

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

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## A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

As your Council meets for a second time, ideas are flowing in two parallel streams. A Committee under the chairmanship of Treasurer Ern Easton has commenced meetings to evaluate the many welcome suggestions (given at the AGM) on business ways to reduce Society liabilities; this could be called "The Brains". Already in action are "The Stalwarts" with socially and financially successful Family Tea (attended by some 40 members and Bairns) and the Bairns' Dancing Competition. The Hall during Grand Prix weekend, 1-3 November, will raise funds by providing the public with refreshment and snacks alongside an art exhibition. The Fayre in Rymill Park on 17 November will be the biggest ever and not to be missed. The St. Andrews Dinner on 22 November already looks attractive, so get your tickets early.

Several activities are popularising the Hall and promoting ties with kindred societies. The Robert Burns Society is raising funds to provide a piano for use also by other groups. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society now meets there regularly and the Celtic Music Society is considering joining.

The Jubilee 150 Year could see your Society getting up on the crest of the wave. Support is the vital spark to keep it coasting along. Bring your friends; propose new members; be prepared to participate in either or both streams.

## DOM AND BLOOM

### Register of Volunteers

Some members can be just waiting to be asked to help revitalise the Society by donating their time, effort and skills for this worthy cause. Please register your name with the Secretary or a Council Member, indicating your availability for:-

Catering, labouring, decorating, cleaning and stall duties;  
bar service and handyman (handyperson?) activities.

DR. GORDON GREIG  
Chief

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## SOCIAL PROGRAMME



HALLOWE'EN CABARET, 25th OCTOBER, 8-11 P.M.

DISPEL THE GLOOM ON YOUR BROOM!  
PLEASE COME IN FANCY DRESS!  
WHEN WE ALL GROOM, WE ALL BLOOM,  
IN FUN AND HAPPINESS!

TICKETS \$3.00 ADULTS - BASKET SUPPER  
CHILDREN FREE.

PRIZES FOR BEST FANCY DRESS.

Notify Director Moffat or Secretary.

CHIEF'S GARDEN CEILIDH on SUNDAY, 27th OCTOBER, at 12 NOON  
at 67 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove.

Price is \$8.00 and includes a Scottish lunch and Entertainment, also Highland Dance Display.  
B. Y. O. drinks.

This ceilidh has been arranged by the Robert Burns Society and proceeds are for a piano for our Hall.

GRAND PRIX WEEKEND - FRIDAY 1st to SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER - ART EXHIBITION IN HALL  
People "racing" around the City could stop off to fill "the pits" of their stomachs with snacks or "refuel" with tea or coffee.

Members who bake - please show what you can do . . . . . all donations welcome - shortbread, oatcakes, pancakes, sultana cake.

ST. ANDREWS DINNER - 22nd NOVEMBER - 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

As the "Grand Show" of Scottish culture this promises to be a "feast". A full program will necessitate a prompt commencement. Please be there on time so you don't miss anything. Tickets are \$17.00 from the Secretary or Council Members. This function will be held in the Royal Caledonian Hall.

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY will hold their dancing in our Hall every Tuesday evening from 7 to 11 p.m. - ALL WELCOME.

## BAIRNS

Results of Caledonian Society Competitions on 5th October 1985.

### TROPHY WINNER

JOHN OGG BEQUEST TROPHY - L. GARRICK

### COMPETITION WINNERS

F. CUTTING	1sts - 2		
N. BROWNE	2nds - 1	3rds - 3	
E. FLEETWOOD	3rds - 1		
J. POPE	2nds - 1	3rds - 1	
M. POPE	3rds - 1		
M. NAIRN	3rds - 4		
C. PAWSON	2nds - 2	3rds - 2	
L. GARRICK	1sts - 1	2nds - 2	3rds - 1

BEV. HAWTHORNE  
Instructress

## 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.

## 1986 JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATIONS to celebrate South Australia's 150th Anniversary PROGRAMME FOR THE SCOTTISH COMMUNITY OF S. A.

31st December/1st January 1986 - 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

WONGMANAY "Welcome to the Jubilee Year" BALL at Flamingo Ballroom, McKinna Road, Christies  
Glenelg - 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.

25th 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.

Other dates in later newsletters.

## COUNCIL

Our new Chief, Dr. Gordon Greig, was elected at the A. G. M. held on 30th August 1985, and our new Treasurer is Mr. Ernest Easton following the resignation of Mr. Ian Fleetwood from that position. Many thanks to Ian for the work he has done for the Society for the past 10 years.

## FUND RAISING

### TRADING TABLE

Now that the weather has improved we will resume our efforts to raise funds by having a Trading Table outside R. C. S. Hall on Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Any donations of jams, preserves or handiwork would be appreciated.

If you have any handcraft items for sale we would 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.

If you have some spare time and wish to help we would welcome your support. Please contact Mary Nesbitt on 293 6862 or Marion Bested on 298 4138.

## TEASPOONS

The Caledonian Society Crest teaspoons have arrived. Please collect spoons ordered from Mr. Verrall during office hours.

## ST. ANDREWS DAY CHURCH SERVICE

On Sunday at 11 a.m. on 24th November this year, a Service will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide, and it is hoped that many members of the Society will attend. Rev. Stubbs will officiate.

## VALE

SAMUEL MacKENZIE CONDIE late of 213 Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills.

Mr. Condie was a member of the Society since 1968.

## BAND REPORT

The Royal Caledonian Pipes and Drums members are working hard for several early commitments.

The Labor Day Holiday weekend the Band played at Burra.

The Grade 4 and Students held a practice field-day a couple of Sundays ago under Drum Major Kym Atwell and teachers Greg Gordon and Vern Raymond in preparation for John Martins procession.

A representative visit to Daylesford, Victoria, is another possibility for Grade 2.

A Grade 2 Mini Band played in a competition at Para Hills and won yet another trophy.

Note:- The S. A. P. B. A. will need helpers for the Australian Competitions in Adelaide next Easter. Society Members this is your band - please help if you can. See or ring Sec. Mike Mulvihill.

DIRECTOR - BILL COX

# FAYRE COMMITTEE NEWS

Official Opening 11 a.m. by Lord Mayor Mr. Jarvis.  
Piping in of Haggis, and a taste for all (for a small fee).  
The Ode to the Haggis will be performed by a well known gentleman.

All stall holders seem well prepared, however, more cakes, biscuits, sweets are needed - eggs are available - please apply.

More wares needed for white elephant stall - please check the garage and pantry.

Cracked plates and cups etc. required.

More people needed to sell raffle tickets - please make the effort - the need was never greater.

Roster for 1 hour shifts (toilet check) has not been filled - please help - no work to do - just a check now and then - please help.

Remember to take your folding chairs and some shade for the head.

Telephone 267 1493 or 271 4721 and say you will help in some way - Please.

MRS. EASTON  
Fayre Convenor

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  - PERSONAL SAVINGS PLAN

## NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

The Chief's Lady, Sir Lyell McEwin and Director Moffat have been on the sick list but are on the mend!

The resignation of Grant Andrews from Council and Chieftainship was accepted with regret and praise for his service to the Society; Mr. Tom Woods will fill the vacancy on Council.

We welcome home from abroad Mr. & Mrs. John Fleetwood.

Mrs. Ann Miller recently left for an overseas holiday and will be visiting Scotland and the Continent.

## 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

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.

## CHAIR OF CELTIC STUDIES

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council have requested we help them and the Celtic Council of Australia to endow at an Australian University The Geoffrey Farrow Chair of Celtic Studies.

They have also formed a Scottish Travellers Club to provide economical travel not only to Scotland, but throughout the world. Details from Secretary.

## SCOTTISH WEEK

Scottish Week will be celebrated in Sydney from Friday 22nd November to Sunday 1st December 1985 including a Grand Scottish Ball on Friday 29th November.

For a complete list of special events and details of other requests contact Mr. R. Verrall Secretary.

## DONATIONS TO BUILDING FUND

MRS. C. MONCK	\$50.00 (Raffles)
MR. I.R. FLEETWOOD	\$80.00
MRS. S.J. KIDD	\$15.00

## NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

### CORPORATE

Mrs. D.M. Meeuwssen  
Mrs. I.W. Greig  
Mr. J.R. Berry  
Ms. J.R. Berry  
Mrs. L. Barker

### ASSOCIATE

Mr. K. Lavery  
Mr. D.J. Martin

### LIFE MEMBERS

Amy Louise Gifford (born 11th March 1985)  
Mr. Ian R. Fleetwood

Our newest and youngest Life Member, Amy Louise Gifford, is 6 months old.

Twenty-one months ago her brother, Adam Guy Francis Gifford, who was just a few months old, was also made a Life Member. This was a lasting gift by their grandmother, Mrs. Ann Miller, herself a Life Member.

I had the pleasure of attending the Dedication Services of these two young ones.

Immediate Past Chief Richards

## GROUP FORMED

In accordance with views expressed at the Annual General Meeting, a group comprising Ernest Easton (Chairman), Graeme Matthews, Robert Nichols, Chris Walters, Ronald Catt and Mrs. B. J. Minney has been set up to develop proposals for improving the financial viability of the Society.

The group, which has held its first meeting, will report, through the Council, to a Special General Meeting. It is considering proposals advanced at the Annual General Meeting, but would welcome other suggestions from Members.

If you have a proposal, please forward it to Ernest Easton as soon as possible. Should you wish to make a personal presentation at a meeting of the group, he will be happy to arrange a suitable time and place.

E. EASTON  
Treasurer

## OVERSEAS NEWS

### SCOTLAND'S WHISKY FESTIVAL

Aviemore, 11th-15th November, 1985. Cost - \$2950 on Share Twin Basis from Sydney return. Details from Secretary.

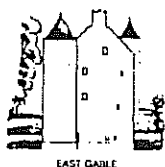
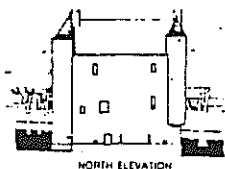
THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES HOSPICE for the terminally ill is being established on the south bank of the River Clyde, Glasgow. Persons interested in helping financially are asked to contact the Secretary for further particulars.

### KINKELL - A reconstruction of a Scottish Castle

KINKELL is a beautifully illustrated book about the reconstruction of a 16th Century MacKenzie of Gairloch Scottish Castle in the Highlands. It contains information about the history of the people in the earliest days.

This book has now been reprinted and is for the first time available outside U.K. It is, of course, of particular interest to anyone with the name MacKenzie but also all other Scots. It is an absorbing account of a sculptor's efforts to rebuild a 16th century castle in the Highlands. Also contains a historical account of the fortified house in Scotland from the earliest days, together with a detailed history of the people who built and inhabited Kinkell Castle.

SEE APPLICATION FORM.



This book is a hardback version illustrated with 180 pages and is ideal as a gift for anyone with a Scottish background or has a special interest in history or architecture.

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