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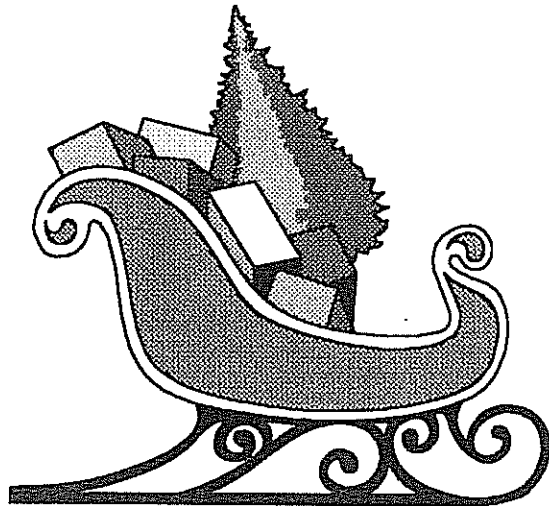
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The Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia Inc  
379 King William Street, Adelaide, S.A. 5000

December 1993

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## Merry Christmas

Compliments of the Festive Season  
to all Members and their Kin  
From your Chief, Jeffrey McFarlane,  
Council Members and their families

## A Word from our Worthy Chief

Our society is currently going from strength to strength, although it seems to be the same core members who are left to decorate and arrange the hall for the different functions. If you can give a hand then please do so as many hands made like work.

The John Martins/State Bank pageant was held and as usual the band was there adding colour and sound to the festivities. This year was a little different and the band had a little extra colour behind it, namely some of the dancers of the R.C.S. They were the face of the band who could wave to the crowd, and a representation of the society.

The St Andrew's Dinner was a very successful event with the attendance of our Patron, Her Excellency, The Honourable Dame Roma Mitchell, AC, DBE, Governor of South Australia, The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of Adelaide and Mrs Ninio, Chiefs of Kindred Societies, their partners, members of the Pipes & Drums – a total of some 200 enjoyed the traditional Scottish celebrations and entertainment.

It was pleasing to see "older" members attend, particularly Mrs Martin, widow of Past Chief Clarrie Martin, who celebrated her 90th birthday at the dinner, whilst Chief of Pt Lincoln Caledonian Society Lillian Borthwick travelled overnight by bus to be with us. She responded to the toast "Kindred Societies".

Chief J. McFarlane

BAIRNS FROM EARLIER DAYS AT THE BAIRNS HALLOWEEN REUNION



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## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

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### Sat Dec 18th P & D Christmas Break-up

### Fri Dec 31st MASKED HOGMANAY BALL

8pm Music by Ian & Co. Admission \$15 adult, \$5 child. Light supper provided. Make up a party and celebrate the New Year.

Sun Jan 30th **BURNS MARCH** followed by Lunch and Ceilidh at the RCS Hall. Assemble at Torrens Parade Ground at 10.15am

**Please Note:** The RCS holds Old-Style Dances on Wednesday and Sunday nights and invite all members to attend and enjoy the dancing and music. Music by Pat and Band.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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**Member News:** It is pleasing to see Marion Johnson and Heather Sayers back attending functions and Bairns Class. We hope that Marion's family from Scotland have had an enjoyable holiday and take back many happy memories of Australia.

It was also very pleasant sight to see Andy and Mary Nesbitt in at the Pageant and St Andrew's Dinner, both looking well.

Get well wishes go to Annette Atwell who broke her shoulder joint on the 1st day of her recent holidays to the Flinders Ranges (if injury info incorrect, please, blame the Drum Major and my anon. informer - Ed.)

Congratulations to Heather Cockerill on the occasion of her recent 21st.

We understand that all S.A. Highland Dancers did well in the Dancing Competitions held at Daylesford (Vic) on 4th December.

Best wishes for a safe trip home go to Tom Hunter's cousin, Jim and his wife Kath, who have been visiting Tom and Ethel from Scotland. Tom, who has been on the sick list is now up and about and looking well

It was a very pleasing sight for all to see the Highland Dancers of the Society marching behind the Pipes & Drums of the Society and Scotch College in the Pageant. May it become an annual event.

Senior Chieftain Williams attended the 75th Anniversary Armistice Day Memorial Service on behalf of the Society and placed a book in lieu of a wreath on the War Memorial.

Life Member Glen Crowhurst and his wife, living in Springvale, Victoria, recently visited the hall and clubrooms. Whilst visiting they had a look at the Halloween photos in the foyer. These photos are available for purchase from our Secretary at a nominal cost.

**Motorists' Guide to The Scots Connection Mitcham to Montacute A Journey into Adelaide's Colonial Past by Elizabeth Warburton** is available from the Secretary for \$5. Also available are spoons, badges, records of the Pipes & Drums,

and application for membership forms. Please encourage others to join the Society.

**Items:** Any items or Member's News for inclusion in the Newsletter may be left with the Secretary Janine, on the notice-board in the front foyer marked for my attention, may be given to me on Friday nights at Bairns Class, at any function or by phoning me on 250 9673.

*Your Editor Roselee Kossatz*

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## BAIRNS' REPORT

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### Bairns' and Adults' Hallowe'en and Bairns' Reunion

There are photographs (copies of which can be ordered) in the foyer of our Hall showing a group of former bairns standing like dancers with Master of Ceremonies Lennox Pawson, at Hallowe'en and Bairns' Reunion on 30th October 1993. As a reunion, it was an evening when memories were stirred and old friendships renewed. The most senior of them was Mrs Nancy McEchearn, who was a bairn before 1925.

Current bairns seniors danced the late John Ogg Lady McEwin Sword-dance, accompanied by our Pipe and Drums, and they brought the house down with their precision and strength. Junior bairns danced The Shepherd's Crook (albeit still in Hallowe'en costumes) and were well received. The battle for the Eightsome Reel Cup, donated by Dir. Pawson, was won by a group of current bairns, but in the other set, Fiona McFarlane earned a special commendation from the judges for teaching the reel to four newcomers by half-way through the music, piped by bandsman Bob McGregor. As a party, it gave the current bairns and young friends and visitors, games, lollies, chocolates, and fun a competition with costumes. Southside dancers brought their Loch Ness Monster dance which set the scene for spooky fun. As a function, it was highly successful, with much chatter, music, dancing and happiness.

### The John Martin's Christmas Pageant

On 6th November, twelve bairns waved happily to little children all along the pageant route. They looked spiky and span and colourful behind our bandsfolk in their spiky and tall feather bonnets. We thank Band Management for this wonderful opportunity.

### Drum Lessons

Running at the same time as bairns' classes, are drum lessons from bandsman Adrian Shipway. These are superbly professional and helplessly reasonably priced. Adrian can warrant the journey to town only if numbers are good, so class members are reminded not to drop out temporarily or there may be no return! Please coordinate either with Adrian through our Hon. Sec. Mrs Janine Powell on 231 5268 or Dir. Minney on 363 2669. The lessons are open to all comers.

### Dancing Engagements

Bairns have danced publicly at Radio 5EBI's Radio-athon, at glorious Rosebank Station via Mount Pleasant, at the Scots Cronies Club, at Life Be In It's Come 'N Try Day, and, with Torquil Studio dancers, at an Aged Care Centre, also at Linden Park School's Spring Fete, The Celtic Fair, Naracoorte's St. Andrew's Day Dinner, Malvern Uniting Church's St. Andrew's Day Service, Scots Church Fellowship, and our own St. Andrew's Day Dinner in the presence of her Excellency the Governor Dame Roma Mitchell A.C., D.B.E., with additional bairns forming a guard of honour with raised

swords. Thank you, bairns, for giving your time and your talents for the joy of other people.

### Bairns' Class Trophy Winners 1994

**Chief's Trophy** (donated by our Chief) **Gilliam O'Rourke**

**12 Years and Over Most Improved** (Donated by Dir. Lennox Pawson) **Sara McFarlane**

**Encouragement** (Donated by Imm. P/C Bill Paterson) **Nick Martin**

**Under 12 John Ogg Bequest** (both donated by Dr. Arthur Nicoll) **jointly Michelle Calver and Louisa Young**

**Most Improved** (Donated by Dir. Lennox Pawson) **Bethany Farley**

**Encouragement** (Donated by Hon.Sec. Janine Powell) **Hannah Meredith**

### **INSTRUCTRESS FOR 1994**

The Council of the R.C.S. are pleased to announce the reappointment of Mrs Heather Sayers.

### **People and Dates**

Past Chief Marion Johnson is back without her plaster but still a little sore, and our Instructress Mrs Sayers is back from hospital feeling on top of the world. Dir. Minney returned in October from two months' leave-of-absence, and Dir. Kossatz has continued to assist. Qualified instructor Andrew Timmins has continued to come regularly to bairns' classes to assist on the Country Dancing side.

Dalesford Championships 4th Dec. Gillian O'Rourke, dancing in her first open senior championship with no upper age limit, won 6th position, and we congratulate her. Congratulations also to bairns who competed in the Southside Dance Academy Competitions, 13th November.

Our Presentation Night was on 19th November. There are no more bairns' classes for 1993.

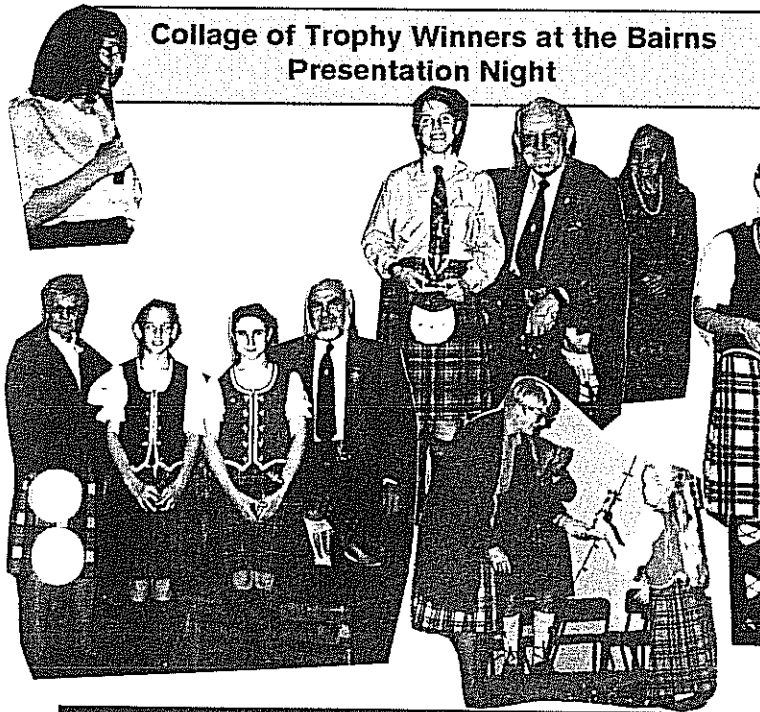
Carols Night and BBQ on Saturday 11th December 1993 was a Society function enjoyed by all bairns' class members and all other bairns associated with the Society. Director Mrs Anne Miller assisted a small choir with items.

Bairns are invited to attend Hogmanay (Dec.31st) and the Burns March (Jan. 30th). Please let us know so that you can be included in dancing displays.

**First Term 1994 begins on Friday 4th February 1994 at 7.30pm (7.00 for beginners).** The John Ogg Trophy and Society Competition will be held on Sat. 7th May 1994.

We look forward to seeing you again next year, fresh, happy, and animated with your dancing feet.

**Collage of Trophy Winners at the Bairns Presentation Night**



**Directors Johnson, Minney and Kossatz.**



### **NEW MEMBERS**

A very warm welcome is extended to the following new members. We look forward to making their acquaintance at forthcoming functions.

Wendy Gangell

Tom Blute

Peter, Robert and Fiona Gill

Lucy Quinn

David Pound

Dean Muller

Mignon M. Ross

### **Kindred Societies News**

Sunday 30th January The Robert Burns Society - Burns Remembrance March from Parade Ground to Burns Statue.

Sunday 27th February Mt Barker Caledonian Society Highland Gathering. Phone 339 1219 for information.

March 14th Joint Commonwealth Society Commonwealth Day.

Sunday 22nd May 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the Burns Statue on North Terrace. Celebrations are being planned for

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## PIPES AND DRUMS REPORT

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### Engagements Past

After successfully completing a number of practices for the event, the band took to the main arena of the Wayville Showgrounds as part of a massed bands performance at this year's Royal Adelaide Show (September). A drill display was performed under lights to a selection of marches and a drummers salute on both evenings.

The band was invited back this year to play at the annual religious festival held by Virginia's Italian community. Why our band? I'm glad you asked. The story is that there is a shortage of Italian pipers in South Australia, the likes of which would usually play at this sort of festival. Nevertheless, a good show is always put on by the band and the town. A selection of five hymns are played in a street procession and afterwards a celebration is held where the band plays a few of its own tunes, plus providing accompaniment for a dancing display.

Over the October long weekend the band attended an engagement on each of the three days. 150th anniversary at Mt Pleasant, Barton Vale Nursing Home and Dean Rifle Range.

A Malt Whisky Tasting was held at the Society Hall on October 8th, which proved very successful, as are all sell-outs! Greg Gordon appeared very pleased with the result, suitable commendation for his efforts.

Sunday 10th October the band played at Greenock in the picturesque Barossa Valley for the now annual pipe band competitions. The band secured its place at the top by coming a solid second in the morning's street march judging. Although playing non-competitively in the full band events, the band members who played gave it their all, pulling off a commendable result. Particularly the drum corp who have, despite only having been together a short while, made a marked improvement on the band. Well done! Congratulations to D/M Kym Atwell on gaining first place in the drum majors flourish. Support from the Society's book stall was appreciated throughout the day. We done all.

Oct. 19th the band played at a promotion for the prospective sponsors of next year's military tattoo at Glenelg. Despite being a working day, an exceptional turnout by band members was observed. Should it go ahead, the tattoo is planned for the 6th - 12th March, 1994.

This year's Hallowe'en proved a winner, with many attending. This was also the occasion for the initiation of many new members. An enjoyable evening all round for those who attended. Many chose to come in fancy dress which added to the overall atmosphere.

The Cruising Yacht Club (Nov 3rd) once again was delighted at the appearance of the band at their Grand Prix twilight yacht race. Despite two teams being crippled out on the water, spirits were high throughout

the night, especially when the band put on another performance later on in the evening.

Many hours of practice have been put in by the band and we are always pleased to receive feedback. From the St Andrew's Dinner - which was a great success - the highest accolade came from Chief of Mount Barker Caledonian Society Mrs Lorraine Scott, a member of their Pipes & Drums, who was most impressed with the playing. Mrs Jan Hooker, a Ceduna friend of our Secretary, was reduced to tears as the music brought back many happy memories.

### Congratulations

Congratulations go to P/S Bob McGregor upon his recent retirement. Bob had previously spent many years working for Australian National. Well done Bob, enjoy your retiring years.

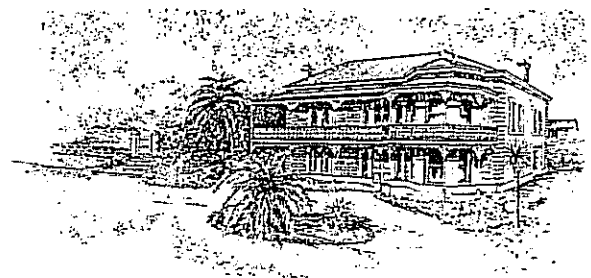
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## 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ROBERT BURNS STATUE

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Sunday 22nd May, 1994

100th anniversary of the unveiling of the Burns Statue on North Terrace. Celebrations are being planned for this very important event so please mark the date in your diary. Past Chiefs Wm Paterson and Marion Johnson, along with representatives from other organisations, meet once a month to cover all the details necessary to co-ordinate what will surely be a memorable occasion. We have heard that country folk and senior citizens clubs are hiring buses to make sure they get there.



MITCHAM LAWN  
Enlarged by John Love, 1874

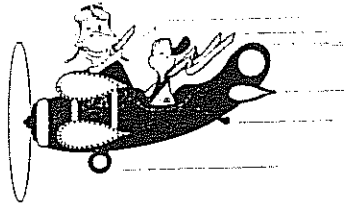
Drawing by Pamela M. Oboon, 1988

**MITCHAM LAWN**, 4 Barretts Road. Early stone farm buildings and small school; underground cellars. In 1874 John Love added northern two-storey residence in Aldgate sandstone; repurchased 64 acres below. Buildings lately restored into harmonious whole, making five flats.

**LOVE, John, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire.** Arrived with George Elder in the *Duncan*, c.1849. Started work on John Tennant's sheep run at Port Lincoln. Subsequently married Jessie Tennant and became partner with her brother Andrew in the Wedge Run. Established big properties in S.A., Queensland and N.S.W.

These drawings and notes have been taken with the kind permission of historian Elizabeth Warburton from her book *"Motorists' Guide to the Scots Connection, Mitcham to Montacute*, a journey into Adelaide's colonial past and the Scottish influence on the "dress circles" fine buildings of Adelaide. Copies from office \$5 each.

## What's Good for the Goose - is good for The Royal Caledonian Society



The Royal Caledonian Society is about Scots and the community 'Working Together' to promote Scottish heritage and culture. Team work is of the utmost importance. As the saying goes ...

**T - together**  
**E - everyone**  
**A - achieves**  
**M - more**

I am sure we all want to be part of the multi-cultural community and will achieve this goal by simply 'Working Together'.

While the study of team/group work has intrigued academics for most of this century, we could all learn from 'the birds'. Sounds strange? Well, read on and see why if its good for the goose, it's good for the Royal Caledonian Society.

**FACT 1** As each goose flaps its wings while flying in formation, it creates an uplift for the birds behind it. By flying in formation the whole flock increases its flying range by 71% over one bird flying alone.

**MORAL** People who share a common direction and work together as a team move easily and quickly because they travel on each other's thrust.

**FACT 2** Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it feels the resistance of flying alone and gets back in formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

**MORAL** If we stay in format ahead and accept their help, we will also be helping those following behind us.

**FACT 3** Geese flying in formation 'honk' from behind to encourage those in front to maintain their speed.

**MORAL** We need to make sure our honking is encouragement and not for other reasons.

Source: *Health Yourself Newsletter May 1993*  
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### SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR 1993/94

Please note that the following fees now apply  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$700  
CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP \$30 p.a.  
ASSOCIATE / PENSIONER / STUDENT \$20 p.a.  
**This fee covers your copies of 'Caledonian'**

To date: 3 members of the Society  
have paid 10 years in advance.

This is a great help in meeting our loan repayments  
- a constant drain on funds.

## Christ Mass

To embrace a human baby  
Is to touch a thistle-down.  
His divinity brings magnates  
To their knees  
And, as behind each comet  
Disappears dark infinite sky,  
One may wonder  
At the liquid of his eyes.  
Tough youths will swing his cradle,  
Beat their drums, to coax a smile,  
Hold his cheek  
Close  
To their hairy skin,  
And teach him work with wood, or stone,  
And praise him as a boy among the men.  
Time turns each pretty child to rock  
Rough-cast in adolescent mould.  
Weed burns a patch in each young smile  
And ugly tales are told.  
Gathering with peers  
They preach their anger  
Hot.  
Philistines and elders  
Clamp their ears -  
The confrontation lot.  
Fully-grown and full-blown,  
Stubble on the proudding chin,  
A Father's child designs his life  
Without his father in,  
And exercises strength and power  
Until the thundrous hour  
When old men cry  
"Crucify him!"  
And cut him down  
Beside the fledgling-bower.  
And babies rise again  
Through liquid eyes  
To be worshipped and adored  
By all the wise.

Margaret Minne



**Social Directors Report - St Andrew's Day Dinner  
4th December**

**"We did not fail to prepare therefore we did not fail"**

The general consensus of opinion was that the event was a very successful one; numbers alone (some 200) indicate this, particularly as we had to disappoint people by turning down applications to attend.

From the outset of receiving the Lord Mayor & Lady Mayoress Mr & Mrs Henry Ninio, our Patron, Her Excellency The Governor of S.A. The Hon. Dame Roma Mitchell A.C., D.B.E., Distinguished Guests & Chiefs of Kindred Societies, the evening's programme went very smoothly, concluding around 12.30.

To all who assisted in the weeks preceding, the 2 nights before decorating (special thanks to Director Ann Calver), the cleaning up after and Sunday afternoon (again a special thanks to John Minney for extra tables & chairs), the Highland Dancers for the Guard of Honour, performing the "Lady McEwin" waitressing, selling raffle tickets etc. Pipes & Drums for their usual great contribution, our Soloist, guest speaker, proposers of toasts, kitchen and bar staff my appreciation is extended.

Special thanks must go to our Secretary Janine Powell and Isobel McFarlane for without their help and guidance the night would not have been what it was: A Success.

**Social Director Lennox Pawson**



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