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THE CALEDONIAN

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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Members,

There is an air of enthusiasm within the Society, and I welcome this very much. It does much to encourage those who might not be that way motivated. As I have said so many times before, that we must reach out that hand of friendship and encourage others to join us. There is no better way to build a strong Society than getting together in a spirit of friendship.

Of course we will have different ideas on various events and topics, but, it must not lead to division & lobbying behind the scenes to achieve one's own ideas. After all we ALL should be in agreement on whatever matter is in question. Split decisions does not make for a harmonious Society.

I welcome the generous donations that have been sent to the Society in response to Director A. Miller's appeal in the last newsletter. We are still short of the target in terms of money to let us set a date for the working bee, however I am sure that the response will be forthcoming to enable us to refurbish the Hall.

Your support in the coming events for the rest of the year is of paramount importance for the Society. Our Social Director, Immediate Past Chief Marian Johnson will be keeping you up to date on these matters. Your enquiries will receive her undivided attention.

There are plenty of positive ways to make things easier for the Society. However our main aim and thrust should be channeled into reducing our debt whether it be to the Bank or the Unit Trust. While the Society remains vulnerable in both these directions, we are not the masters of our destiny. Borrowed money never has and never will be the solution to ones problems. Numerous outside influences are brought into being with borrowed money. These things I am sure we are all fully aware of, but, tend not to take much heed of ramifications these outside influences have, like rising interest rates and the general economy of the country.

The effect of the S.A. Lotteries Commission and the Casino, all have an influence on how much can be raised by running small lotteries within the Society. These effects are being felt not only in the R.C.S. but with all clubs around the State. Taking all these things into consideration we do have a mammoth task in front of us. HOWEVER if we have the will to overcome all these problems, by supporting the Society as much as we can and by encouraging others to join us, I am sure we can do it.

Your CHIEF,

BILL PATERSON.

SOCIAL REPORT

It was pleasing to see a good attendance at the recent Swing Night. A most enjoyable and entertaining evening was evident by the joyful participation of members and their friends. Congratulations were extended to Mr & Mrs Graham Richards who celebrated their wedding anniversary at our function.

Many thanks to our good friends, Stan Fox and the Galimaufrey Group for a wonderful evening of great music and dancing at our enjoyable Colonial Bush dance held recently. We are indeed very fortunate to have this group donate their time and expertise.

Our Barbecue and Ceilidh evenings will be continued with a change of menu. Due to winter weather conditions, a HOT meal will be served at the usual modest cost of \$3.00 per adult, \$1.00 per child. This will be followed by a ceilidh. Any members attending are invited to contribute a hot casserole or similar.

PLEASE NOTE FORTHCOMING FUNCTIONSROBERT BURNS SUPPER

This will be held in our Hall on Saturday 16th June - 7pm for 7.30pm. Sherry will be served at 7.00pm. Excellent Scottish supper - Scotch Broth, Haggis- Neeps & Tatties, Black Bun, Shortbread, Scotch Pancakes, Cheese & Oatcakes & Biscuits, Tea & Coffee. Cost \$12 per person. Bar services available. Good entertainment including Royal Caledonian Pipes and Drums Band, Highland Dancers, and dancing to Len Maitland's music.

GRAND ALL-SCOTTISH CONCERT.

Put this date in your diary. To be held in the R.C.S. Hall on July 7th, at 7.30pm with singing solo or sing-a-long and dancing. Also Highland and Scottish Country dancing, drama and talented musicians. Video film of John Macdouall Stuart's trek to the north. A night to remember with Traditional Scottish Supper. Tickets available at R.C.S. during office hours or by phoning 255 1438.

HIGHLAND DEBUTANTE BALL

DATE: SATURDAY 4th AUGUST, 1990
VENUE: Royal Caledonian Society Hall
TIME: 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

Excellent band for dancing. Displays by Royal Caledonian Pipes & Drums & Champion Highland Dancers. HOT THREE (3) COURSE SUPPER.

COST : \$20 per person (MEMBERS)
\$25 per person (Non-members)
\$ 5 per child & spectators

PLEASE BOOK EARLY AS SEATING IS LIMITED.

Have YOU started making goods to sell at our stall at the Royal Show?
Have YOU put your name on the roster to assist at the Show stall?
Replies can be left at the Office or by phoning 255 1438.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Social Director

Marion Johnson.

NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Colin McRae (Corporate)	Mrs. Jacqueline McLean (Assoc.)
Mr. Gordon McLean (Corporate)	Mr. James Rounsevell (Assoc.)
Mr. Peter McLeay (Corporate)	

We welcome these new members to our Society.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY, 17th AUGUST, 1990

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Society of S.A. INC, will be held in the Caledonian Memorial Hall, 379 King William Street, Adelaide, on Friday, 17th August at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

Minutes of previous A.G.M., Half Yearly Meeting & Special Meeting.
 Business arising from the minutes.
 Declaration of election of officers.
 Reports.
 General Business.
 Supper (please bring plate).

ELECTIONS

In accordance with the Constitution, the following positions fall vacant:-
 Chief, Treasurer, 5 Directors. One Auditor is to be elected at the A.G.M.

Nominations for the above positions are invited in writing in accordance with the Constitution. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary and must be returned appropriately completed before 1st July, 1990.

Any member who requires additional information concerning the requirements of nomination, or details of the duties of any of the available positions are invited to contact the Secretary or senior member of Council.

This is an opportunity to assist in the promotion of your Society- - please consider offering your support.

RESULTS OF HIGHLAND DANCING

The Royal Caledonian competitions held on Saturday 12th May, 1990 was very successful. The number of competitors were lower than previous years but the events ran smoothly and finished with a financial profit. Many Thanks go to the band of helpers on the day including the Adjudicator Mrs. Tredrea, Piper Bob Campbell and Members who donated trophies.

AGGREGATE WINNERS

Beginners Under 12 - Christina Diamanti of Clarence Park

Beginners 12 & Under 16 - Anne Donaldson of North Unley
 - Amy Norris of Burnside

Novice Intermediate Under 12 - Kate Richichi of Hope Valley

Advanced Intermediate Under 12 - Naomi Hede of Hove

Advanced Intermediate 12 & Under 16 - Gillian O'Rourke of Salisbury North

RESTRICTED OPEN LEVEL

Under 12 Years - Heidi Richards of Reynella

12 years & Under 16 years - Karen Page of Flagstaff Hill

16 years & over - Kate Somerville of Mount Gambier

OPEN LEVEL

Under 12 years - Heidi Richards of Reynella

12 years & Under 14 years - Jennifer R. Mackie of Morphett Vale

14 years & Under 16 years - Marlew Orr of Para Hills

16 years & over - Lesley Burns of Salisbury

Harry Garth Trophy - Jennifer R. Mackie of Morphett Vale

John Ogg Trophy - Lesley Burns of Salisbury

Bev. Hawthorne

Instructress.

15 May 1990

BAND REPORT:

The Band has been very busy with engagements with the Government House Garden Party where we were Guard of Honour for His Excellency, the Governor, and then extremely popular with the 2,000 invited guests for our performance amid the audience of delighted ladies. The St. Patrick's Day Parade was just as stimulating although slightly more hot blooded, and the McRae Clan Gathering at Aldinga would by now have resulted in more members for the Royal Caledonian Society.

It is tradition that our Band is always chosen by the Brighton R.S.L. for their ANZAC march and service and also the Dawn Service for the Marion R.S.L. A hot breakfast of sausages and mash with especially warming coffee prepared us for the long march through the city, and it is an honour to assist our returned servicemen through the streets. Scotch College Pipe Band joined us in the march and we had excellent T.V. coverage. We have good rapport with Scotch College and it is a pleasure to have them march with us.

We excelled ourselves at the Battle of the Bands disco where we competed against the Adelaide University Regiment and Ballantines Scotch Pipe Band. Although A.U.R. outnumbered us, our sound was just as big, and our uniform was by far the most traditional. Everyone had an exhausting time at the disco after we changed into civvies, and it's good to see such camaraderie between the bands when the competitions are over.

Some of our boys went to Brisbane for the contests and enjoyed themselves immensely, although floods were a problem driving home. Our Pipe Major is in New Zealand at the moment, but should be able to come up with a few enterprising procedures on his return, and our Drum Sergeant is in Broken Hill instilling some of the finer points into their band. We are looking forward to our engagements at the German Club and also the Highland Ball, and are well into rehearsals for our performances. A Band Dinner at a Chinese Restaurant is coming up shortly and we all look forward to an informal get-together.

Plenty of learners are coming up, and protege piper Evan Morgan is the pride of the Band. For such a young boy, it's heartwarming to see him play. Anyone interested in joining the Band should contact me.

Allen Walters
BAND MANAGER
Work Telephone: 49 8588

MALT WHISKY PACK

A six (6) bottle special offer from the Lairds Cellar to the Royal Caledonian Society MEMBERS.

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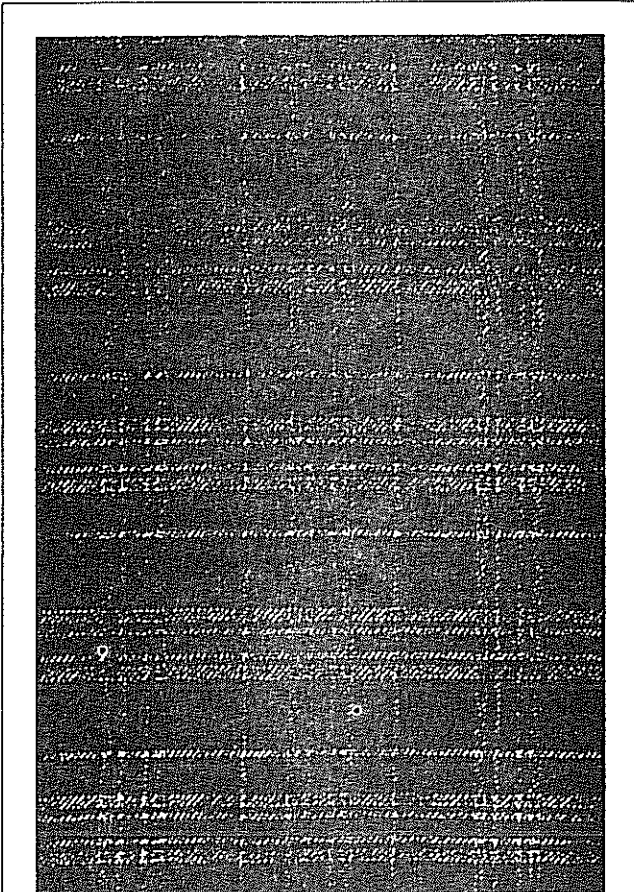
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MACDONALD



Three of the dark MacDonal tartans are worthy of remark on account of the 'differencing', to use the heraldic term, of the basic clan tartan for use by the main branches, Clanranald with a white edge to the green to match the red edge of the blue, and Glengarry with its white centre line to the green. All these tartans date back at least to the early years of the 19th century and all show the motif peculiar to many MacDonal tartans, outlined by the groups of four red lines on the blue and green squares. This device of a broad bar flanked by a narrow each side appears in white in the Lord of the Isles hunting tartan, taken from a painting then at Armadale House and first illustrated by D. W. Stewart (*Old and Rare Scottish Tartans*), who gave the colours of the original as green and blue in place of the two shades of green now used; in enlarged form, the same motif appears in MacDonal of Sleat, in green on the red ground.

MACDHOMHNUILL

MOST POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL of all the clans, the clan Donald takes its name from Donald, grandson of Somerled, King of the Isles, who drove out the Norse Kings of the Isles in the 12th century. The clan held extensive territory in the Islands and on the mainland and drew many of its followers from among the small clans and broken men residing among them.

During the Wars of Independence, the chief, Alexander, opposed Bruce, while his brother Angus Og supported him and fought with many of the clan at Bannockburn, with the result that when Bruce at length succeeded to the throne, Alexander's possessions were taken from him and handed over to Angus. However, good relations did not last, and on the death of Bruce, the clan withdrew its support from the Crown until reconciled to David II in 1344.

In 1346 John, chief of the clan Donald, inherited through his wife, estates belonging to a parallel branch of the descendants of Somerled, the MacRories of Bute, and assumed the title of Lord of the Isles. Prior to the accession of Robert II, John divorced the wife who had brought him these possessions and married a daughter of the future king, then still the High Steward.

In 1429 Alexander, the third Lord of the Isles, became Earl of Ross. He came into conflict with the Crown, to the extent of laying waste Crown lands near Inverness and burning the town, but was subsequently defeated by royal forces. His life was spared and his imprisonment in Tantallon Castle lasted only a couple of years, but his uncle, Alexander of Lochaber, was deprived of his Lochaber estates, which were handed over to The Mackintosh. The third Lord of the Isles died in 1449, and he was succeeded by his son John, fourth and last lord. John had no legitimate issue, and his reign was a stormy one, largely because of the rebellions against the king of his nephew and heir apparent and his bastard son. The earldom of Ross was annexed to the Crown in 1476 and the Lordship of the Isles was forfeited in 1493.

When John died ten years later, there began prolonged disputes as to the succession, which were resolved when Glengarry received the title of Lord Macdonell and Aros at the Restoration. Next, the chiefship fell to the line of Sleat, but thereafter questions of precedence became so complicated that Sleat, Glengarry, and Clanranald agreed to toss a coin to decide who should be chief upon any occasion when they were all present; a sporting if undignified approach to a problem that in earlier years would probably have been disposed of with a knife-thrust. The chiefship is now safely vested in the line of Lord MacDonal.

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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION

Commonwealth Avenue
CANBERRA
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21 May 1990

Dear Sir

I am writing to let you know that under British legislation which has recently come into force, many more British citizens living overseas can now register to vote in United Kingdom and European parliamentary elections.

The Representation of the People Act extends the right to vote to British citizens:

- living overseas who have previously registered as electors in a United Kingdom constituency at any time within the last 20 years; or
- who left the United Kingdom before they were old enough to be included in an electoral register, provided they left the United Kingdom not more than 20 years ago and had a parent who was so registered.

The Act does not permit overseas electors to vote by post. They must, as now, appoint someone in the United Kingdom to vote for them. But the Act does abolish an earlier requirement for overseas electors to declare that they do not intend to reside permanently outside the United Kingdom.

The new arrangements apply only to British Citizens aged at least 18 (or those who will become 18 when the Register they now want to be on is in force). Other Commonwealth or Irish Citizens can register to vote in United Kingdom elections only when resident in the United Kingdom.

I should be grateful if you would inform your members of the new arrangements. If any of them would like more information and/or a Declaration Form please ask them to write (not phone) to me at the above address.

Yours faithfully

M R EASTBURN

First Secretary
(Information)

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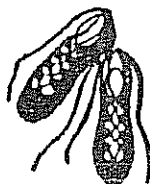
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