

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

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## A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

1986 has brought "jubilation" in the society - an exciting programme ahead; a successful carol service to be repeated; and the "Scottish Night" attracting a growing clientele of 80-100, to be a regular fortnightly feature from Saturday 8th February.

I am pleased to report that the Scottish Fair will again be in the capable hands of Elizabeth Easton, and she will need your help.

It is disappointing to note that there has been NO response to requests for volunteers in bar and maintenance duties; minimum response for donations to the trading table goods, purchase of Highland Ball video, and payment of annual subs.

Although council members are keen and working hard, we are not superhuman. Please rally to the call!

The Carrickalinga Ceilidh can be a great fun and fund raiser - be in it!

At the half yearly meeting you can hear the Finance Committee report, and have your questions answered; there is reason for some optimism . . . . but your input is vital.

CHIEF GORDON GREIG

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## SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Marion Johnson extends her thanks to members and friends who supported the functions in the latter part of 1985, especially the Christmas carols evening.

The delight expressed by the people who attended has made it a must to be included in our yearly programme.

Please continue to support all our endeavours, and listed below are those for the next 2 months.

FEBRUARY 2nd FROM 12 NOON - Ceilidh at Carrickalinga - venue: "Bay of Pirates", Scenic Way, Carrickalinga. Luncheon, entertainment and private pool (beach nearby). BYO drinks. Adults - \$8; Children - \$2.

FEBRUARY 8th - Scottish Night - in the hall from 8 p.m. - 12 midnight. Basket supper, bar facilities. \$3.

FEBRUARY 14th AT 7.30 P.M. - Half Yearly General Meeting - bring a plate.

FEBRUARY 21st AT 7.30 P.M. - Start of Bairns' Class.

FEBRUARY 22nd - Scottish Night - in the hall from 8 p.m. - 12 midnight. Basket supper, bar facilities. \$3.

MARCH 1st - 11 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. - Gallery Showing at home of Elizabeth and Ernest Easton, 95 Hill Street, North Adelaide.

MARCH 11th - Floral Pageant.

MARCH 21st - Music Hall - further details later.

MARCH 29th/30th - Australian Pipe Band Championships at Thebarton Oval.

MARCH 29th - 8 p.m. - 12 midnight - Ceilidh in Royal Caledonian Hall - supper provided. Adults \$6; Children \$2.50.

## BAIRNS' CLASS REPORT

Mrs. Marion Bested has agreed to be Director Laught's assistant for the above class. Thanks for your help, Marion, and good luck in your endeavours.

The class will re-commence on Friday, 21st February, from 7.30 - 9.30, under the instruction of Bev. Hawthorn.

We are hoping to increase numbers in 1986 and will soon be advertising on local radio stations.

The fee is \$20 per year or \$7 per term.

You can help by telling your friends about our Bairns' Class.

The clubrooms are open on Friday nights and members are always welcome to come along.

If you are in town late night shopping you can have a cup of tea or coffee at 8.30 p.m. and enjoy watching our bairns learn our traditional dances.

## BAND REPORT

The Royal Caledonian Band has a new Drum Major in Bob Currie to act in a temporary capacity to take the Band through to the Australasian Pipe Band Championships at Thebarton S.A. on March 29th (Saturday) and March 30th (Sunday). BE THERE!

To improve the standard the Band is practising at the South Parklands every Sunday afternoon - all interested people welcome.

We welcome Chris Smith, Piper, who has joined the Band. Chris comes from Mt. Barker Caledonian Society Pipe Band.

The Crippled Childrens' engagement at the Blue Line Drive-In had a Band of 7 Pipers, 3 Tenor Drums, 1 Bass, 4 Snare Drums, and of course 1 Drum Major - a worthy effort for a worthy cause. Well done!

The annual awards were presented and are as follows:- The Harry Fairbanks Memorial Trophy to Julie Walters, while the most effective Bandsman trophy went to Dave Martin - Congratulations.

Late alterations saw the Band Christmas Party held at Chris & Julie Walters place. THANKS to Julie's mum, Julie, Chris and Mike for the work they did in preparing for the event. Like myself I am sure everybody had a most enjoyable evening - energy well spent.

BILL COX - DIRECTOR

## HALF YEARLY MEETING

There will be the half yearly meeting on Friday, 14th February, at 7.30 p. m. The Finance Committee is now at a stage where it can report on it's deliberations regarding the Society's financial situation. This will be the main topic of the meeting. We urge all members to attend this most important meeting.

## VISITORS

We have visitors from Scotland. Our Chief's lady has her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Matthews, staying with the family at Elizabeth. Also, Chieftain Mrs. Marion Johnson has her brother and sister-in-law here, Mr. Ian McAulay M.B.E. and Mrs. McAulay. We welcome these visitors, and hope they enjoy themselves in our fair State.

## COUNTRY MEMBERS

We understand that Mrs. Susan Hamilton of Mt. Gambier is making some progress after her recent illness. We wish her well and look forward to hearing more good news soon.

## CITY MEMBERS

Mr. Jack Moffatt has recently been on the sick list. We hope you'll soon be back to normal, Jack.

## MEMBERSHIP

### NEW MEMBERS - CORPORATE

Mr. C.B. Smith

### HON. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

D.N. Richards

## ARE YOU UNFINANCIAL?

We don't mean in immediate ready cash or pocket money, but your financial support of your Society. A recent survey of membership revealed that there are over 150 members who are unfinancial which represents nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the nominal members. If you have received a notice of your outstanding membership fee, PLEASE send a cheque or remittance as your membership and financial support of the Society is of utmost importance - DO IT TODAY.

## RETURNED TRAVELLERS

June and Arthur Laws have recently returned from their overseas trip, which included 7 weeks in Scotland - it is every bit as beautiful as ever, and already we're saying "Here's to the next time".

It was good to return to find that our new chief has gathered so much support in a short space of time, and with his helpers is making inroads into solving the Society's problems. More power to his elbow.

## BAR STAFF

Help in this area is desperately needed. Can you spare an hour or two of your time? Please consider this, and contact the Secretary if you are available.

## RED CROSS GARDEN PARTY

This will be held at Government House on the 27th February. As was the case last year, pipers and dancers from the Society will be performing. Further details available from Red Cross Society - phone 267 4277.

## JUBILEE PROGRAMME

Our commitment to the above is proceeding and our particular items include a ceilidh in support of the Australasian Pipe Band Championships, to be held on 29th & 30th March. The ceilidh will be held at the hall in King William Street, on Saturday 29th March from 8 p.m. - 12. Supper will be provided and there will be bar facilities on the night.

Looking ahead to June we are holding a fashion show with a difference on 13th June at 8 p.m. We will start by showing fashions for children and adults, then The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will be demonstrating their dances and wearing period costumes for the occasion. This will be followed by a parade of Scots bride wedding dresses from as far back as possible to the present day, and possibly fashions of yesteryear. There will be supper. H-E-L-P if you have any clothes which fit into this category or memorabilia connected with Scotland - old photos, family trees, bibles, paintings, etc. etc. - could you please lend these for the occasion? Contact June Laws on 336 2226.

On 23rd February Mt. Barker is holding the 25th Annual Highland Gathering at the Community Centre Complex, Mt. Barker. This will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

First Australian International Garden Festival - We have been appealed to by the S.A. Asscn. of Nurserymen in regard to the above, which is being held from Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th March. The request suggests that we decorate our building with some form of floral art, e.g. window boxes, pot plants. My immediate reaction would be to feature blue and white flowers in window boxes and a St. Andrew's Cross made up with blue and white flowers. Is there anyone out there prepared to undertake this project? I'm prepared to help - phone 336 2226 after 5 p.m. Our Pipes and Drums will be playing at the pageant on 11th March.

## VIDEO VIEWING, FAMILY TEA, BAR BUSINESS

On Sunday, 2nd March, from 4.30 - 6 p.m. the video of the 1985 Highland Ball will be shown, followed by a family tea of Scots pies, girdle and tattie scones, and a sweet, tea and coffee, cost to be \$5 inclusive. After this there will be a session on bar training.

## SCOTTISH FAIR 1986

### Country & Western Night - Friday 23rd May

The 1986 Scottish Fair Committee has arranged this Country & Western Night to provide funds for our annual Scottish Fair.

I hoped that as many members as possible will support this function, and we can assure you of a fun evening, whether you come along to participate or observe.

Our compere and caller for the evening will be Mr. Colin Huddleston, and those members who have previously attended one of these evenings will know they are a lot of fun.

There will be prizes for the best dressed cowboy and/or girl --- dress, casual --- byo supper --- raffle --- bar operational --- tea/coffee provided.

Tickets \$6; Children free.

## CORRECTIONS

### JULY 4th - 8 p.m. - 12 - CEILIDH

The Robert Burns Society of S.A. is organising the above ceilidh.

### OCTOBER 17th - COUNTRY DANCE BALL

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is organising the above at Burnside Town Hall.

## SCOTTISH CHOIR

A strong interest in forming a choir is matched by the talents of society member, Mrs. Anne Miller, a teacher of piano, singing and elocution, who has been training choirs for 30 years. Please register your interest with the secretary - this also applies to non-members keen to sing.

Watch the next newsletter for details of the first discussion meeting (with tea and biscuits).

## CLAN CAMERON

The above clan held their gathering at Penola, where there were 3 days of Highland games, ceilidhs, horse racing, and many other events.

We trust that everything went well and all who participated had a good time.

## PRESTIGIOUS AWARD TO CLAN CENTRE

The Clan Donald Centre at Armadale on Skye has recently been awarded third place in the coveted British Guild of Travel Writers Award. First prize went to the magnificent Jorvik Viking Centre in York, and second prize to the Bosworth Field Centre in Leicestershire.

It is the first time a Highlands and Islands Centre has been nominated for the award let alone winning the prize.

The Centre is a magnificent monument to Clansmen and women throughout the world who have contributed to its construction. It consists of a resculptured castle ruin (Armadale), museum, flats, restaurant, audio visual display, shop and superb gardens.

Like many others, the Clan Centre has become a place of pilgrimage for largest of all the Scottish clans. It is also centre for the Clan Donald Lands Trust, a rather unique clan effort at buying parts of former clan land for posterity.

Although tucked away in Sleat this area is becoming increasingly popular as it is also a centre for the development of the Gaelic language and culture. Nearby is Sabhal Mhor Ostaig which has students around the year from throughout the world.

For those lucky enough to be planning a trip to Scotland I suggest a visit to the Centre which can be reached by ferry from Mallaig.

Ron Layton

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