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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF.

JUNE 1991.

I am concerned that we still have a short fall in Members attending our own functions. It is distressing to say the least, when our hard working committee members put on these functions for our members to come and enjoy themselves, and so help keep our Society on a sound footing, but, it seems to be the same loyal members who come along and support the Society. I am constatnly being asked "WHERE ARE ALL THE MEMBERS?" However, there are other facets of our Society that are doing well like the Bairns Class and the Pipes & Drums, also bar sales and hall hire. I am delighted with the progress in these areas. In particular, the Highland Dancing competition (see results inside) was a great success. I sincerely hope that Beverley and her team of workers have an even greater success next year, but without all those keen competitors "delightful young girls" there would be no competition. "Congratulations girls for a wonderful display".

At this point of time I don't hold much hope of the R.C.S. going to the Royal Show this year, due to two (2) of our regular stall holders pulling out. This is very disappointing, considering we were the best exhibit in Centennial Hall last year. However, we can concentrate our efforts in Elder Park. This is also a very good venue, but only for one (1) day.

I look forward to seeing a lot more members at our own functions.

Sincere Regards,
 Your Chief,
 Bill Paterson.

SUBS ARE DUE ON 30th June,1991. Don't forget to pay YOURS!!

Corporate Member \$25.00 p.a.
 Associate Member \$15.00 p.a.
 Pensioner/Student Member \$15.00 p.a.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORTEASTER BONNET PARADE & DANCE 23.3.91.

My thanks to the Bairns & parents who wore hats & entered into the spirit of the evening. Everyone who took part in the parade received a small prize. My thanks also to Mr & Mrs Maitland for providing the music & helping make the evening an enjoyable event. The poor attendance resulted on a LOSS of \$50.00 to the Society.

GATHERING OF THE CLANS 20.4.91.

This was the best attended function this year & resulted in a PROFIT of \$101.50 to the Society. As the R.C.S. Pipes & Drums were not available, Piper Mr Des Ross, and 2 Drummers from our band (Mr Doug Williams & Stephen Hoyle) provided an item. Some of the Bairns Class also provided an item. Mr Len Maitland provided the music for dancing. Many Clans were represented with quite a few people wearing tartan.

LADIES COMING OUT BALL 27.4.91.

Once again, despite our advertising over radio & in our Newsletter, we failed to get members & friends to attend. Ten (10) Ladies, escorted by members of the R.C.S. Band, were presented to Sgt. Robert Clyne & Mrs Clyne. Sgt Clyne is the Police Historian. Director Arthur Nicoll & Drummer Lorraine Cakebread who were the Official Assistant & Maid of Honour respectively, performed their duties admirably. The Pipes & Drums of the R.C.S. provided an item. Bob Crail & His Band provided their usual good standard of dance music. My sincere thanks to there people who entered into the spirit of the evening & helped make it the fun night it was meant to be. Unfortunately this function made a LOSS of \$70.74 plus the cost of the tartan ribbon for the posies, & the cost of the paper serviettes. The Catering Committee did not charge for the cakes used.

Jeff McFarlane.
Social Director.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr Ian Mortimer	Corporate	Mrs B. V. McLean	Corporate
Mr George Nimmo	"	Mrs Elizabeth Nimmo	"
Mr A. I. Park	"	Mrs E. M. Park	"
Mrs Heather Sayers	"	Mrs Joan Maslanka	"

A very warm welcome is extended to these new members & we look forward to seeing them, their families & friends at the "Cale".

RESIGNATION.

Mr G. L. Bassani.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY AUGUST 16th, 1991.

ELECTIONS

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on 16.8.91, at which the Chief, one (1) Chieftain, five (5) Directors, the Treasurer & the Auditor shall retire from Office.

Retiring officers & Directors shall be eligible for re-election. Nomination for office bearers must be lodged in writing with the Secretary, before the 1st day in July (1st July) each year. Such nominations shall be signed by a proposer & seconder, both of whom must be financial, corporate members & also be signed by the nominee - signifying his or her willingness to act.

The prescribed forms are available from the Secretary & must be returned to him, no later than the 30th day of June, 1991 (30.6.91).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- May 25th - Malt Whisky night CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF TICKET SALES & LACK OF INTEREST.
- June 15th - Working Bee 9a.m. until 4p.m.
- ***June 15th - Scottish Country Dance Night. Basket Supper. Music by Mr Len Maitland. Dance Leader - Mr Andrew Timmins. Tickets \$3.00 Adults & 50¢ Children. 7.30pm. Start
- June 29th - Children's Rock'N'Roll Night. Soft drink, chips & lollies available. Tickets \$2.00 each. 7.30 pm until 10.00pm. Tickets at the door.
- ***July 6th - Chief's Night - Scottish Country Dancing. Music by the Strathspey & Reel Society. Dances organised by Jean Lumsden & the Scottish Country Dance Soc. Basket Supper. Tickets \$5.00 Adults & \$1.00 Children. 7.30 pm. Start.
- ***July 20th - Burns Supper. Catered 3 course dinner. Music by Mr Len Maitland. Tickets \$20.00 per double, \$12 per single & \$5.00 per Child. 7.30 pm for 7.00 p.m.
- ***Aug. 10th - R.C.S. Highland Ball, Music by Bob Crail & his Band. Supper Provided. Tickets \$10 per Member, \$5.00 per Child & \$15 Non-Member. 7.30 pm. Sherries. 8.00 pm. Start
- Aug. 16th - Annual General Meeting. 7.30 pm. Basket Supper.
- ***Sept. 14th - Colonial Night. 7.30 pm. Music by Stan Fox & Galimumphrey. Colonial dress would be appreciated. Tickets \$5.00 Adults & \$2.00 Children. Basket Supper.

*** Tickets are NOW available for these Functions from the Secretary.

PLEASE NOTE: That Due to lack of attendance at recent functions, functions may be cancelled, if prior ticket sales render a function not viable. Any notice of cancellation will be posted on the noticeboard in the Hall 7 days prior to the event.

PLEASE, GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!!! OR MORE FUNCTIONS WILL BE CANCELLED:

REPORT ON DANCING COMPETITIONS - 11.5.91.

John Ogg Trophy Winner - Karen Page

Harry Garth Trophy Winner - Marissa Jones

AGGREGATE WINNERS

Primary - Lisa Richichi

Beginners Under 12 yrs - Fiona Strachan

" 12yrs & Under 16 - Alison Campbell

" 16 yrs & Over - Sandra Smithson

Novice/Intermediate Under 12 yrs - Tiffany Weir

" " 12yrs & Under 16 - Meok Hill

" " 16yrs & Over - Kim Ellwood

Advanced Intermediate 16 yrs & Over - Rana Fuller

Open (R) Under 12 yrs - Sally Cameron (Mt Gambier)

" " 12 yrs & Under 16 - Marissa Jones

" " 16 yrs & Over - Fiona Hann

Open Under 12 yrs - Naomi Hede

" 12 - 14 yrs - Marissa Jones

" 14 - 16 yrs - Amanda Matthews

" 16 yrs & Over - Karen Page

Members of the Society who won Medals at this competition:-

Nicole Browne - 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd.

Amanda McLean - 2nd, 3rd, 3rd.

Julie Bested - 3rd.

Carolyn Minney - 2nd, 3rd.

Penny Curnow - 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd.

Louisa Young - 2nd, 3rd.

We had a record number of entrants - 56 in all. Our adjudicator was Mrs Bev Dickson from Melbourne and our Piper was Mr Bob Campbell from Adelaide. I wish to thank Members who helped set up & clean up the Hall on Friday night & Saturday. I also thank all Members who donated money towards the trophies which helped make this a successful competition once again. I thank the many Members & outside help given to me on the day of the competition e.g. Marshalls, liner up, calling of the events, medals, scrutineers, & I must also thank the ladies & men who worked in the kitchen & bar none stop. Without this kind of help the competition would not run. Thanks again.

Bev Hawthorne.

Conveynor of Competition & Bairns Class instructress.

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REDECORATION / MAINTENANCE OF THE HALL.

The next scheduled Working Bee is the 15th JUNE, 1991 at 9.00 a.m.

If you are not handy with a paint brush or roller maybe you are with a hammer or may be with the kettle & cups of coffee. Anyway in which you are handy with in the field of redecorating/maintenance or in the field of nourishment (food & liquid) for the workers it would be greatly appreciated on the day.

If for some reason you are unable to attend you can show your support by contributing financially to the cost of materials. Send your contribution to the Secretary marked "Hall Renovations" to enable us to continue with the redecorating etc.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON: SATURDAY 15th JUNE, 1991 at 9.00a.m. until 4.00p.m.

WE ALSO NEED: PAINT BRUSHES/ROLLERS

FOOD & DRINKS

& YOU !!!!!!!!

Winners of the Mini Lottery.

Mr John Diament, Mr Doug Williams, Mrs Kay Gifford, Mrs Mary Nesbitt, Mrs Anne Calver, Mr Trevor Hawthorne, Mr Graham Richards, Mrs Moyrah Robertson & Mrs Jean Gardiner. All these people won \$10 each.

The winner of the \$200 was Mr Noel Young.

Balance to the Society from this lottery is \$300. The next Lottery is off & running - so if you want a number see Chief Paterson A.S.A.P.

Many Thanks

Past Chief Marion Johnson wishes to thank members of our Society and Many friends for their beautiful "Get Well" cards and good wishes for my recovery from a painful foot operation.

I am hopeful that in a short time, I shall be attending our excellent functions.

THE LEGEND OF THE STURT PEA.

Aborigine folk lore explains the origin of the glorious Sturt Pea as " A young & beautiful native maiden was promised in the "dream time" to a warrior, who made her a cloak of red parrot feathers. From a distance she would follow her lover in the tribal wars, faithfully roaming the trackless wastes to be near him.

Drought years brought famine to the tribe, & the young warrior was one who went far afield in search of food.

During his absence the maiden kept lonely vigil, refusing to leave the place of farewell after the tribe had moved on. Their last view of her was of a vivid red cloak, surrounding her black head as she knelt in hopeful prayer. Neither she nor her lover were seen again.

When the rains came & replenished the parched earth the tribe returned. Of the girl there was no sign - but a lovely red & black flower blossomed where she had last been seen".

JEANIE

A Bonnie wee lass is Jeanie Sinclair,
As sweet as the heather and wavy red hair,
Born as she was sae far frae her hame,
The warmth of her welcome keeps faith with her name.

As true as the blood that runs through her veins,
I've no doubt she has ancestor's ralated to the Danes,
You've only to talk to her once in awhile,
To know where he heart lies behind that wee smile.

These words that I write are real dinky dy,
For I know she was born under the great Aussie sky,
But that does not change the things that mean most,
She has all the qualities of a great Highland host.

The people of the Highlands are dear to my heart,
My feelings for them too difficult to impart,
So you've only to meet that wee Highland lass,
To know she has got that wee touch o' class.

This is no boast I hasten to say!!
For this is just Jeannie,
In her sweet Highland way.

Bill Paterson
11/9/85.

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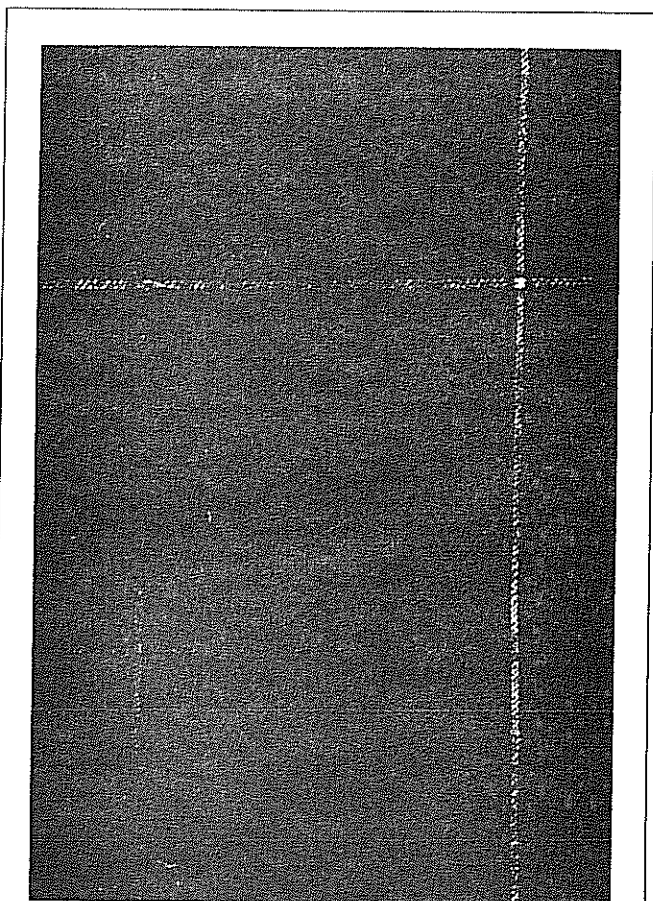
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MACEWEN

MACEÒGHAINN



The MacEwen tartan has a broad green stripe on a blue ground, with alternate red and yellow lines centred on the green. It bears a close resemblance to Campbell of Loudon, differing only in having a red line instead of the white of the latter.

The age of the pattern is not known, but it was first illustrated in 1906.

ACCORDING to a document quoted by W. F. Skene, the clan Ewen, with the clan Neil and the clan Lachlan, formed a group known as the Sìol Gillevray; this was in the middle of the 15th century, but the same document shows a much earlier origin for the clan, which was first known as the MacEwens of Otter. The Rev. Alexander McFarlane, minister of the parish of Killinan, writing in 1794, states, 'On a rocky point on the coast of Lochlyne about a mile below the church of Killinan is to be seen the vestige of a building called Caisteal mhic Eoghain, or MacEwen's Castle. This MacEwen was the chief of a clan and proprietor of Otter.'

The Ewen of Otter who gave his name to the clan lived at the beginning of the 13th century. Gillespie, the fifth chief, flourished about a century later. Swene, ninth and last of Otter, granted his lands to Duncan Campbell and resigned the barony of Otter to James I in 1432, but they were returned to him, with remainder to Celestine, son and heir of Duncan Campbell of Lochow. In 1513 James V confirmed the barony of Otter to Colin, Earl of Argyll, and thereafter Otter remained a Campbell possession.

Without land to keep them, the MacEwens became a broken clan and drifted away, largely to the Lennox country but also farther afield to Lochaber, Perthshire, Skye, and the Lowlands, including Galloway. It is apparent, however, that wanderings had begun long before this, for there are early records of MacEwens in Breadalbane, and Patrick MacEwyn was provost of Wigtown in 1331. Donald Dow McCoull VeQuhewin was 'heddyt' at Kenmore in 1574. The name remains common in Lennox and Galloway.



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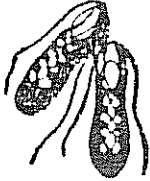
CREST BADGE: The trunk of an oak tree from which sprouts forth young branches, proper.

MOTTO: Reviresco (I grow green).

ORIGIN OF NAME: Son of Ewen.

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