the first occasion for some time that this has been possible and is due to the success of fundraising activities and the support given by members to those activities. If this trend is sustained and improved, the Society has a bright future.

E. EASTON (Treasurer)