

THE CALEDONIAN

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The Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia Inc
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A Word from our Worthy Chief

Thank you for the good wishes and confidence you have offered me in my new role as Chief of the Royal Caledonian Society.

The Society is very fortunate in having some wonderful members who have committed themselves to make the Cale such a strong representative of the Scottish community in South Australia.

The Pipes and Drums of the R.C.S. are growing in number and skills and they capably represent the Society at many functions and engagements.

The Highland Dancers have and will continue to be our younger ambassadors for the Society. Their skills have become well known in the Scottish community and at other venues.

The Council this year shows a strong commitment to the consolidation and growth of our Scottish heritage.

From your Chief, Jeffrey McFarlane

Your Chief and Directors for 1993/94

Chief	Mr Jeffrey McFarlane
Past Chief	Mr Bill Paterson
Past Chief, Bairns Director & Comm. Society Rep.	Mrs Marion Johnson
Senior Chieftain	Mr Douglas Williams
Junior Chieftain/Asst. Treas.	Mr Trevor Kossatz
Hon. Sec/Treasurer	Mrs Janine Powell
S.A.H.D. Director	Mrs Ann Calver
Scottish Heritage Director	Mrs Anne Miller
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Back row: Directors Brian Erskine, Lennox Pawson, Junior Chieftain Trevor Kossatz

Front row: Director Barbara Medhurst, Chief Jeff McFarlane, Senior Chieftain Doug Williams, Director Ann Calver

BAIRNS' REPORT

The Woodville Town Hall curtains lifted to the spotlight beaming upon a stage filled with brightly clad, smiling, tall-standing bairns on Saturday 28th August, to begin the S.A. State Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. inaugural "Touch of Tartan" with three Highland Dances, accompanied by pipers Brian Erskine and Andrew Timmins. Bairns appeared with their own schools and joining with other schools throughout the enchanting programme. Carolyn Minney entertained with songs. Bairns filled the stage again for a well presented country dance "The Shepherd's Crook". Thank you Mrs Sayers and Andrew Timmins for your time and care which brought such a fine standard to the stage. Much gratitude is due to S.A. State Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. President Mrs. Lynda Hann, who spent many months bringing together a wonderful evening's entertainment, and a happy highlight for the young dancers' year.

Bairns have danced out at the Bull and Bear Hotel, to eager and appreciative patrons, at Victor Harbor's Adare Uniting Church Fellowship function, and at a Feast Day at Virginia.

Director Mrs Johnson broke a wrist and bruised herself in a fall. Bairns wish her a speedy recovery from pain and discomfort. Director Minney has been on leave of absence. Thank you, Director Kossatz, for filling the breach.

Drum lessons are still running at the same time as bairns, and young folk are welcome to join this class with its high standard of tuition from Band Member Adrian Merchant.

Third Term closes on Friday 24th September and last term begins on Friday 15th October. Bairns' and Adults' Hallowe'en party is on Saturday 30th October. Presentation Night is on Friday 19th November.

Our three-legged dancing teacher has gone to hospital to get a new hip and throw her stick away. Could any teacher be more energetic on Bairns' nights? Just watch out for her daughter Rosslyn! Mrs Sayers will be warmed by much love and affection from her class.

COMPETITION RESULTS CORRECTION

Sara McFarlane's name was omitted from the Festival City Championship list of bairns in the last newsletter. Sara won the premiership for beginners 11 and under 14, and was runner-up for the aggregate beginners 12 and 13 with a 1st in the List and a 2nd in the Fling. Well done Sara.

CALLING FORMER BAIRNS

Saturday night 30th October is the night for Hallowe'en fun, costumes and spooky games, and this year, old bairns are invited back. The fiddlers of Strathmore & Co. will provide the Scottish mood for dancing. Bring a basket supper. Enquiries to Mrs Powell 231 5268.

Results of Dancing Competition held 22/8/93 at Julia Farr Centre

Beginners 10 & U13. Sara McFarlane: 1st Sword Dance, H/land Fling, Sean Triubha, Lilt and the Aggregate Trophy.

Novice 12 & Over: Kate McFarlane: 1st Sword Dance, H/Fling, Sean Triubha, Flora and the Aggregate Trophy.

Intermediate U13: Michelle Calver: 1st Sailors Hornpipe, 2nd Sword Dance, 3rd Sean Triubhas and Barracks Johnnie.

Open 16 & Over: Gillian O'Rourke: 1st Sword Dance, Strathspey Highland Reel, 3rd Highland Fling. Karen Page: 2nd Highland Fling, Sean Triubhas, Highland Laddie, Strathspey Highland Reel, 3rd Sword Dance.

To these Bairns we extend our congratulations for a job well done.

Directors Johnson, Minney and Kossatz.

BBC Series Search for Scots

The BBC is researching a television series about Scots and Scottishness abroad. They are looking for people who have maintained a sense of Scottishness "above and beyond the call of duty", in the face of an alien culture and climate. At this stage they are working in the dark. They are looking for strong and quirky characters with stories to tell about their attempts to maintain a Scottish identity - wherever they may be.

The stories may concern the way in which the image of Scotland is distorted by foreign cultures or they may simply be about the experiences of a Scot abroad. Any material, however abstruse, will be gratefully received. Please write to: Tim Niel/ Richard Downes, Music & Arts Television (Room 3165), BBC Scotland, Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow G12 8DG.

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Sat Sept 25th COUNTRY AND WESTERN SQUARE DANCING NIGHT
Caller: Barry Markwick. Basket Supper Tickets \$6, \$2

Fri Oct 8th MALT WHISKY TASTING (for more details see back page)

Fri Oct 15th Bairns Class Term 4

Sat Oct 30th HALLOWEEN DANCE AND BAIRNS REUNION
Basket Supper Adm. \$6 \$2

Sat Nov 6th CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Breakfast and Lunch

Sun Nov 28th CELTIC FESTIVAL at Sacred Heart College Oval

Fri Nov 26th Cut off date for St Andrew's Dinner bookings

Sun Nov 28th ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
11a.m. Archer St, North Adelaide

Sat Dec 4th ST. ANDREW'S DINNER
Her Excellency, The Honourable Dame Roma Mitchell, AC, DBE, Governor of South Australia will be attending.
Catered 3 course Dinner.
6.30 for 7pm Music by Strathmore & Co. Tickets: \$20, \$5. Please contact the Secretary to make a booking ASAP.
It will be essential this year, to arrive and be seated at least ten minutes early, for the arrival of Her Excellency the Governor of South Australia.

Sat Dec 11th BBQ TEA & CHRISTMAS CAROLS BBQ Tea available from 6.30pm. Basket Supper after Carols.

Sat Dec 18th P & D Christmas Break-up

Fri Dec 31st HOGMANAY DANCE 8pm Music by Strathmore & Co.

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.

Social Director/Catering Request

As St Andrew's Dinner this year will be attended by Her Excellency, The Honourable Dame Roma Mitchell, AC, DBE, Governor of South Australia we request that **ALL** bookings are made with the Secretary by 5pm on Friday 26th November. Any bookings after this date will be refused and there will be **NO** tickets available for purchase at the door. Please advise any friends wishing to attend that they must have their seats booked by this date.

NO SEAT BOOKING - NO ADMITTANCE.

All are reminded they must be seated by 7pm.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter
Lennox Pawson, Social Director and Catering Committee.

FROM THE EDITOR

Comments heard: Many people commented favourably on how enjoyable the change of format to a Burns Supper Dance was from a formal Dinner.

The Italian Community at Virginia enjoyed the display put on by the Pipes & Drums and Highland Dances of the R.C.S. recently in windy conditions. Well done folks!

Sickies: As commented on in the Bairns Reports - their Instructress Mrs Sayers and Director Johnson are both on the sick list. We wish them and any other sickies a very speedy recovery and look forward to their company at the 'Cale' before long.

Items: Any items or Member's News for inclusion in the Newsletter may be left with the Secretary Janine, on the noticeboard 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

NEW MEMBERS

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

Dorothy J. McLean
Fiona M. Varacalli
Barbara J. English
Adrian Merchant

North Terrace "The Boulevard O'Culture"

*Nae, lassie,
Yer eyes are nae deceiving ye!
Walk back pit yer glasses on, hen!
My God, am I no seeing things
It is indeed*

The Bagpipes!!!!!!

*"Fine Music 5UV", North Terrace --
Is this not - **The Boulevard O'Culture!!!***

*"Fine Music", ye sae,
Och aye -, I ken
Ye have yer priorities in order right enough,
Let me tell ye!!
No like that ither place,
Only a stone's throw away -
What's it called again.....
.....The Rundle Mall ... yes, .. that's it -
They'll no even let ye play yer Bagpipes there -
the Sassenachs!!
"Nae pipes" they say, -
Och aye, Jimmy, it's true!!
Is it then nae wunder
That that Rundle mall
is definitely, tis positively -
It is indeed a Scunner!!!!*

*p.s. Now's yer chance, Henry,
let's see y bring some culture
tae whits the name o that place again,
oh yes, I remember Rundle Mall!!!*

From Rosemary McKay
Dedicated to Radio 5UV in appreciation of their recognition of "Fine Music"!!!

Henry rhymes his reason

Lord Mayor Henry Ninio has gone really overboard on the Scots/bagpipes/Mall bizzo.

Quick as a flash he had the new City of Adelaide Pipe Band into the Mall for a five-minute Saturday blow - and he wrote to **Rosemary McKay**, who stirred up the subject of bagpipe bans, attempting to match her in rhyme. So here's Henry in the vein or Robbie Burns:

*I ken yer words
Mae bonnie lass
But tiss sure I mus' confess
Mae hands are tyde
Upon this mess
Read on, my words will t ell!
Betwixt the call of those in the mall
And those who wander bye
the bagpipes twirl
Had made them curse, the noise
Or so they tell.
So banned they be - a council's decree
To still the call of those who canna see,
the mists of Scottish Highlands
That call, to such as thee.
But, such is the plight
O'ere council's might
Ye penned yer words to mae
And many from the Gaelic Isle
Have voiced the same decree
But this I say, upon the day
Of St. Andrew's of Robbie Burns centenary
The bagpipes twirl
The Mall will hear
sae long as ye seek authority.
So still yet patter my bonnie hen
and list to such as mae
A need to pleasin' both side in such matters
Is no easy task ye see.
"The best laid plans of mice and men
Gang aft a-gley"
As Robert Burns did sae
And surely doth this apply
To mortals such as we,
But try I will to soft this spill
As faire for all to see
And I can saw without a doubt
A Sassenach I'll ne'er be.*

The Advertiser, Monday, August 16, 1993.

SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR 1993/94

Please note that the following fees now apply

LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$700
CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP \$30 p.a.
ASSOCIATE/PENSIONER/STUDENT
MEMBERSHIP FEE \$20 p.a.

This fee covers your copies of "Caledonian"

To Drum Sergeant Grant James From the Pipes & Drums

Welcome Leading Stroke
Welcome to our band
We're pleased you came to join us
And gladly shake your hand.
We're impressed with your demeanour
Authorative command
An officer of bearing
Conduct of high demand.
Your leadership qualities impress
Your scores second to none
Your approach to individuals
All make you Number One.
You show your lively spirit
In stylish written score
The pipers do not know themselves
As drummers resound more.
You've given us another lease
there's hope for us at last
Mr Sparkles shines again
And Kiwi's boots hold fast.
You join our merry frolics
Socialize at best
The dashing white sergeant
Puts us to the test.
So welcome new Drum Sergeant
Welcome to our ranks
For all your qualities and help
We offer you our thanks.

STANDING STONES OF CALLANISH A sacred site of Scotland

Lynne Wood, writing of the cultural traditions of her native land upon returning from an extended exhibition tour throughout Britain, entitled "A memory of Australian cultural inheritance".

The Standing Stones of Callanish on the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland are part of a vast network of prehistoric stone circles and sacred sites throughout Britain, Ireland and Brittany in France, established 4,000 years ago.

These stones and the surrounding landscape, together with other stone circles and formation across Lewis, create a focus for the people of

that island expressed in stories, legends, songs and in the ancient knitting and weaving patterns (Aran style knitting and Harris Tweed).

These forms keep alive the relationship of the people of the land, the passage of the years and lifestyle and heritage of the people, as well as higher knowledge expressed in ancient ritual and the people's relationship to the universe.

On Lewis, ancient traditions are preserved and enacted to the present day. This can be compared with Australian Aborigines: for example jumper patterns can be compared with body paint patterns; a stone circle to ceremonial grounds; fold songs and dances to corroboree or Inma. As with Australian Aborigines, these people in remote parts of Britain and Ireland are strong as long as they continue living on their traditional land and taking care of their sacred sites and symbols.

Scotland My Home by John Balfour Main

I come from a Bonny Country across the sea, Aye it's Bonny Scotland, oh so dear to me. I came here many year ago to a dry land, so I will remember my Home so far away. The Glen and Loch, the heather in the field, yes my many friends and relatives over there. Home, even though I've left so long ago, May always be the North Sea fog that blows! As we went fishing to the sea along the coast.

Many a time I went to granny's place over at Blantyre to see the family and friends, I love old Scotland with its weather too. Rain and snow with all a mist in view. Yet the folk I mind so warm hearted too, my cousins and Gran and Granpas all there. To go to the football on Saturday at Hampden and see Rangers beat Celtic by a goal or two, then walk along the street of Glasgow to go to the many places I remember. At home when we went to the barrows, I don't know if there still there or not or down the Glen to catch a salmon, on the river too. Just the thing to do with a fly on my line I'll cast out. Se a beauty rising in the river, to take my fly in salmon fishing again Scotland is my home far across the sea Is always so dear to me.

Robbie Burns Statue 100 years old in 1994

The Pipes and Drums
of the Royal Caledonian Society

present a

Whisky Tasting

Come and taste 5 Malt Whiskies:

Glenfiddich
Aberlour 10 yr. old
McCann 12 yr. old
Talisker 10 yr. old
Caol Ila 1972 cc.

Friday 8th October, 7.30 P.M.

at

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

Tickets: \$20 ^{H+} Supper included.

Wine and soft drinks provided for non-whisky drinkers.

CELTIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 21st, 1993

The Royal Caledonian Society

and

The Pipes and Drums of the Royal Caledonian Society

BOTTLE STALL

We need bottles, jars, cans containing all types of 'goodies' -
e.g. bottles of wine, jars of jam, cordial, vegemite, herbs,
perfume, novelties (toys, toiletries, jewellery, handkerchiefs,
etc.)

Empty jars can be supplied for you to take home and fill.

Ask your friends, relations, local supermarket, etc. for
donations.

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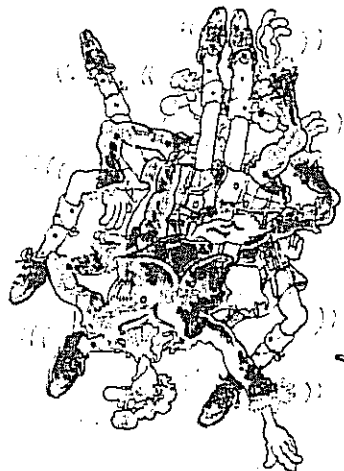


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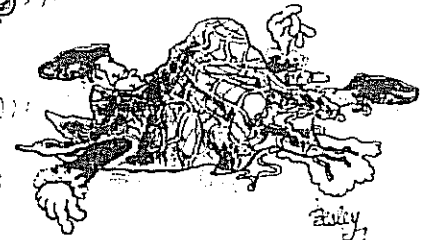


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NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1993/94

(DUE 1ST JULY 1993 and includes 'Caledonian' Newsletters)

- \$700 LIFE MEMBERSHIP
- \$30 CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP (right to vote at meetings)
- \$20 ASSOCIATE/PENSIONER/STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (no voting rights)
- I enclose a donation of \$ to help maintain our Scottish Australian heritage
- I would like to help the Society with/by.....

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