

THE CALEDONIAN

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

June, 1993

A Word from our Worthy Chief

We are getting near to our Annual General Meeting when I have no doubt there will be a few changes in our administration staff.

It would be nice to be able to predict the future of our Society in terms of financial, social and membership a few years down the track because the next four years are critical in terms of growth.

So it is important that all members come to terms with our financial position and how we are going to cope. Major decisions will have to be made in the next four years and be fully operable before the end of the period.

However, I am very optimistic about our future, with careful handling of our finance and diligent fundraising we will manage.

Annual General Meeting
13th Aug 1993

NOMINATIONS
for the positions of Chief,
Treasurer, 5 Directors &
Auditor to be in the hands of
the Secretary by 30/6/93

Your time, efforts and skills are needed.

If any of our Life or Corporate members feel they could help in our administration please fill in a nomination form. I look forward to seeing you at our next two major functions. It would help if you could bring some friends to enjoy our hospitality.

Chief W.H. PATERSON

The Winners of the 1993 Dance Competition



SOCIAL EVENT CALENDAR

- ♦ Sat. 19th June at 8pm :
Pipes & Drums Clansmen's Ball. Music by Brigalow. Catered Supper. Tickets \$20, available from the Secretary and Band members.
- ♦ Friday 2nd July, end of Bairsn Class for term.
- ♦ Sunday 4th July: Tartan Sunday, St. Andrew's Church, North Adelaide, 11am.
- ♦ Saturday 17th July: Burns Supper Dance 8pm Music by Pat & Band. Traditional Haggis Supper. Book your table and bring your friends.
- ♦ July 23rd: Bairsn Term 3 starts.
- ♦ August 5th: P & D AGM
- ♦ Friday August 13th, 7.30pm: Royal Caledonian Society AGM. Basket Supper.
- ♦ August 28th: Quiz Night. Combined P&D and RCS. Basket Supper. Admission \$5 and \$2.

Welcome to new members:
a new Life Member
Paul Cuthbertson, and
Austin Gibson, David Groat,
Jeannie Nicol, Jessie Gilchrist
and Olive Catt.

GAELIC LESSONS

Learn to speak Gaelic on Friday nights from 7pm in the upstairs Clubroom.

\$2.00 per lesson.



BAIRNS REPORT

Displays have been popular in the last month - Karringal Nursing Home, McDonald's Family Restaurant at Croydon with E.B.I., Hillier Rd Church Reynella, Scots Cronies Club and the Maritime Museum, involving a pool of 11 dancers ably organised by Mrs Isobel McFarlane. In addition, bairns class singer Carolyn, and fiddler Cathy, provided entertainment at the Royal S.A. Yacht Squadron, made eyes moist for auld lang syne, and precipitate one renewed 40-year old membership.

Bairns were successful in all events entered in the Society's competition on 8th May at which there were 57 entries, and the State Committee's competition on 22nd May at which there were 47 entries.

There has been a proposal for an old-bairns' reunion at Hallowe'en, 30th October. A clear photo of 120 well-decked bairns ready for their eightsome reel in the Palais Royal in about 1939, is available.

Drum tutor Mark Merchant has put a firm proposal to attend Bairns Class to teach snare drum, for \$4 per head for the Band, with a required minimum of 5 learners. This is a worthwhile activity for bairns' siblings, another hall-warmer on a Friday night, a talent pool for the Pipes & Drums and a chance for our children to become acquainted with music rhythm and a fine Scottish activity.

Bairns Directors

P/C Johnson & M. Minney



SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Despite assurances by some members of the Society, the Rock and Roll Night 22/5/93 would be well supported, the

response was disappointing. Denis of Densound provided a very professional evening of the music of the 60's with good lighting effects. He was a member of the P&D many years ago and did not charge for this event due to lack of numbers.

Young People's Disco 5/6/93. Ailsa Gordon and Kate McFarlane were extremely disappointed with the outcome of this evening. Few tickets were sold despite a lot of effort put into publicity. Unfortunately the DJ still charged \$375, even though the night finished early. It was decided that a more viable event would be to cater for a younger age group with a less expensive DJ.

(Ailsa and Kate, congratulations on taking the initiative and organising a function for younger people - hope next time the income exceeds the DJ expenses!)



PIPES & DRUMS

The past few months have been very productive for the band. The band camp held in May was well attended and proved to be a useful and enjoyable weekend. As well as classes in piping and drumming, there were sessions on drill and piping for dancers. The Vice Principal of Piping, Iain Paterson, attended on the Sunday and gave some lessons for the pipers. A Ceilidh held on the Saturday night provided an opportunity for band members to relax and enjoy themselves. Another band camp is planned for later in the year.

The band is continuing to grow and we welcome two new drummers, Bill Angas and Rob Boundy. The learners

classes for pipes and drums, both held on Tuesday nights, are well attended, and this augurs well for the future.

A very successful engagement was held at the Woodlands C.E.G.G.S. to celebrate their Patron Saint St Margaret of Scotland on Saturday 29th May. Several new players were in attendance and it was pleasing to see the Band and their partners combining so well in the social atmosphere of the occasion.

The band is currently practising very hard to attend the Pipe Band Competitions at Daylesford in December. It has been a long time between competitions and we hope to do well.



A LITTLE ANTACID

*If ever you're feeling deflated,
If you heart's an expiring balloon,
If you kin shake their heads at your coming
And you wander through infinite gloom,
If sometimes you feel that your going
Would cause not a whimper or stir,
Come, follow my magic solution
and see how it ruffles your fur!
Take a bucket of confident people.
Fill it right up to their ears.
Pull one out, and the hole that's remaining
Is the measure of all of those dears!
You may smile all you please whilst you jiggle.
You might sweeten the waters threescore
But stop and you'll find that their faces
Forget you the same as before.
The point of this serious story
Is to keep keeping on while you can.
Love yourself! And remember, you're blooming
Into one irrepressible man.*

(or woman!)

Dir. Margaret Minney

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF S.A. INC
WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH AT 7.30PM**

NOMINATIONS

**FOR THE POSITIONS OF
CHIEF**

TREASURER

AND DIRECTORS

FOR 1993/94

**ARE TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY
BY**

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1993.

The Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia Inc.

NOMINATION FORM

I, _____

hereby nominate _____

who is a Life Member or Corporate Member of the Society

for the position of **CHIEF**

TREASURER

DIRECTOR

for the year 1993/94.

I, _____

hereby accept the nomination as _____

(signed) _____

dated ____/____/1993

TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY

BY WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1993.



ANNUAL
TARTAN SUNDAY
St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Church, 92 Archer Street,
North Adelaide

Sunday 4th July
11.00 am

Luncheon to Follow.

Sermon: "Showing the
Colours"

Rev. John J.T. Campbell
Minister.

In the presence of Mr W. Pater-
son, Chief, and Members of the
Royal Caledonian Society.

The wearing of Highland dress
was again allowed in 1785 after
being banned since after the
battle of

Culloden, 1746.



GREENOCK

I would like to tell you how
and why Greenock is pro-
nounced as the Scots pro-
nounce it and not as the
English. The reason the Scots
say Greenock is that it comes
from the Gaelic, as so many
other Scottish placenames
do, and is a corruption of
"grianaig", which is the dat-
ive case of "grianaig" mean-
ing "a sunny knoll". People
who have been in Greenock
may be surprised to learn
that the sun actually shines
there, but it is a fact.

Editor



ROBERT BURNS STATUE

In the month of May 1894 the
Caledonian Society of South Au-
stralia made a presentation of the
Statue of our famous Scottish Poet
Robert Burns to the City of
Adelaide.

A rededication of this historical
event will take place in May 1994
to celebrate the statues 100th
anniversary.

Meetings are now being held on
the first Sunday of each month at
2pm in the Clubroom of the Royal
Caledonian Hall to plan the format
of our celebrations for May 1994.

Interest persons are welcome to
attend the meetings.

Editor.



FLAGS RAMPANT

There is a fair amount of confusion
regarding what is Scotland's National
flag. Many people think that it is a
Lion Rampant on the yellow back-
ground. In actual fact it is illegal to
fly this flag except in the presence of
the King or Queen of Scots. The ulti-
mate authority is the Lyon Court an
ancient institution which goes back
centuries before the union with
England.

The whole matter was set out clear-
ly by the then Lord Lyon, Sir Thomas
Innes of Learney, in his classic book,
"Scots Heraldry" (1956). He states,
"By Act of Parliament the Scottish
Parliament of course. (The one some
of us would like to see restored) of
1672 it was confirmed that, the Lion
Rampant stands registered as the ex-
clusive property of the Sovereign.
When the Royal Lion is flown as a
flag ... a statutory offence is com-
mitted against the ordinary Parlia-
mentary Law of Scotland, as well as a
piece of Heraldic bad taste. The St.
Andrew's Cross on the other hand
can be flown by anyone anytime.

There is another reason for not
flying the Scottish Lion and that is,
that rampant lions are common on
many European flags, so it is not as
distinctive and does not, to many
Europeans, necessarily suggest Scot-
land at all, or as we say in the Gaelic
Class, idir, idir! Our Saltire on the
other hand is unique and we are lucky
to have such a dignified design as our
national flag.

Editor



The Versatile Age

*The old rocking chair is empty
today.*

*For Grandma no longer is in it.
She's off in her car to visit or shop.
And buzzes around every minute.*

*Noone can shove Grandma back on
the shelf;*

*She is versatile, forceful, dynamic.
That's not a pie in the oven, my
dear.*

Her baking today is 'ceramic'.

*You won't see her trundle off
early to bed*

*From her place in a warm chimney
nook.*

*Her typewriter clickety-clacks
through the night.*

For Grandma is writing a book.

*Grandma never takes a hesitant
step*

To slow her steady advancing.

*She won't tend the babies for you
anymore.*

For Grandma is taking up dancing.

*She's not content with the crumbs
of old thoughts.*

*With meagre and Secondhand
knowledge.*

*Don't bring your mending for
Grandma to do.*

*For Grandma has gone back to
College.*



"Beannachd Leih Uile"

Blessings on you all.

*The Royal Caledonian
Society
and
The Pipes and Drums
of the Royal Caledonian Society*



present a

Clansmen's Ball

on

Saturday 19th June, 8.00 P.M.

at

The Royal Caledonian Society Hall
379 King William Street, Adelaide.
Phone: 231 5268



Catered supper

Music by Brigalow

Tickets \$20