

# THE CALEDONIAN

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## A WORD FROM OUR WORTHY CHIEF

The Pipes and Drums of the Royal Caledonian Society celebrate their Centenary this year and will be holding functions to commemorate this event. Band numbers have increased and they are working hard to make this year their best yet.

Sunday, May 1st looks like being a grand day when the Centenary Celebrations will be held to mark the placing of the Robert Burns Statue on North Terrace. As well as a Ceilidh the evening before at the Caledonian Hall there will be a church service at Scots Church North Terrace, a march and ceremony at the Statue, and from there to the Adelaide Town Hall for a light luncheon followed by a Concert. His Worship the Mayor, Mr Henry Ninio has very kindly made the Adelaide Town Hall available for this function and provided the catering. Admission is by ticket only and these have already been issued. Past Chiefs Marion Johnson and Bill Paterson, along with a hardworking committee have been responsible for the arrangements of this function; and they are to be congratulated for their initiatives.

Highland Dancing is going from strength to strength with more children and young adults learning and providing displays on behalf of the Society.

Gaelic lessons are also progressing on Friday nights.

Our Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs Janine Powell has resigned her position, effective from the AGM in August, but may be convinced to stay if we can lighten her work-load. She runs a very busy Secretary Service and is finding it difficult to meet all her commitments.

A sub-committee has been formed to look at ways of cutting the expenses of this multi-faceted Scottish Society.

I appreciate the help and work of the active members of the Society but more help is needed in most sections.

- ♦ Sunday and Wednesday Night Dances are a great help in keeping the Society afloat financially. Door attendants and tea and coffee servers are urgently required. Please put your name on the roster in the kitchen or see Jeff, Roselee, Bill or Ron.

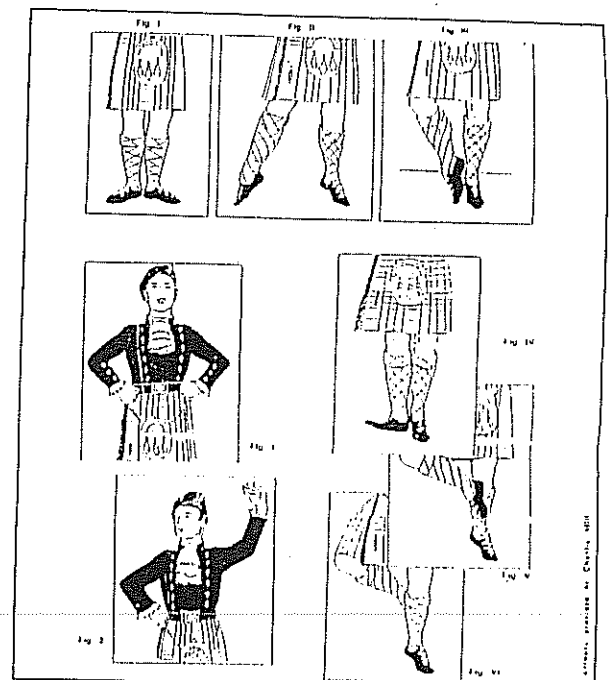
- ♦ RCS Catering has cut the costs of employing outside caterers for our formal evenings but Roselee and Isobel need more help as they are sometimes required to act in official duties for the Society. Please see Roselee or Isobel for more information. (Kitchen duty can be a lot of fun as well as providing a valuable service for the Society).
- ♦ Social Director Lennox Pawson would appreciate some help with the setting-up and cleaning-up at social functions.
- ♦ Donations of Raffle prizes etc would also be welcome. The Social programme looks better than ever this year. Your attendance and participation will make it successful.

We were encouraged to see many people at the Half-Yearly meeting and to enjoy the time together over a basket supper.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to all members and friends who have made the time and put in the effort to keep the Royal Caledonian Society an enjoyable and happy focus of Scottish Culture in South Australia.

Chief J. McFarlane

## The Highland Fling



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## NEW MEMBERS

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On behalf of the Chief, Directors and Members a very warm welcome is extended to the following new Association members

Helen Keane

Duncan John Gordon

Albert William Thompson

Miss Jane Reath Olver

and a very special welcome to our newest

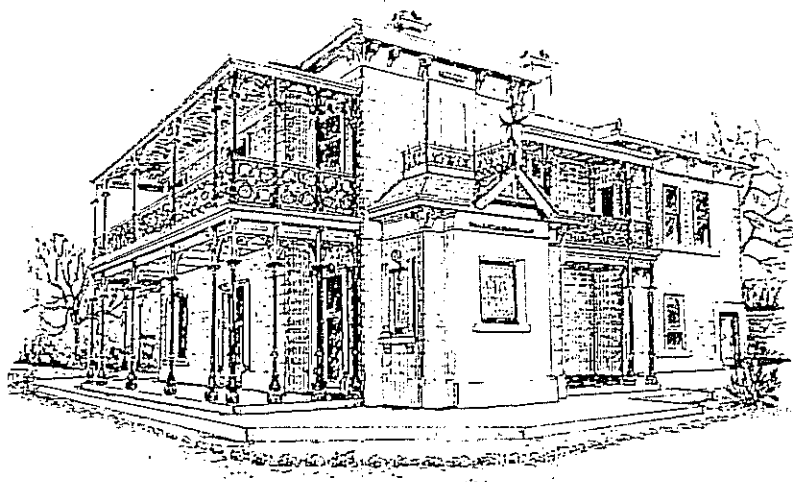
Life Member

Barbara M. Medhurst

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## OUR COLONIAL PAST

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**BALLANGEICH** - renamed Glenburnie  
Built for Alexander MacGeorge, c. 1874

Drawing by Pamela M. Oborn, 1979.

**BALLANGEICH** - now Glenburnie, 7 Ford Avenue. Today's Glenburnie Drive was the old avenue to the house. Built c. 1874 for Alexander MacGeorge; two-storey bluestone.

MacGeorge, Alexander, b. 1826, third son of R.f. MacGeorge. Chairman Mitcham District Council; floated the Unley and Mitegham Tramway Coy. Removed to Victoria about 1898 and followed his 'deep interest in art matters and criminology'. (Obit. July 1908). His daughter Lucy m. John, eldest son of Sir William Milne. (2).

This is the second in a series of drawings and notes extracted 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 circle's" fine buildings of Adelaide. Copies from office \$5 each.

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## BEQUESTS AND WILLS

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The demands on the Royal Caledonian Society of S.A. Inc. are ever-increasing, and your assistance in planning for the future is greatly needed. One idea to render assistance is by making a gift in your will. If you would like more information about how to make a bequest please write to the Chief or Secretary at 379 King William Street, Adelaide, 5000.

*Naturally all communications are in strict confidence.*

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## ANZAC DAY

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The Society will again be represented at the Dawn Service and place a book at the State National War Memorial in honour of those who served and died.

Breakfast and lunch will be available at the hall and a pleasant afternoon is guaranteed for all your family and friends.

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## STOP PRESS

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♦ **BAND**

The band had a good trip to Ringwood for competitions, with good weather, making for an enjoyable time. The band achieved 5th place in grade 3 and were very happy with that results.

It was a good experience for all who attended.

♦ **DANCERS**

Approx. 11 dancers from Bairns Class travelled to Geelong for the Champion of Champion T. dancing Competitions over Easter.

It is reported back that they all did very well. Full results will be published in the next Newsletter.

Editor

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## CAR PARKING

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Unfortunately, in spite of every effort, the owner of the car park at the back of the hall will not allow people using the hall to use the car park during the day or after hours. We will continue our negotiations when the property changes hands - it is for sale.

In the meantime, please park in the street.

Hon. Secretary

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## BAND REPORT

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The Band has been busy with engagements each month to date, in a variety of places – from Glenelg to being involved in the Fringe Festival, to going to Ringwood for competitions.

It is pleasing to see such a large number of new members being involved in competitions and displays, also to hear new tunes being played.

The Band has merchandise designed to celebrate the Pipe Band's Centenary available for purchase. Merchandise includes very striking wall plaques at a reasonable price. Anyone interested in purchasing any of this merchandise is encouraged to see a Band Member as soon as possible.

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### 1894 - 1994

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#### 1894 The Year in Review

Fair enough we know that the Royal Caledonian Society Pipes and Drums was formed in 1894, but what else went on at that time? Here are a few selected events from South Australia, Australia and the world which were prominent news items at that time.

#### AUSTRALIA

- ♦ Australia's first steel rolling mills opened at the Eskbank Ironworks, near Lithgow, NSW.
- ♦ David Shearer of Mannum, SA, developed a steam car, the first car built in Australia.
- ♦ Tom Roberts painted "The Golden Fleece".
- ♦ Henry Lawson published "Short Stories in Prose and Verse".
- ♦ The term "Fair Dinkum", meaning genuine, first appeared in print in the "Bulletin" (5th May).
- ♦ Estimated population: Australia 3,426,760, South Australia 348,774.
- ♦ South Australia became the first State to grant women the right to both vote and stand for parliament.
- ♦ On December 20th, Robert Gordon Menzies was born (d. 1978).

#### WORLD

- ♦ Reigning monarchy was Queen Victoria (1837-1901).
- ♦ The first Sino-Japanese war began. Japan forced China to give up Taiwan and to recognize Korea's independence in the following year.
- ♦ French President Sadi Carnot was assassinated.
- ♦ Guglielmo Marconi developed his prototype wireless telegraph.

- ♦ The first skeletal remains of Homo Erectus were discovered in Java, 500,000-1.6m years old.
- ♦ The element Argon was discovered. It is now used extensively in the every-day incandescent light globe.

## *The Pipes & Drums of the R.C.S.A.*

*presents their*

# *Centenary Ball*

*The Dom Polski Centre*

*230 Angas Street*

*Adelaide*

*16th July 1994*

*Music: by the 17 piece band*

*'Triple B'*

*Supper provided*

*Tickets \$20 ea.*

*7.00 - 7.30 Sherries*

*8 - 1am*

*Formal Dress*

*Tickets available from  
Margaret Morgan and Sec's Office*

*No tickets at the door*

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## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

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### APRIL

- Mon 11th RCS Council meeting 7.30pm  
Frid 15th End Bairns class Term 1  
Mon 25th ANZAC DAY Breakfast, march and lunch  
Mon 25th Highland Dancing Competition 7am - noon  
Mitcham Community Centre  
Sat 30th **CEILIDH TO HONOUR ROBERT  
BURNS 7.30 - 11.30pm**  
Basket Supper, Haggis Available. Band:  
Ross Nelson Trio. Tickets: \$10.

### MAY

- Sun 1st **ROBERT BURNS STATUE 100  
YEARS CELEBRATIONS** - see other  
page for more details.  
Fri 6th Bairns Class resumes for Term 2  
Sat 7th **RCS HIGHLAND DANCING  
COMPETITION**  
- **JOHN OGG TROPHY** 9 am start  
Caledonian Hall. Helpers needed in kitchen.  
Sat 21st **QUIZ NIGHT** Prizes. Tickets \$5. Basket  
supper.

### JUNE

- Mon 6th RCS Council meeting 7.30pm  
Sat 18th **RCS SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE  
NIGHT** Caledonian Hall. \$5 adults, \$2  
children.

### JULY

- Sat 2nd State Committee Highland Dancing Tartan  
Dinner. St Mark's College. Tickets \$25.  
Contact Mrs Lyn Hann 384 4529.  
Sun 3rd Tartan Sunday Church Service, 11am St  
Andrew's Church, Archer St. Nth Adelaide  
Mon 4th RCS Council meeting 7.30pm  
Frid 8th End Bairns Class Term 2  
Sat 9th Scottish Accessories Ball. No tickets at  
door.  
Sat 18th **PIPES & DRUMS CENTENARY BALL**  
Dom Polski Centre, 230 Angas St Adelaide.  
Music by Triple B. Catered Supper. Dress:  
Formal. Tickets \$20 ea. available from  
Band and office.

- Fri 29th Bairns class resumes for Term 3 - 7.30pm

**Please Note:** The RCS holds **60/40 DANCES ON  
WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY NIGHTS** and  
invite all members to attend and enjoy the  
dancing and music. Music by Pat and Band.

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## BAIRNS NEWS

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Friday nights are lively nights at the Cale, with plenty of friends working very hard on the dance floor together. The competition results printed in this newsletter show that good work and good talent lead to praiseworthy standards too.

Bairns have danced out at the Burns Society Ceilidh, where the audience showed great appreciation, at Henley Square for the Henley and Grange Council, at "Fringe Out West" with our own Pipes and Drums, and at the Scots Cronies Club. Thank you bairns, for giving pleasure to so many people. They can be seen again at the Ceilidh at the Cale on 30th April and at the Town Hall on 1st May. On 7th May our own dancing competition is at the Cale Hall.

The Friday night drum students progressed to higher classes and for the time being the Friday night drum lessons are in abeyance. Bairns Class thanks Adrian Merchant for his time and skill over many months adding another dimension to bairns' activities.

The Easter Bonnet Parade was a great success and the socialising afterwards a wonderful chance to get to know each other better.

Bairns attending the Pipes and Drums and dancing camp at Mylor in early March practised so long and hard that it was rumoured that band members were grateful that Mrs Sayers was not their Drum Major - with more than a little pride, of course. The next camp is early in September, once again to be run by the Pipes and Drums.



## 60/40 DANCES

Sunday & Wednesday nights

at The Royal Caledonian Society Hall

379 King William Street, Adelaide

For Good Band, Floor and Fun

All Welcome

# BAIRNS COMPETITION RESULTS

## Port Adelaide Caledonian Society October 1993.

Louisa Young Novice Under 12: 1st in H.F., 2nd in H.F. trophy dance, S.D., S.T., Lilt & Flora.

Sara McFarlane Novice 12 & Over: 1st in H.F., S.T. & Flora 2nd in Lit, 3rd in H.F. t/d

Michelle Calver Advanced U/12: 1st in Salor's Hornpipe, Jig, Lilt, 2nd in H.F., S.D & ST

Gillian O'Rourke Open 15 & U/20 : 1st in SD, ST, 2nd in Scotch Measure Blue Bonnets, & HF, 3rd in Lilt & Flora

Won Roy & Merle Martin Trophy with 1st in HF SD & ST

## Southside Nov. '93: Addendum

Gilliam O'Rourke Open 16 & U/20 : Won aggregate with 1st in Barracks Johnnie, Highland Laddie, SM, BB & Flora.

## Mt Barker Feb '94

Melanie Taylor Beginners 10 & U: Won aggregate and Mt Barker Cal. Soc Perpet. Trophy 1st in ST 2nd in Lilt Fling Sword

Tomais Byrt Beginners U/16: 1st in Sword

Sara McFarlane Novice U/13: 2nd in Fling & Lilt, 3rd in Sword & Flora

Nadia Kossatz Novice U/13: 1st in Fling, 2nd in SD St & Flora: 2nd in aggregate

Jeffrey Kirby Novice 13 & O: 3rd in Fling & Lilt

Kate McFarlane Novice 13 & O: Won aggregate 1st in Flora HF SD Lilt 2nd in ST

Matthew Hede Intermediate U/13: 2nd in St, Sailor's Hornpipe & Lilt

Simone-Clare Hede Open U/16: Equal first in aggregate, 1st in HF & Village Maid, 2nd in Hornpipe ST HL & Jig, 3rd in SD

Naomi Hede Open U/16: Equal first in aggregate 1st in SD ST HL Jig, 2nd in HF & VM 3rd in Hornpipe

Gillian O'Rourke Open 16 & O: 1st in Jig 2nd in Hornpipe HF SD 3rd in BB

Karen Page Open 16 & O 3rd in ST & Jig

## State Committee. Fullarton March 94

Charlette Stephens Primary 6 years: 2nd in Fling

Melanie Taylor Beginners U/10: Won aggregate 1st in ST & Lilt 2nd in HF & SD

Tomais Byrt Beginners 10 & O: Won aggregate 1st in ST HF Trophy Fling 2nd in Lilt 3rd in SD

Adele Kirby Novice U/12: 1st in Trophy Fling 2nd SD 3rd ST & HF

Sara McFarlane Novice 12 & O: Won aggregate with 1st in ST HF SD Flora & Tophy Fling

Matthew Hede Intermediate U/16 : 3rd in Jig

Michelle Calver " " : 1st in Flora 2nd in ST 3rd in Lilt

Nadia Kossatz " " : Won aggregate with 1st in BJ Jig HF ST & SD 2nd in Flora

Louise Young " " : 2nd in SD 3rd in BJ HF ST & Flora

Simone-Clare Hede Open 11 & U/13 1st SD 2nd ST 3rd HF, Open 12 & U: 3rd in Premiership, Open U/16 3rd in Pre-Championship, Open Junior 6th in Junior Championship

Naomi Hede Open Intermediate 4th in Intermediate Championship

Gillian O'Rourke Open Senior 6th in Senior Championship

Open 16 & O 1st in HF 2nd in SD

Carolyn Minney Open 16 & O 3rd in Pre-Championship.

The R.C.S. Bairns are to be congratulated on their standard of dancing and also in their participation in competitions. They are often dancing against interstate dancers.

## GOOD NEWS

*Another month ends*

*All targets met*

*All systems working*

*All members satisfied*

*All Staff and Committee members  
eager and enthusiastic*

*All pigs fed and ready to fly.*

## GAELIC LESSONS

Learn to speak Gaelic on Friday nights from 7pm in the upstairs Clubroom. \$2.00 per lesson.

## CATERING SERVICE

The Catering Service caters both in the Hall and outside functions. Why not call them for your next function?

## P & DRUMS & DANCE DISPLAYS

Available for Fetes, Gala Days, etc. Weddings, birthday days, funerals. Kilts hired.

## SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR 1993/94

Please note that the following fees now apply

LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$900

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.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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We extend our deepest sympathies to members Darrelyn Gunzburg and Alison Goddard on the recent death of their respective fathers. Deepest sympathy is also extended to the Family of Late Member Mrs Doreen McLeod on her recent death.

We also extend our deepest sympathies to member Mr Ewan Masson and family on the recent death of his wife, Beatrice. Mrs Beatrice Masson was well known within the Scottish Community for her musical accompaniment to Scottish Singers, along with being a great support to her husband in his involvements within the Community.

- ♦ **WANTED TO BUY** 1 man's black "Charlie" jacket (to wear with a kilt) – summer weight to fit 100cm chest. If you have one in your wardrobe and no longer in use please phone Mrs Mona Kearney, 255 0027, as she would like to purchase same for her husband.
- ♦ **GOSSIP** It is reported that when a certain well known person went to sleep during the reception at a recent wedding (missing the speeches!!!) the noise level dropped a considerable amount!!!  
Who kept everyone in their "dorm" (and neighbouring dorm) awake at night by eating lollies on the recent P&D and Dancers camp?  
Who 'lost' their clothes on Sunday morning?  
Who kept people awake at night with their 'giggling'?

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## O HALLOWED RECORDS

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As a genealogist privileged to have had access to parochial records in England the experiences are well remembered in that whilst studying within the sacred silent library walls where one does but barely breathe let alone speak or smile, there is found among the meticulously written words of the vicar a judgmental comment which in turn causes one to erupt into a burst of loud laughter and possible library banishment, so having at the moment been for days lost in a maze of figures and calculations on behalf of this Society which is of stern prudish presbyteral descent one does not expect to find the most descriptive written word in the back of an old cheque book. Needless to say in the ensuing eruption of loud giggles the pen was dropped and figure work went flying everywhere! So endeth the word for the day.

### LAUDUTOR TEMPORIS ACTI

P.S. Anyone desirous of casting their eye upon this legacy may do so for a fee, or if a copy is required then one copy will be offered to the highest bidder ... please contact the Fundraising Director.

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## KINDRED SOCIETIES

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- Sun 1st May 100th Anniversary of the unveiling of the Burns Statue on North Terrace. Further details see the ad in this newsletter.
- Sat 7th May Pt Adelaide Caledonian Society 111th Anniversary. More details available by phoning The Secretary, Mrs Betty Pettman, 49 8614.
- Sat 4th June Naracoorte Caledonian Society Annual Caledonian Cabaret, Naracoorte Town Hall. Reflections Band. More details available by phoning The Secretary, Mrs Brenda Nisbett, 087 62 1314.
- Sat 2nd July State Committee of Highland Dancing - Tartan Dinner, St Mark's College, 46 Pennington Tce, Nth Adelaide. \$25 per head - 3 course dinner. Further details available from Mrs Lyn Hann, ph 384 4529.
- Sat 23rd July Strathalbyn Caledonian Society Annual Social/Ceilidh, Town Hall, High St, Strathalbyn. 8pm start. Basket Supper - BYO drink and glasses. \$5 per adult @ \$3 per child. Featuring Tam-O'Shanter, Adelaide Highland Regiment, Local Highland Dancers. Over-night accommodation ph Graham Richards 297 3037.
- Sat 23rd July Pt Augusta Caledonian Society Cabaret, Cooina Hall. Further details available by phoning The Secretary, Mrs J. White 086 42 5092 or by writing to Box 116, Pt Augusta.

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## TINKER, TAILOR, ...

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Soldier, sailor, secretary, lawyer, storeman, nurse! If curiosity ever leads you to lift covers from the bare bones of humanity's dreams, then a book of lively and loving poems on sale from the Caledonian Office at \$14.95 is just the thing. Based on the phases of the moon, it is a book of laughs, death, doggedness, whimsy and romance put together by a most disparate group of poets of which R.C.S. member/Director Margaret Minney is a member. It is called "*Ocean to Moon*", by Wordweavers, and profit on sales through our Honorary Secretary, Janine, go to the Society. The full colour cover is a reproduction of an original painting by Adelaide artist David Beever which was auctioned at the launch of the book by the sea at full moon in March.

# SCOTTISH ACCESSORIES

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generosity in advertising our activities in their  
1994 Soccer Year Book



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The South Australian Amateur  
Soccer League



1994 SOCCER YEAR BOOK

Wanted for the Burns Statue Centenary Concert

An antique table and desk

Contact the office on 231 5268

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(DUE 1ST JULY 1993 AND INCLUDES 'CALEDONIAN' NEWSLETTERS)

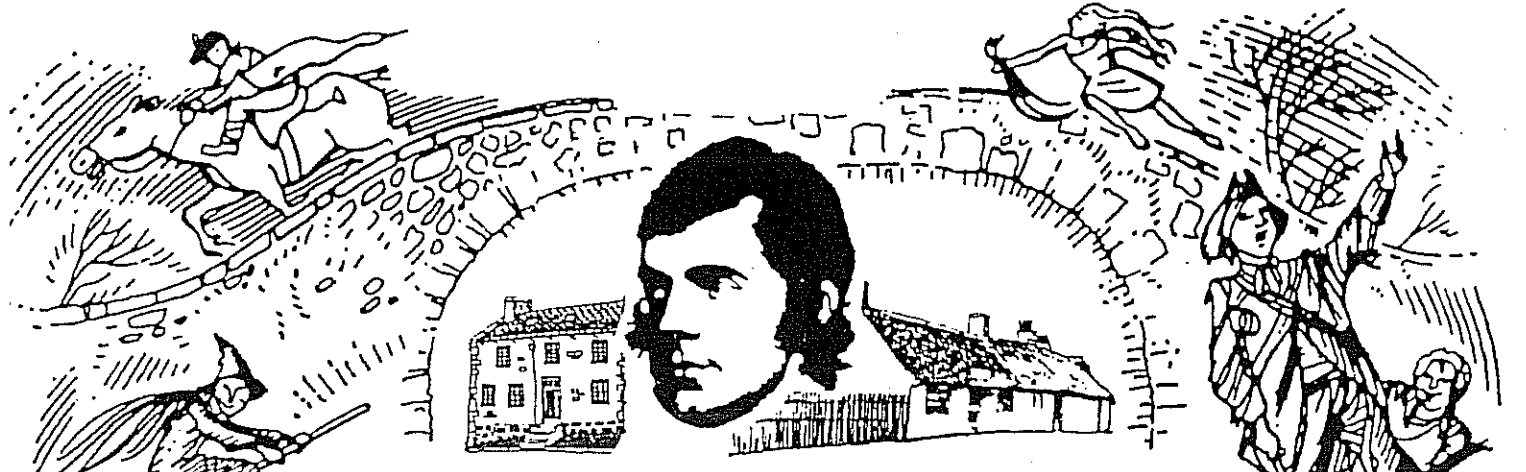
- \$900 LIFE MEMBERSHIP
- \$30 CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP (right to vote at meetings)
- \$20 ASSOCIATE/PENSIONER/STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (no voting rights)
- I enclose a donation of \$ ..... to help maintain our Scottish Australian heritage

I would like to help the Society with/by.....

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## Robert Burns Statue

Sunday May 1st

1894 - 1994

The Centenary Celebrations will commence at 10.30am  
with a Church Service at SCOTS CHURCH,  
North Terrace, Adelaide  
followed by a MARCH  
by South Australian Pipe Bands  
to the Commemoration Ceremony to be held at the  
ROBERT BURNS STATUE, North Terrace,  
at approximately 12 noon.

Light Luncheon and a Concert  
at the ADELAIDE TOWN HALL

Admission by pre issued tickets (Sorry, no more tickets available)

*We hope as many as possible will wear period costume and tartans.*

P.S. Come along to the CEILIDH at the Caledonian Hall the evening before,  
Saturday 30th April, 7.30 - 11.30. Tickets \$10 adult \$2 child.

60/40 dancing, good band and entertainment.

Basket Supper (Haggis available).

