

# THE CALEDONIAN

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

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You are cordially invited to attend

the ½ YEARLY MEETING

to be held on

Friday, 18th February, 1994

at 7.30pm

in the upstairs clubrooms.

*Basket supper*

## A Word from our Worthy Chief

1994 is shaping up to be another very busy but special year as it will mark the Centenary of the formation of our Pipes and Drums Band and the placing of the Robert Burns Statue on North Terrace in 1894.

Included in this Newsletter are details of our Social Programme for the year and we hope that you will make every effort to attend the wide range of events and entertainments organised. We do rely on your support and hope that you will bring along your friends and family.

The Bairns will commence classes on 4th February under the tutelage of Mrs Heather Sayers. Mr Adrian Merchant will again give drum lessons, but only if enough children indicate that they will attend. Gaelic classes will be held on Friday evenings.

In August we would like to hold a Debutante Ball – for this we require at least 10 girls so please give some thought to this. If you require further details contact Mr Lennox Pawson (ph 379 1949) or Mrs Isobel McFarlane (ph 356 1080).


Our 60/40 Sunday and Wednesday dances continue to be well patronised. Helpers are needed.

It is pleasing to report that most members are financial for 1993/94 – if you are not, please forward your subscription as soon as possible.

We have included a note on Bequests and Wills as another way of supporting the Caledonian Society, given that the demands on the Society are ever-increasing, and your assistance in planning for the future is greatly needed.

Several members have generously subscribed for 10 years in advance and we thank them for their support.

At our last Council meeting the Secretary of the Unit Trust Holders, Mr Ian Fleetwood, explained our obligations for the 1998 vesting. A further report will be given at our ½ yearly meeting on Friday, 18th February at 7.30pm. We hope you will make every effort to attend.



Patroness of the Bairns  
Ms Joyce Ogg

Chief J. McFarlane

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## BAIRNS' REPORT

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**Bairns' Classes** begin again on Friday night 4th February at 7.30 until 9.30pm with beginners' assistance from 7.00 and seniors' extension at 9.30. The age range is from 3 to 16 years of age. Over-16's may enrol for half price and help at times with the younger ones: they are not eligible for the trophies.

Mrs Heather Sayers continues as instructress. Presentation night is on 18th November.

**Drum Lessons** of a very high standard of training may continue under our own Pipes and Drums tutor Mr Adrian Merchant if sufficient pupils enrol before 4th February. They run at the same night and time as Bairns' classes. Some students have already passed into the band from these classes in 1993.

**Regular attendance and co-operation on the dance floor** will become more relevant this year because of special engagements where numbers are limited, so shine up those hearts and souls!

**Dancing out at engagements** has kept the bairns busy and many people entertained. The Campbelltown Council wanted to conclude its 125th year celebrations with something special, and twelve of our bairns found themselves presenting a successful dancing display right in the middle of the carols service at the rotunda above the silvery reservoir at Thorndon Park, in the late evening of Sunday 12th December 1993. Our Band provided pipers and drummers, most generously because the full band had been the highlight of the pageant and march-past the Governor early in the afternoon. Neither the shirt-clad bodies nor the velvet-clad bagpipes enjoyed the drastic change from the heat of the day to the cold foothills breezes, but our Band played with grace and was very well received. Our dancers were superb, and received plenty of applause and appreciative whistling. Three more of our bairns were among the Torquil Studio dancers who presented the Perth Assembly later, with city lights below, and lit swords flashing colours in salute against the dark trees and sky.

Hogmanay was enlivened by unusual dances from our bairns, concluding with The Cakewalk. The Blessing of The Waters at Henley Beach by the jetty gave our bairns the privilege of sharing the podium at this special religious festival of the Greek Orthodox Church with the gentle and graceful dancers from many of the Baltic States.

Sponsorship acknowledgment goes to The Newton Shopping Centre, who generously sponsored our Bairns' Class for its dancing at Thorndon Park. All of the traders in that bright and busy shopping place on the corner of Montacute and St Bernard's Roads contributed - so do pop in and thank them for their interest. They would welcome it.

**Future engagements** include the Burns Society Ceilidh at the Cale Hall after lunch on 30th January, and "Fringe Out West" at The Fantasia Convention Centre on 19th and 20th February at 11.30 and 12.00 respectively.

**Competing Bairns** who have done well include the following at the Southside Competition on 13th November 1993 (52 entrants)

Tomais Byrt (Beginners 9 & under 12) won his Premiership and aggregate: 1st in Special Fling & SD

Matthew Hede (Advanced U/12) 3rd in Sean Truibhas (Matthew is 8 years old)

Adele Kirby (Novice U/12) was runner-up in her premiership, 2nd in special fling.

Sara McFarlane (Novice 12 & over) was runner-up in her premiership and won the aggregate: 1st in ST and 2nd in special fling and sword dance. (Sara is 12 yrs old)

Louisa Young (Advanced 12 & over) 1st in sword dance

Michelle Calver (Advanced 12 & over) won her aggregate with 1st in special fling & ST.

More good news from the big Daylesford competition in Victoria on 4th December 1993 comes from the Hede family, because Naomi came second in the Open Aboyne Premiership any age and Matthew earned a third and two fourths in Highland dances in Intermediate any age, and Matthew is eight!

**Carols Night** was organised by the Bairns Class this year, on 11th December 1993. "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All Men" was the feeling in the filtered evening light of our cool and quiet Caledonian Hall, as forty people enjoyed the barbecue tea turned on by the McFarlanes, and a Christmas songs-and carols programme conducted by the Minneys. Adam Gifford (piano) and P/C Johnson's niece Betty from Scotland (voice) were guest soloists. A choir of society bairns (not only dancers) conducted by Director Anne Miller, was a highlight, singing unaccompanied carols with their clear young voices. Bairns read the Christmas story, interspersed with carols, and Father Christmas came with goodies for all and a broad knee to sit upon. The candles were finally blown out and supper served.

**Bairns' Class Directors Johnson & Minney**

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## NEW MEMBERS

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A very warm welcome is extended to the following new members.

Frederick and Barbara Shaw  
Brenton Sullivan

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## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

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### JANUARY

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

### FEBRUARY

Fri 4th **Bairns Class** resumes for 1994 at 7.30pm (7pm for beginners)  
Mon 7th RCS Council meeting 7.30pm  
Fri 18th **RCS HALF-YEARLY** meeting 7.30pm  
Basket Supper

### MARCH

Mon 7th RCS Council meeting 7.30pm  
Fri 25th **Bairns Easter Parade** 7.30pm Basket Supper

### APRIL

Mon 11th RCS Council meeting 7.30pm  
Frid 15th End Bairns class Term 1  
Mon 25th ANZAC DAY Breakfast, march and lunch  
Sat 30th **CEILIDH TO HONOUR ROBERT BURNS**

### 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**

### JUNE

Mon 6th RCS Council meeting 7.30pm  
Sat 18th **PIPES & DRUMS CENTENARY BALL**

### JULY

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  
Fri 22nd **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE NIGHT**  
Fri 29th Bairns class resumes for Term 3 - 7.30pm

### AUGUST

Mon 1st RCS Council meeting 7.30pm  
Fri 12th **RCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** 7.30pm Basket Supper  
Sat 20th **DEBUTANTE BALL** 8pm Music by Pat & Band.  
Sat 27th State Committee of Highland Dancing Concert

### SEPTEMBER

Mon 5th RCS Council meeting 7.30pm  
Sat 24th **QUIZ NIGHT** Combined Pipes & Drums & Society \$5 adult, \$2 child. Basket Supper  
Fri 30th End Bairns class Term 3.

### OCTOBER

Fri 7th **MALT WHISKY TASTING**  
Mon 10th RCS Council meeting 7.30pm  
Sat 15th **COUNTRY & WESTERN SQUARE DANCE** Caller: Barry Marwick \$6 adult & \$2 child. Basket supper  
Fri 21st Bairns Class resumes Term 4 - 7.30pm  
Fri 28th Bairns Halloween Basket supper 7.30pm  
Sat 29th **HALLOWE'EN** 8pm Basket supper. Music Pat & Co. \$6 adult, \$2 child.

### NOVEMBER

Tues 1st **Melbourne Cup Afternoon**  
Sat 5th **Christmas Pageant** - breakfast & lunch  
Frid **Bairns Class Presentation Night** 7.30pm Basket Supper  
Sun 20th **Celtic Fair**  
Sat 26th **St Andrew's Dinner Dance** Catered 3 course meal \$25 adult & \$5 child. Music: Pat Kitchen  
Sun 27th St Andrew's Church Service, 11am Archer St North Adelaide.

### DECEMBER

Sat 31st **HOGMANAY BALL:** Pat & Band, catered supper. \$20 adult & \$5 child.

**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.

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## KINDRED SOCIETIES' NEWS

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Sunday 30th January from 10.15am. The Robert Burns Society - Burns Remembrance March from Torrens Parade Ground to Burns Statue, North Terrace and afterwards lunch at the Royal Caledonian Hall followed by a Ceilidh. N.B. Lunch will be available for purchase at the hall.

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

NB: There will be a dancing competition held at the Gathering.

Monday 14th March - Joint Commonwealth Society - Commonwealth Day

Sunday 1st May - 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the Burns Statue on North Terrace

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## FROM THE EDITOR - Roselee Kossatz

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Please note the bandsman listed in the last Newsletter as running drumming lessons during Bairns Class should read Mr Adrian Merchant. We apologise for any inconvenience this misprint may have caused.

**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 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.

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## SOCIAL REPORT OF HOGMANAY

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Whilst it was a wonderful sight to see some 200 members and friends present at this function, it would make for better planning of hall lay out, bar stocks and catering requirements, if members made bookings well in time so that organisers were not placed under "stress" when more than anticipated members arrived.

Notwithstanding these comments, all present joined in what must be said to be a most successful evening, if the finale at 1.15am was any gauge to go by.

Music by Ian & Co. was first class and selection of dances were popular with the "Scottish Waltz" introduced by Andrew Timmins one of the highlights.

Once again thanks are due to those who helped decorate the hall, our Highland Dancers, catering, bar, First Footer, raffle organiser, doorman and others who helped in various ways to make Hogmanay '93 a "Guid Night".

The one major disappointment was the inability, for very valid reasons, of not having even a "mini band" present from our Pipe Band. This we shall have to try and rectify for 1994.

Social Director J.L. Pawson



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Robert Burns Statue  
May  
1894 Centennial 1994  
Committee

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## The Centenary Celebration of the Gift to the City of Adelaide of the Robert Burns Statue

will be celebrated on

### SUNDAY 1st MAY, 1994

*(note change of date)*

The 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

The Commemoration Ceremony will be held at the

ROBERT BURNS STATUE, North Terrace,

at approximately 12 noon.

a LIGHT LUNCHEON and a CONCERT

will be provided at the ADELAIDE TOWN HALL from 1.00pm.

An Invitation is extended to all South Australians to attend and to wear period costume and tartans.

*Please make a note in your 1994 Diary and watch for further announcements.*

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## WANTED - 10 YOUNG LADIES

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The Royal Caledonian Society would like to hear from young ladies who would like to make their debut this year.

If you are interested, or know of someone else who may be interested in "coming out" at a Caledonian Deb. Ball please contact our office.

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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 Treasurer or Secretary at 379 King William Street, Adelaide, 5000.

*Naturally all communications are in strict confidence.*