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## A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

The days, the weeks and the years roll by and we all keep struggling to meet our commitments in this unhealthy economic climate, none more so than the Royal Caledonian Society. However we are still keeping our head above water and managing our affairs quite well.

We still don't have the commitment from a large proportion of the Society members supporting these wonderful evenings that our hard working Social Staff put on in our Hall for everyone's benefit. The last social evening held in our Hall was a huge success in terms of people enjoying themselves. Thanks to Bob Allan and his merry men who supplied the music and the caller who made such a good job in calling the dances, so much so that we have been asked to put on a similar function later on in the year which is most encouraging. Perhaps this has sparked off a new way for members to really enjoy our Scottish dancing and Australian folk dancing; not forgetting of course, that when you partake in this type of dancing it is very good for your health. I must again make special mention about our Wednesday and Sunday night staff who religiously turn up for duty, giving of their valuable time week after week to keep that much needed cash-flow that I have so often talked about. I look forward to much healthier bank balance at our AGM and this will be due largely to the efforts of these very loyal members. This statement in no way discredits the other members who try so hard to raise funds and do such a fantastic job, I am just pointing out the importance of a regular cash-flow it is to all those people and members of our Society, that I give my heartfelt thanks for their support. Without that support we could not survive.

The Townscape saga has not yet been finalised and the Council are still working hard to have our Hall removed from the listing. A full report should be ready for our AGM.

Bill Paterson  
Chief

WORKING BEE Saturday, 27th June. 8am start. Ladies required for kitchen and providing sustenance for the Workers.

ELECTION TIME Please consider nominating for Council at AGM

MEMBERS NEWS

Best wishes to Geoff and Barb Holden as they head overseas to Europe and Scotland in July. While in Scotland they will join up with Robin and Lennox Pawson, Chris and Graham Cockerill, where they will attend the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. They will also visit former Cale Member, Mr Jim Hamilton whilst in Scotland.

Happy Holidaying to all of these Members.

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NEW MEMBERS

The Chief and members of Council welcome the following new members and extend to them an invitation to all Society functions.

"C'ead Mile Failte" A hundred thousand welcomes.

Corporate Members

John Craig  
Hamish Robertson  
Heather McKay  
Janine Powell  
William N. Hynd

Associate Members

Meredith Maitland  
Penny MacKenzie  
Jean Farley  
Lydia Piggott  
V.C.W. Gifford  
Graham Sperrin

GAELIC CLASSES

Conversational Classes are held on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Clubrooms. New members especially welcomed.

THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to the ladies who supplied cakes, shortbread etc. to the R.C.S. cake stall held at The Ethnic Fair on Sunday 24th May. The sum of \$120 was raised for the Society. However, "every mickle maks a muckle". Many thanks to the ladies who cheerfully gave their time to help man the stall. I assure you, your efforts were much appreciated.

Ed. P.C. M.C. Johnson

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## BAIRNS CLASS NEWS

The Society hosted a Highland Dancing Competition on 9th May 1992 with Dancers competing for the John Ogg Trophy. The following Bairns Class members participated in the competition and were rewarded for their achievements.

Stefanie Kossatz, Louisa Young and Christina Riamonti.

The John Ogg Trophy was won by Miss Fiona Hann of the Southside Academy of Highland Dancing. Congratulations Fiona.

Members who attend St Andrew's Dinner later this year will be treated to an exhibition of Fiona's dancing ability.

It is disappointing to note that the number of entrants in the competition was less than last year and it was the same regular faces attending to encourage the competitors. It is apparent that my plea for members to support and foster Scottish culture in the last newsletter fell on "deaf ears", or blind eyes as the case may be.

I also take this opportunity to inform members that due to increasing work and other commitments, I will be unable to continue as Bairns Director after the A.G.M. in August. As I cannot maintain my previous level of commitment, I consider it appropriate to stand down for someone else to take over the reins of the Bairns Class who is able to put in the effort for the Bairns. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary for a nomination form before 30th June, 1992. I have enjoyed my term as Bairns Director and working for the benefit of the Bairns. I will continue to support the Society but in a lesser role until I can see my way clear again to put in the time.

Trevor Kossatz  
Bairns Director

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### B A I R N S   C O R N E R

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Can you name the famous Scotsmen who were responsible for the following

1. Discovery of Coal Gas
2. Discovery of Penicillin
3. Invented the raincoat
4. Invented the motor tyre
5. Invented steam power
6. Invented the telephone
7. Founded The Bank of England
8. Invented the bicycle
9. Invented the mechanical reaper
10. Invented television
11. Founded The Boys Brigade
12. "What part of a car causes the most accidents?"

(The answers will be printed in the next Newsletter for those who haven't been able to find the answer from books and asking questions.)

## SOCIAL REPORT

A very successful **Night of Traditional and Scottish Dancing** was held on 23rd May. Our thanks go to

- \* Strathmore and Co for providing excellent music.
- \* The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Demonstration Team and Country Dance members
- \* The Pipes and Drums of the RCS
- \* The Bairns Class of the RCS and Mrs Bev Hawthorne
- \* Members of the Bush Dancing Group
- \* Door Staff, Bar Staff
- \* Hall decorators and cleaning up helpers.
- \* A profit was made of \$279.00

An update of the Social Programme is included in this Newsletter. Please mark the dates in your diary and come along.

Jeff McFarlane  
Social Director

## BAND REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank the Chief, Members of the Society and Pipe Band Members for their kind words and messages of sympathy for the loss of my father, Albert George Erskine.

The Band is working hard to rebuild and at present has formed into two groups: one being advanced learners and experienced pipers, the other experienced pipers and elementary learners. The idea being to have a training band which will in turn feed into the advanced band, therefore raw learners will not be standing around watching. The two bands will also practise and parade together on most occasions.

The Learners Class is once again building up and I would like to see it maintain a class of 18 all through the year. So everybody out there, gather in the Scots and tell them to bring in their children to the class, pipers as well as drummers.

The Band has been considering going to New Zealand in March 1993 to compete at the contest there, and this will take a super effort both in the playing field and also the money coffers. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. I often wonder what it would take to get Scots and their descendants together. Instead of the fighting, stubbornness or just plain "in love with failure" attitudes. My apologies to the Loyalists with these comments. I see the other ethnic societies doing so well, especially the Irish, and I wonder what happened to the saying "United we stand, divided we fall".

It was a pleasure to play at the last function at the Cale Hall and take in the people having fun, dancing and listening to the Band. I saw the Dancers, both Scottish Country and Highland. I saw the Bairns and their parents I saw the Pipe Band I saw the same loyal crew that works in the kitchen, at the door, behind the bar. I saw some familiar faces down one side of the Hall But where were the rest of the Calys, and most of all, the Scottish

Community? Maybe we need to lead them by the hand.

The Cale's need their support, or maybe we should all join the "German Club".

I would like to thank that motly crew for the fine breakfast and the Working Bee Lunch - terrific. The only complaint - there was not enough!! Ha. Ha.

Yours,  
Brian Richard Erskine P.M.  
alias Brian Ruiseart Araschain

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### THE VISITATION OF THE WILD GEESE

In the heart of the highlands in Scotland, one cold November morning, I looked out of the window, to behold a new day dawning, with a rosy red flush on its face, reminding us that winter is upon us.

This is deemed to be a warning to all shepherds at this time of the year, when the weather can change so suddenly. It is a signal that it is time to move the sheep down from the mountains, to the sheltered slops lying far below, and so save days of searching for the animals that are lost in the drifting snow that fills in the deep corries between the crags.

This morning there is also a whispering, whistling, sound, carried by a breeze from the East. It is gradually getting louder and louder. It's the wing beats of the wild geese coming back to Scotland to spend the winter once again. The geese, in huge flocks, fly non stop, from their breeding grounds, north of the Artic Circle, a journey of at least 3,000 miles across the North Atlantic. It is a fascinating sight to behold the greylag and pink-foot geese demonstrate the art of formation flying with a precision like skill, slowly circling until their leader gives the signal to land, which they do in the most graceful manner. Ganders, who are most powerfully built, become the "sentinels", who form a ring around the other geese whom they must protect at all times, to guarantee that there will always be another generation. It is surprising to know that these big, beautiful birds have come all the way from Greenland's icy mountains to winter in Scotland, because they believe it will be much warmer here. It is now estimated that around 100,000 pink feet geese descend upon South-West Scotland each Autumn.

Populations begin to gather again in the Spring, as the geese prepare for their flight north to their own breeding grounds. Migrating geese, follow time-honoured routes through Scotland's hills, using passes to avoid having to fly over the really high ground. However, once they are out over the sea, they sometimes fly at quite incredible heights to avoid bad weather. Aircraft radar have recorded them at altitudes of 30,000 feet.

M.E. Johnson Ed.

Beannachd Leibh a chairdean (Blessings upon you friends)

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ELECTIONS FOR COUNCIL 1992 - 1993

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on **FRIDAY, 21st AUGUST** at 7.30pm. Pursuant to the Constitution, The Chief, one Chieftain, Treasurer, Auditor and four Directors retire.

Retiring officers and Directors shall be eligible for re-election. Nominations for office bearers must be lodged in writing with the Secretary, by the 30th June. Such nominations shall be signed by a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be financial, corporate members and also be signed by the nominee - signifying his or her willingness to act.


Please consider nomination as the Society needs your help.

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes of the Previous Meetings (AGM and half yearly)
- Business arising from the Minutes
- Declaration of election of Officers
- Annual Reports
- Financial Reports
- Auditor's Report
- General Business
- Supper (Please bring a plate)

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## HIGHLAND DEB BALL

Saturday, 15th August, at the Caledonian Hall

Practices are well under way for the 9+ girls and their partners (Members of the Royal Caledonian P&D Band and Scotch College Pipe Band) being trained by Mr and Mrs Cockerill. The girls will be presented to Mr and Mrs Ken McEwin, son of the late Sir Lyell McEwen, a Past Chief of the Society.

The girls will be wearing Tartan sashes from their Clans and their partners in full Scottish uniform - providing a very colourful picture as they walk through the floral arch to be presented.

Still photos will be taken, and possibly a video of the event will be available, and lighting, flowers and decorations are being organised by members of the Society.

There will be a catered supper  
Tickets \$20.00, \$5.00 are available from the Office, 9am - 5pm.  
The evening starts at 8pm and finishes at 1am  
Music by Ian Fiddian and Band



## ROBERT BURNS SUPPER

The Chief and the Councillors of the Royal Caledonian Society trust that you will come along and help us enjoy the evening in the memory of Scotland's Greatest Bard, Robert Burns. A splendid evening of entertainment is assured.

The Robert Burns Supper will be held on Saturday, 25th July, at the Hall, 379 King William Street, Adelaide.

Sherries will be served from 7pm and Dinner from 7.30pm.

There will be Haggis wi' neeps an' tatties for entree, a main course of roast meat and vegetables and sweets.

Music by Len Maitland.

People are already making arrangements to come from the country to enjoy this Supper so do come and get your tickets early. They are available from the Secretary at the Hall and cost \$20.00, \$5.00.

## MAGIC WORDS OF YESTERYEAR

When Dundee fowk sit doon the gither,  
Hiv ye noticed in among their blether  
That those magic words of yesteryear  
Have slowly began to disappear?  
So for tonight let's reminisce  
On some Dundee words that's taen a twist.

It's cupboard noo, that once was press,  
And a mirror was a lookin' gless  
A purn is now a cotton bobbin  
And pilfering we ca'ed it dobbin  
A luandrette was aye a steamy  
And an overall wiz jist a peeny.

Repairing yarn was a caird o'worsit  
Stys were things they now call corset.  
House slippers, mind when they were baffies?  
Street orderlies were than called scoffies.  
Slightly-off we jist said fousty  
And weather-worn was really roosty.

A maik in Dundee was a hup'nay  
And half-a-bender was a thrup'nay  
A penny piece wiz aye a wing  
A trashcan used to be a bing.  
Under stress, wiz just plain trochled  
Ill-fitting shoes - yer shone were bachled.

The tansod's now a baby buggy  
And it's sparrow now that once was spouggie.  
The pigeon, though remains a doo,  
but the lavvy's changed, how it's a loo.  
Breaking wind, we yased tae ruft,  
And a broken date, pal, ye wiz duffed.

For training shoes our word wiz sonnies,  
School caretakers then, they were jonniees.  
Tight-fisted now, we just said gruppy.  
And it's kilo now, no half-a-luppy.  
A paper bag was aye a poke  
And nauseated meant ye'd taen the boke.

Wel-dressed, mind it was affy tricky.  
And a little drop was just a ticky.  
Don't cotton-on meant ye didna twig.  
A little sip was jist a swig.  
A little fastener was a safety peen,  
Conjunctivitus - scubby een.

Pimple, mind when it wiz plook?  
Swimming now, when we ga'ed for a dook?  
Dirty fee were deemed as barkit,  
And courdy-custers now chicken-hearted.  
What were breeks, are now ca'ed jeans,  
And make a dash, was made a breenge.

False teeth were aye a set o'wallies,  
And sitting exams was taking yer quallies.  
a piler's now a four-wheeled cart.  
A scratch is nothing but a scart.  
The lobby has become the hall,  
A tube alsas, is now a ball.

And it bounces now, it disna stot,  
And let me try was geeze a shot.  
A pen and a pod we yased a skielly,  
Half-a-mo was a wee whiley.  
A hangover - yer heid was nuppen,  
A biaby diaper wiz a huppen.

A wall toe us, wiz aye a dyke,  
And a mattress yased toe be a tyke.  
At great speed was an offy tek,  
Redundancy - we got the seck.  
It's take a look, no hoe a gander,  
And take a walk, wiz gae a dander.

Folk now gibber, who once would haver,  
And trouser zips were then a spaver,  
A dog-end used to be a doupie,  
Riverside Park was aye the coupie,  
But I'm glad to say tht in Dundee,  
A drain is still a plain ould cundy.

There are many words I must have missed.  
In fact, there's still hunners on meh list.  
But my time here has now elapsed,  
So eh'll lave ye ah by saying chops.

E.G. Miller, St Albans Terrace, Dundee

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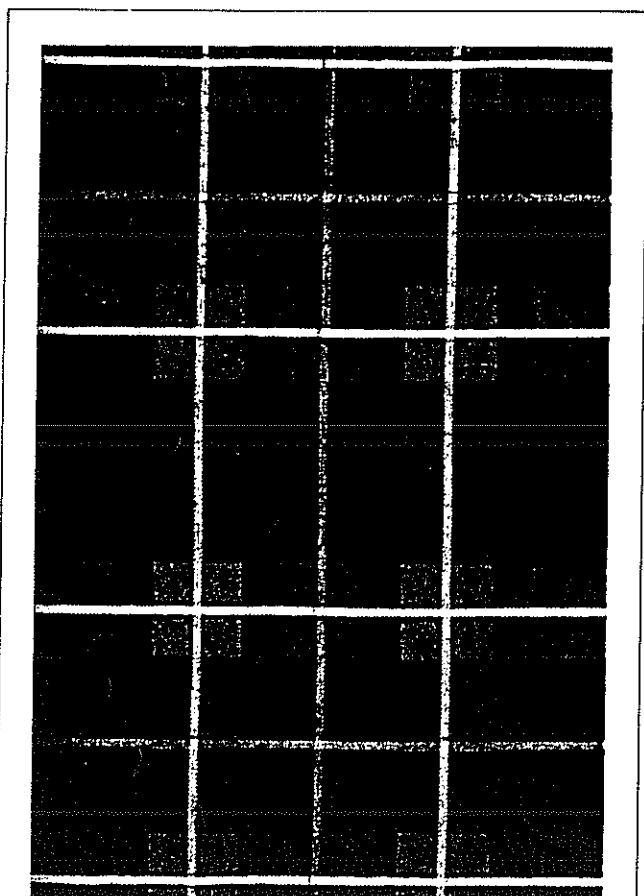


## PROGRAMME UPDATE

- Sat 4th July Children's Disco. American Theme  
Admission \$2.00 7.30 till 12  
Soft Drinks, Lollies, Chips available.  
Good opportunity for parents to go out to  
dinner, while children at supervised disco.
- Sun 5th July Tartan Sunday:  
St Andrews Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide  
11am. Hope to see you there on Sunday morning  
for this service.
- Sat 11th July Scottish Accessories Ball at Payneham Civic  
Centre
- Sat 25th July Burns Supper. Catered by R.C.S. Catering.  
Music - Len Maitland Tickets - \$20.00, \$5.00  
Sherries 7pm, Dinner 7.30pm  
Tickets now available from Office.
- Thu 13th August P&D's A.G.M.
- Sat 15th August Highland Deb Ball Catered Supper  
Tickets \$20.00, \$5.00 8pm till 1am  
Music by Ian Fiddian and Band
- Fri 21st August Annual General Meeting 7.30pm Basket Supper
- Sat 26th Sept Quiz Night. Combined P&D and RCS  
Prizes for Correct or Humorous Answers  
Adm. \$5.00, \$2.00 7.30 till 12.
- Sat 31st Oct Bairns and Adults Halloween  
Music by Len Maitland. Basket Supper. Tickets  
\$5.00, \$2.00 Fancy Dress encouraged 7.30 till 12
- Sat 7th Nov John Martins Pageant, Breakfast and Lunch.  
Cooked Breakfast and lunch available.
- Fri 20th Nov Bairns Class Presentations and Ceilidh  
Basket Supper during Ceilidh Tickets \$5.00/\$2.00  
Music by Len Maitland
- Sat 28th Nov St Andrew's Day Dinner  
Catered by RCS Catering Service  
Music - Len Maitland Tickets \$20.00, \$5.00  
Sherries 7pm, Dinner 7.30pm
- Sun 29th Nov Celtic Festival at Sacred Heart College Oval  
Stalls, Highland Dancing Display, P & D
- Sun 29th Nov St. Andrew's Day Church Service: St Andrews  
Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide 11am
- Mon 30th Nov St Andrew's Day
- Sat 12th Dec BBQ Tea, Christmas Carols and Ceilidh  
Sat 19th Dec (P&D Christmas Breakup)  
Thu 31st Dec Hogmanay Dance

## MACKENZIE

## MACCOINNICH



The MacKenzie tartan is that of the Seaforth Highlanders, the regiment raised by the restored Earl of Seaforth in 1778. As are most of our original military tartans, it is a simple variation of the Black Watch sett. This tartan was also worn by the Highland Light Infantry, raised by Lord MacLeod, heir of the MacKenzie earls of Cromarty, in 1777, from which circumstance it was for some time known as the MacLeod and Seaforth tartan.

It has been suggested that there may have been a red MacKenzie tartan before the military design was adopted by the clan, but if this was so, all knowledge of it is lost.

**I**N SPITE OF the account which derives the MacKenzies from a Colin Fitzgerald, of the Geraldine family of Ireland, both modern genealogists and old traditions lean to a belief that they are descended from Gillean Og, progenitor of the O'Beolans, the old earls of Ross.

One of the earliest chiefs of whom there is any authentic evidence is Alexander, seventh of Kintail, who was a young man in 1427 when he was summoned with other chiefs to meet James I. He is mentioned then as having a following of two thousand men. His grandson followed James IV to Flodden and fought also at Pinkie.

Kenneth, twelfth of Kintail, received in 1607 a charter of the lands of Lochalsh and Lochcarron; and it was said then that all the lands from Ardnamurchan to Strathnaver were in the hands of the MacKenzies or their vassals. Kenneth became Lord MacKenzie of Kintail in 1609; Colin, second lord, was created Earl of Seaforth in 1623 and was Charles II's Secretary of State in Scotland.

With the revolution of 1688, the earls of Seaforth cast their lot with the Jacobite side. Kenneth, fourth earl, followed James VII to France, and William, fifth earl, joined the Earl of Mar in 1715, fought at Sheriffmuir and escaped to France. His estates were forfeited and he was attainted, but he was pardoned in 1726 and died in Lewis in 1740. His grandson purchased the forfeited estates and was restored to the earldom of Seaforth in 1771.

The last of this line died in 1815, fulfilling a prophecy; the lands passed to a daughter, and her son sold almost the whole of the estate. The Kintail estate now belongs to the National Trust for Scotland.



**CREST BADGE:** A mountain inflamed, proper. (MacKenzies also use the badge a stag's head cabossed or, and the motto 'Cuidich 'n righ' - Help the King.)

**MOTTO:** Luceo non uro (I shine, not burn).

**ORIGIN OF NAME:** Gaelic MacCoinnich (son of the fair).

**PLANT BADGES:** Holly, Deer-grass.

**WAR CRY:** Tulach Ard.

**PIPE MUSIC:** Caber Fèidh.

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