

# Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia (inc.)



## Newsletter

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## THE

# CALEDONIAN

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### A WORD FROM YOUR ACTING CHIEF :

This is my last article to you as Acting Chief. I have found it to be a challenge and an honour to represent you at the many social functions and business meetings I have attended.

My grateful thanks go to members of our Council and to the hard-working group of members who have rallied around and provided me with their unstintingly loyal and friendly support.

We are fortunate to have such fine members who willingly give their time and expertise to assist us on reducing the financial burden which is our legacy.

The Fair Committee, with June Laws as Convenor, is planning and plotting many good things to tempt you with.

The Fund Raising Committee, with Bill Paterson as Chairman, is up and going, and a group of eager, determined people has set out to fully justify their title.

The Burns' Evening was highly successful socially and financially.

Plans are well in hand for our stall at The Royal Adelaide Show. This is a "first" and we aim to make it a huge success. We are fortunate that our dancers, choir and band are prepared to perform and delight everyone there. Souvenirs will be on sale, and donations of Scottish goods will be acceptable - jars of marmalade decorated with tartan, for example.

Do keep Friday 28th August free, as Stan Fox and his Gallimaufry Group will be running a Pioneer Night, and they ALWAYS provide an excellent night of fun and dancing. There will be fancy dress prizes for the best lady, man and family.

For this event we'll have bar facilities, and it will be a basket supper. Tickets from the Secretary will cost \$4 - Adults, and children will be admitted free of charge.

BINGO commences in our hall every Thursday at 12 noon and will continue weekly; refreshments will be available.

Marion Macaulay Johnson.

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SCOTTISH APPLICABLE INVESTMENTS

A SCOTTISH FLORIST

A very special thanks for a very special lady, Isobel Sim, who provided all the ladies with the beautiful corsages at the night of our Highland Ball. Also the lovely flower arrangement, using rocks from the Victorian Grampians was greatly admired by all and will always have a special place in our Society. Of course, the Victorian Grampians are named after the Scottish Grampians

Isobel has a florist's shop in The Broadway, Glenelg (Broadway Florist), so next time you need to order some flowers, why not give her a call.

ELECTIONS:

In accordance with the Constitution, the following positions fall vacant:-

Chief, Treasurer, 5 Directors.

Chief - There being only one nomination, Mrs. M.C. JOHNSON will be elected at the A.G.M.

Treasurer - There being only one nomination, Mr. E.W. EASTON will be re-elected at the A.G.M.

Directors - Five Directors are required to be elected for a 2yr. period. As five nominations for these positions have been received, there will be no ballot.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE:

CHIEF... Mrs. Marion C.M. Johnson came out from Dunoon, Argyllshire, with her husband and 3 daughters in 1955. Marion has been involved with our Society over a number of years, as was her husband, George, till his death in 1967.

After retiring from school teaching, Marion has been active in many areas of public life including professional women's clubs, St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth City Council. She was awarded "Citizen of the Year Award 1982" for outstanding community service.

Since Dr. Greig's resignation last year, Marion has acted as chief, and has ably led us throughout the year; her insight and experience in other organisations have been an asset to the Council.

In common with all candidates, Marion has a vision of Society gaining in strength and becoming a focal point for the Scottish Community of South Australia.

TREASURER Mr. E. Easton has been a member for 4 years, is a business consultant and holds the Imperial Service Order. He and his wife have 5 children and 13 grandchildren. Ernest has been treasurer of our society for two years, and has been a moving spirit in regard to the Mortgage Trust. With his skills in financial matters, Ernest has proved his worth to the society, and we are indebted to him for all the work he has done. Ernest would like our society to get back on a sound financial footing once more.

DIRECTOR Mrs. Marion Bested is married with two children, one of whom is a member of our Bairns' Class, and she works part-time as a Parish Office Secretary. Marion came out from Glasgow in 1967, and since joining the society in 1984 has been actively involved in fundraising and the Scottish Fairs of the past two years. With her bubbly personality and her enthusiastic approach to every means of promoting the society, Marion is sure to be a great asset to us, and she is dedicated to working hard towards this end.

DIRECTOR Mr. John Fleetwood, one of our stalwart members, has been retired for 5 years. He is married with three children and 6 grandchildren. John has been piper to the Bairns' Class for 16 years, and he and his family have connections with our society going back 60 years. As a former member of the pipe band, a young member of the Bairns' Class and with 3 grandchildren presently in the class, John has had a deep involvement with our Society. He has done bar duty - one of the few - on a frequent basis, has played the pipes at our lottery outlets and at schools and nursing homes. He has been our plumbing and maintenance officer for some time. As well as this, John has served on council for 16 years with a break of only 3 years - a most impressive record of service. John's aims for the society are to encourage its growth and to persuade all members to attend our many functions.

DIRECTOR David McKellar, is a young married man with a strong interest in all things Scottish - his grandfather came from Argyll. David came from Brisbane in 1985 and is working for a nursing degree at Flinders University. He has been a member of our society for 2 years and enjoys our many social functions. Indeed, he cannot remember missing a St. Andrew's Night Dinner. David has a strong interest and involvement in Church work. He would like to see us with a stronger more dynamic society and will work towards this end while on council.

DIRECTOR Lennox Pawson has already served 2 terms of office on council. He is married with two children and has been associated with the society since the early 40's, having learned highland dancing under the late John Ogg. Lennox is in business and his other interests cover work for St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge & State Committee of Highland Dancing, as well as fulfilling the important role of a J.P. When possible, Lennox does some sailing. One of Lennox's wishes is to see our society restored to the important position he feels it should hold, and he would like to see kindred and other societies make wider use of our premises.

DIRECTOR Jim Welsh originated from Glasgow and came out to Australia as a young lad in 1957. As a self-employed man with a wife and family, Jim is kept busy, but still makes time to actively participate in fund-raising for the society. Jim is a real worker, with strong powers of organisation, who exudes energy and drive, which should prove a great help in all facets of the society's life. Jim would like to see the society going ahead again, and fulfilling a prime role in the Scottish Community of South Australia.



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SCOTTISH FAIR - SCOTCH COLLEGE, SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER.

I've heard reports that members' sewing machines are running red hot, and that Actil have sold out of material for the above event, but I need to check this out. Anyway, if you sew, knit, crochet, make lace or anything else you care to name, WE NEED YOU - and no excuses will be accepted!!!

REMEMBER...OUR FAIR IS OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER.

An enthusiastic committee is working very hard indeed, and there are OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE TO JOIN US. Friday is the night, and our next meeting is AUGUST 14TH. If you are a quiet achiever - like my better half - just contact me, June Laws at 336-2226 and let me know what help you can offer - no worthwhile idea will be knocked back.

Here are some suggestions:-

1. KITES - dowelling and joining pieces available from The Kite Shop, Unley Road, for just over \$1. If you can supply plastic cut to kite shapes, and tails with string, these kites should sell well.
2. SMALL TOYS Jim Welsh and others are making hobby horses, push-along penguins, etc. If you can make some items, we're sure they'd do well. Also Christmas novelties and decorations should attract by that time of the year - some patterns are available.
3. PLANTS - PRODUCE Now is the time to start potting, making marmalade etc. for our fair. All items gratefully received.
4. SECOND-HAND CLOTHING - ADULTS AND CHILDREN  
We now have two ladies to undertake running this stall - Mrs. Brounsie and Mrs. Crawford. Please clear out your wardrobe and do a scrounge of your friends' cupboards. This stall gives us a clear profit.
5. SWEET STALL. Mrs. Lumsden and Mrs. Calver with Mrs. Heather Brown will be grateful for all donations and remember - like cakes - sweets can be made early and put into freezers.
6. PIES, PASTIES, SAUSAGE ROLLS - Donations of any of the above will be welcomed by John Fleetwood.  
ICE CREAM - See Chas. Gardiner about this and -  
COLD DRINKS - Trevor Hawthorne here.
7. REMEMBER THE WHITE ELEPHANT STALL whose convener is Mary Nesbitt, and she particularly wants smallish items, as she finds wardrobes rather tricky to handle and store.
8. ON THE WEBER B.B.Q. STALL Jim Welsh needs potatoes, salad, coleslaw, and lamb and beef for roasting, along with chicken wings and butternuts.
9. BILL ANDERSON'S BARBECUE STALL is needing offers of hamburgers, sausages, onions (peeled if possible) and dont forget ....

Marion Bested's Scottish/Tartan/Society Stall &  
Chris Cockerill's Haggis Stall - Chris needs swedes and potatoes.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS ABOUT STALLS PLEASE CONTACT ME AT  
336-2226.



June Laws

Members' News: Our former Chief Dr. Gordon Greig, recently left for a trip to the U.K. via America & Canada. We hear that Gordon is having a wonderful time and look forward to seeing him back among us on his return.



We also wish "Many Happy Returns" to Isobel Greig on her recent birthday.

Mr. Reg Laught has been seen at our Bairns' Class now and again and its great to hear that he is keeping well.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY:

CORPORATE

ASSOCIATE

- Miss. V. Tuza
- Mr. J.B. Main
- Mr. W. Baxendale
- Mrs. P.A. Baxendale
- Mr. J.B. Adams
- Mrs. J.L. Edwards
- Mrs. M. Stiggants
- Mr. Jamieson
- Mrs. Jamieson
- Mrs. J. A. H. James
- Mr. K. T. Inverarity
- Mrs. C. MacDonald

- Mr. Donald Walker
- Mr. A.G. Walters



and look forward to meeting them at our future functions.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

All subscriptions are due from 1st July for the year 1987/88 and ALL MEMBERS are strongly urged to post their fees without delay to avoid cost of sending reminder notices. Your financial support of your Society by your membership is of great importance. So.. as soon as you have finished reading this newsletter.. PLEASE write out your cheque, fill in the envelope and post it off to the Secretary.

The membership subscriptions are unchanged and are:

- \$25 - Corporate Membership
- \$15 - Associate, Pensioner and Student Membership
- \$300 Life Membership (or \$150 if you have been a member for 10 years or more)

CAKE STALL FOR THE FAIR

We are asking all Members to please make CAKES for the Stall at our Fair on 1st November. For those of you who have some time to spare beforehand, we ask that you bake and freeze your goods. Eggs will be available to all who would like to bake for us. Please fill in the "tear-off slip" for quantities required and send to our Secretary, Mr. Verrall, to give us an idea how many you need. The eggs can be picked up from Mr. Verrall between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday-Friday commencing Monday 19th October.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD DELIVER THE CAKES TO US ON FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER ,BETWEEN 10 - 2 P.M. OR BRING THEM ALONG TO THE HALLOWE'EM PARTY THAT NIGHT OR BRING THEM EARLY TO THE FAIR.

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MEMBER'S NAME .....

PLEASE RESERVE ME ..... DOZEN EGGS TO MAKE CAKES FOR THE FAIR.

We have had a proposal that we hold a "Bake-a-thon" night to make lamingtons for the Fair. This would be in the hall at a date to be notified, but a likely choice is a Friday night. It would involve members and friends in coming along to help us have a good supply of lamingtons for the cake stall. EVERYONE OF ALL AGES (NO DISCRIMINATION HERE - BOTH SEXES PLEASE) WILL BE WELCOME. These events are usually run on an "assembly line" basis and perhaps it would be a good idea to bring an apron (unless you enjoy being covered in chocolate).

REMEMBER THE GRAND PRIX RAFFLE IS BEING DRAWN AT OUR CHOIR'S VARIETY CONCERT ON FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST - WE HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF MEMBERS THERE AND BELIEVE THE CHOIR HAVE A WONDERFUL NIGHT IN STORE FOR US. - PLEASE RING TODAY AND SECURE YOUR TICKET!!

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FUNDRAISING  
NEWS

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THANK YOU.....! I would sincerely like to thank everyone who rallied around and helped sell the Grand Prix Raffle Tickets so quickly. You will be delighted to hear that YOU have raised \$625 for the Society and following several encouraging remarks from ticket sellers, we will certainly be having another Grand Prix Raffle next year - but with a Double Gold Pass as 1st prize.

.....Marion Bested.

\*\*\*LATER IN THE YEAR WE WILL BE HOLDING A BOTTLE DRIVE - WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD START SAVING YOUR BOTTLES FOR US

NOW!

AT A DATE YET TO BE DECIDED, WE WILL CALL AND PICK THE BOTTLES UP THIS IS A VERY EASY WAY FOR YOU TO HELP US TO EARN QUITE A FEW EXTRA \$\$\$\$ FOR THE SOCIETY AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT\*\*\*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

FROM AUGUST 6TH:

EVERY THURSDAY from 12.00 - B I N G O in Caledonian Hall.

August 8th: Choir's VARIETYCONCERT (Grand Prix Raffle drawn)

August 21st: Annual General Meeting

August 28th: Pioneer Night (DONT MISS THIS FAMILY FUN-FILLED EVENING -BUT PLEASE RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TO ASSIST ORGANISERS)

September 4th - 12TH Stall at Royal Adelaide Show

October 23rd: Bairns' Hallowe'en Party

October 30th: Adults' " "

November 1st: SCOTTISH FAIR

November 27th: St. Andrew's Dinner

December 18th: Carol Singing

December 31st: HOGMANAY Cabaret at Cumberland Soccer Clubrooms.

The Fundraising Committee would appreciate your assistance in securing tickets in ADVANCE for our functions. This makes life much easier for the organisers - particularly where catering is involved. Please ring the Secretary, Chief, or any of the Council or Fundraising Committee members if you have any enquiries regarding our Functions.

STOP PRESS!!!!

Remember to keep FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27TH free for our grand St. Andrew's Night Dinner. This is an event you must not miss, so mark it in your calendar NOW!



\* MALT WHISKY TASTING NIGHT \*

I am pleased to advise members of the Society that the Malt Whisky Tasting Evening held on Monday the 27/7/87 was a social and financial success.

This is the first of this type of function held in the Society on such a large scale and it seems that going by comments received all who attended were pleased with the evening.

Special Thanks must go to all who contributed to make the evening such a success, from Mr. David Le Cornu, who provided the Malts for tasting and Mr. Rob. Culver who conducted the tasting. The evening was professionally controlled by Master of Ceremonies Mr. Lennox Pawson, who displayed a perfect sense of timing throughout the entire evening. 5 Malts were tasted and Mr. Rob Culver enlarged on the qualities we should look for in these malts.

The entertainment for the evening was of a very high standard, with Catherine Pawson and Michele Cockerill displaying their skills at highland dancing. The lasses were ably led by Piper Greg Gordon.

Mr. Tom Hunter delighted the audience with his words from Burns and other anecdotes on malt whisky and the evening was rounded off by Robbie Irvine who sang and entertained the audience with songs and stories of Scotland.

The supper provided by McGregors Restaurant was of excellent quality and all tucked into this at the end of the evening.

Special thanks must go to Mrs. Isobel Sim from Broadway Florist for the beautiful floral settings that she provided. In my estimation they were nothing short of wonderful.

And of course special thanks must go to the ladies and gentlemen who assisted on Sunday 26th July to set up the hall and on Monday 27th July to assist on the evening.

The following people deserve special mention. Acting Chief Marion Johnson, Junior Chieftan Bill Paterson, Mr. Jock Cook, Mrs. Jean Cook, Mr. Lennox Pawson, Mrs. Robin Pawson, Mr. Graham Cockerill, Mrs. Christina Cockerill, Mrs. Marion Bested, Mrs. Mary Nesbit.

It seems inadequate to just say thank you to all that helped to make the evening a success. If there was a better group of people who helped put an evening together I have yet to find them.

I thank you all sincerely from the bottom of my heart, and would say that with the assistance that has been shown on this project I am very confident of a strong and healthy Society.

ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW 1987

Delighted to announce that we will be involved in the Yellow Brick Road Showbag!

We have been successful in securing samples of Weetbix thanks to the kindness of the Sanitarium Health Food Co.

So - please think about giving us a hand on our Stall as someone will have to be on hand simply to hand out these samples to the children. It is anticipated we will be handing out over 12,000 samples! Please give Marion B. a call today(2984138)



CHOIR'S VARIETY EVENING: \$5 a ticket (includes refreshments)

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST commencing 8.00 p.m.

Artists include - Jubilee Choral Group, Bev. Hawthorne, Leonie Garrick,  
Country Dancers, individual items by Choir members  
**COME ALONE...COME WITH A PARTNER... COME IN GROUPS BUT PLEASE COME!!!!**

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Is there anyone in the Society (or perhaps a friend) who could assist us with signwriting for the Royal Show? Please ring Jim Welsh - 266 0746

