

# THE CALEDONIAN

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Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia Inc  
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## A WORD FROM OUR WORTHY CHIEF

I hope you all had a merry Christmas and wish you all a prosperous New Year.

I am disappointed at the continued lack of members at functions and hope this will change in 1995.

There is to be a **WORKING BEE** at the Hall on Saturday 11th February starting at 8 am.

Jobs to be done:

1. Remove weeds from Hall foundations.
2. Strip and clean both bars.
3. Clean out fridges.
4. Strip and clean upstairs bar storeroom.
5. Clean Clubrooms
6. Repair bench seats.
7. Stocktake of Society goods for insurance purposes.
8. Clean windows
9. Clean all wet areas.
10. Change light bulbs.

Morning tea will be provided. Please bring yourselves, cleaning equipment and tools.

Director Anne Miller has offered to re-start the Caledonian Choir. Please see separate notice for details.

The Sunday and Wednesday night dances continue to be a vital source of Society income. Relieving staff to help at these regular events would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Secretary or myself to offer your assistance.

Please note there will be no (as per Constitution) ½ yearly meeting.

Congratulations and thank you to all members who have helped and participated during 1994. I look forward to your ongoing support in 1995.

Chief J. McFarlane

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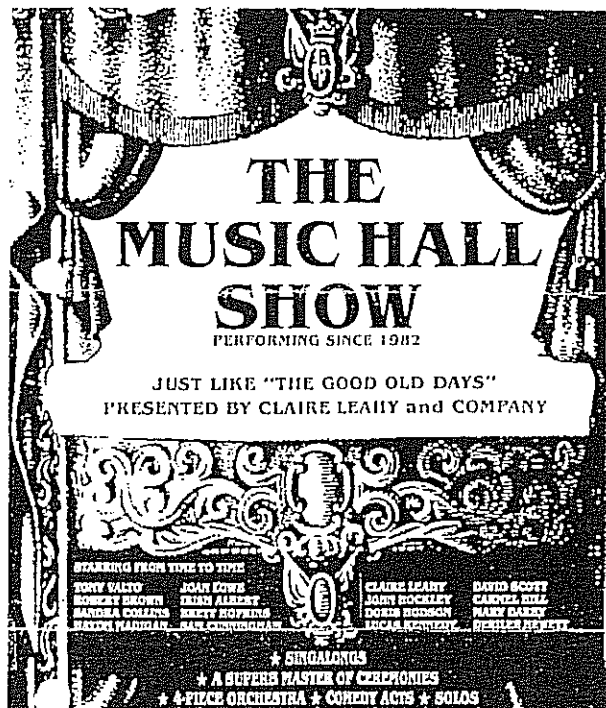
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Saturday  
March 25th  
8 pm

PRESENTS



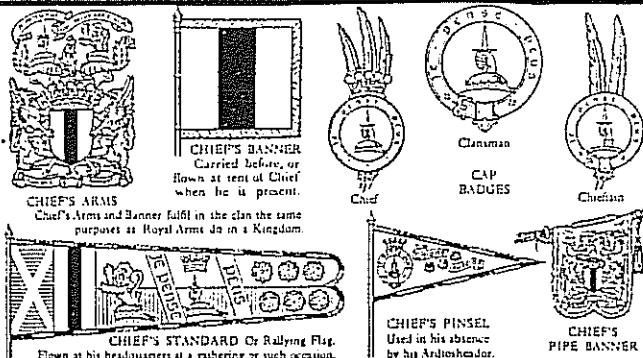
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
Ph: 379 1949 or 231 5268

ONLY \$10 per head

BASKET SUPPER (shared at interval)

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

## Flags & Badges To Be Used At Clan Gatherings



## Caledonian Choir and Youth Choir

Would people (from 18 years to 108) interested in singing please come to the upstairs Club rooms on **FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY at 8 pm** to meet with Director Anne Miller with a view to twice monthly rehearsals. A youth choir may also be formed with Director Carolyn Minney in charge.

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## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

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### FEBRUARY

Fri. 3rd Bairns Class Term 1, working in with the 4 school terms and concluding on Friday 17th November.

### MARCH

Sat. 25th **THE MUSIC HALL SHOW**  
Basket Supper \$10 ph.

### APRIL

Tues. 25th **ANZAC DAY** Luncheon Ceilidh

### MAY

Sat. 7th **HIGHLAND DANCING COMPETITION AND JOHN OGG TROPHY**

### JUNE QUIZ NIGHT

### JULY

Sat. 29th **BURNS CEILIDH**

### AUGUST

Fri. 11th **AGM**

### SEPTEMBER

Sat. 9th **MYSTERY FUNCTION**

### OCTOBER

Fri. 6th **MALT WHISKY TASTING NIGHT**

Fri. 27th **HALLOWE'EN for Bairns and Adults**

### NOVEMBER

Fri. 17th **BAIRNS BREAK UP PARTY**

Sat. 25th **ST. ANDREWS DAY DINNER DANCE**

Sun. 26th Church Service, Presbyterian Church, Archer St. North Adelaide.

### DECEMBER

Fri. 15th **CAROL SINGING**

Sun. 31st **HOGMANAY BALL**

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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## SOCIAL REPORT

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Since last newsletter the social activities of the Society have been many and varied. The Malt Whisky tasting night in conjunction with the Pipe Band was again well supported and enjoyed by all who attended. Bairns Hallowe'en on 28th October has been reported on by Bairns Director. The Hallowe'en on 29th commenced with a grand march and arch formed by our Chief and his wife Isobel which led into a Military Two Step and the night continued in this active mode. Fancy Dress parade saw some outstanding examples of imagination and prizes were given to best lady, best man and all children who entered. Once again our Pipes and Drums and Highland Dancers added to the colour of a happy night.

Whilst not a "Social Event" the small but active group of members who cooked breakfasts for John Martin's Christmas Pageant had a busy but rewarding morning followed by cooking lunches for all who wanted same after the pageant.

Our next major event was St Andrews Day Dinner Dance where guest speaker Mrs. Dorothy Kotz MP was most enlightening. The dual winners (1st time ever since 1974) of the John Ogg Trophy Cathryn Houghton (née Pawson) and Gillian O'Rourke danced beautifully. A superb 3 course meal on this occasion was organised by Lyn Hann and helpers from Southside Dance Academy. The Whisky raffle which aroused much enthusiasm among a great number of ticket sellers was drawn and the 1st prize of 4.5L bottle was won by Mrs Raymond wife of P&D member and former Pipe Major Verr Raymond. A profit of \$755 resulted from this raffle and thanks to all, particularly Peter O'Rourke who sold 215 tickets.

Hogmanay on Saturday 31st wrapped up 1994 and some 140 saw Andrew Lees (a new member in 1994) knock as our "1st Footer" just after midnight. Entertainment by our Pipes & Drums (mini band) was terrific, especially the playing of "Old 100th". 4 young bairns performed a Reel; 2 senior male dancers Don Freeman and Douglas Jackson performed the Highland Fling and Seann Triubhas. We then watched the first class performance of the Argyle Broadswords performed by "The Celts" Rod Clark, Graeme White, Graham Daley and Don Freeman. All in all a successful night and financially rewarding as well.

**Coming Events** *The Old Style Music Hall Show* on Saturday 25th March is for young and old alike and is keenly sought after by many organisations such as ours. Tickets available from the office and Social Director must be pre sold as there is a limit on number we can get into hall.

A Happy New Year to all and look forward to having you a some, if not all, our social events in 1995.

Lennox Pawson  
Social Director

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## NEW MEMBERS

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Welcome to new members of the Society  
Ms Ann McDonald Jordan  
Mr Andrew Lees  
Mrs Grace Scott  
Life Member: Ms Heather Cockerill

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## COMMONWEALTH DAY

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A combined luncheon with the Commonwealth Club and Joint Commonwealth Societies is to be held on Tuesday 7th March in the Bradman Room, Adelaide Oval 12.30 pm for 1pm. *Guest Speaker* His Excellency, The British High Commissioner to Australia, Mr Roger Carrick, CMG. Luncheon tickets cost \$20 per head. If interested in attending please advise the Society Secretary Mrs Barbara Medhurst, Ph 231 5268 by Wed. 1st March.

The Commonwealth Day Reception to be held on 13th March at Edmund Wright House. Cost \$15 each. Ticket available from our Secretary's Office

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and has a happy, healthy 1995.

Get well wishes go to Mrs Robin Pawson who has had a spell in hospital.

It was a very pleasing sight to see Past Chief Marian Johnson at the Burns Day Celebrations looking well.

To Mrs Jessie Gordon, Pipers Greg Gordon and Ian Carr and their respective families we extend our deepest sympathy on the recent passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Mr Eric Gordon, an Honorary Life Member of the RCS, a former Member of Council and a long time supporter of both the Society and Pipe Band Association.

Deepest sympathy is also extended to Director Trevor Kossatz and his family on the recent passing of his mother.

To Geoff Holden and wife Barbara congratulations go on the birth of their grand daughter Rebecca Louise, a sister for Micheal and a daughter for Stephen and Lyn of Naracoorte.

Roselee Kossatz Editor

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## LEARN SCOTTISH GAELIC

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Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced All welcome

### Term 1, 1995

The day	Every Wednesday
The place	5, Fisher Terrace, Glenelg North
The time	8 - 9.30pm
Starting	February 8th
Ending	March 29th
The cost	\$25

If you are interested and want to know more, please ring Finella Topping on 376 2035.

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## CLAN DONALD

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The inaugural meeting of the Clan Donald Society to be held at St Andrews Hospital on 12th February at 2pm. For details please contact Mr Donald Donald Ph: 382 4827

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## MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

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For the past years the system has been to issue a different membership number each year. As from 1st January 1995, all members will be issued with a permanent number. This number appears on the address above your name on this Newsletter. Please retain this number for easy reference for future use should it be required.

B. Medhurst, Secretary, A. Nicoll Memberships

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## OFFICERS 1994/1995

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Chief	J.C. McFarlane
Imm. Past Chief	W.H. Paterson
Past Chiefs	M.C. Johnson G. Greig D.N. Richards R. Layton D.M. Williams
Senior Chieftain	A. Calver
Junior Chieftain	B.M. Medhurst
Secretary	J.H. Powell
Treasurer	A. Nicoll
Asst. Sec/Treas.	T. Kossatz
Other Directors	C. Minney A. Miller J.L. Pawson B. Erskine J. Matthews (co-opted)
Public Officer	J.C. McFarlane
Chief's Standard Bearer	A. Nicoll
Bairns Directors	A. Calver C. Minney H. Sayers
Bairns Instructress	A. Nicoll
Membership Director	The Secretary ex-officio
Sub-Cttes	L. Pawson J. Powell
Social Committee	I. McFarlane R. Calver W. Paterson B. Medhurst W. Paterson D. Williams B. Erskine J. Matthews A. Calver A. Nicoll
Fundraising/Publicity Ctte	R. Kossatz J.C. McFarlane R. Modra J.C. McFarlane The Chief W.H. Paterson
Newsletter Editor	A. Walters
Sunday & Wed. Dances	M. Morgan
Barman	D. Williams
Bar Manager Licencee	R. McGregor
Reps. to P & D Band	D. Williams
Pipes & Drums	
Manager	W.H. Paterson
Secretary	A. Miller
Equipment	M.C. Johnson
Pipe Major	J.L. Pawson (acting)
Kilt Hire	M.C. Johnson
Delegates	J.H. Powell (acting)
Scottish Association	A. Calver J. Minney M. Minney
Commonwealth Society	Proxy T. Kossatz Proxy I. McFarlane
Burns Society	J.C. McFarlane, W.H. Paterson
S/Ctte Highland Dancing	
Rep. Scotch College	

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## FROM THE SECRETARY

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### CONSTITUTION

The Society's Constitution has recently been re-written and registered with the Office of Business and Corporate Affairs. In accordance with Rule 15 (1) of the Constitution members may inspect a copy at the Secretary's Office on a Wednesday. Should any member wish to purchase a copy of the Constitution they may do so at a cost of \$5.00 per copy.

### INTERPRETATION OF CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Over the past years certain anomalies have crept in which are not Constitutional. The Council has now clarified the position and the following is the correct Category and Subscription applicable.

**Life Membership** which may be purchased at the Constitutional rate of calculation. For the current year the Life Membership subscription is \$700.00.

**Corporate Membership** available to those of Scottish birth and/or descendant of Scottish born persons and who are over the age of 18 years. Full voting rights are applicable. Corporate members may nominate for a position on the Council. This also applies to Life Corporate Members. Full subscription rates apply and for the current year it is \$35.00.

**Associate Membership** available to any person over the age of 18 years who is interested in Scottish culture and heritage. No voting rights. Associate members may not nominate for a position on the Council. Subscription for the current year is \$25.00.

**Student Membership** available to a person under the age of 18 years and who is a child of a Corporate member or a Life Corporate member or an Honorary Life member. No voting rights. Current year subscription is \$25.00.

Please note that there is definitely no provision in our Constitution for any other form of concessional rates.

Should you have any query or would like to discuss this matter further please contact the Secretary, Mrs Barbara Medhurst, or the Assistant to the Secretary, Director Arthur Nicoll, at the Society's office on a Wednesday.

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## ANECDOTE

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Says a young Sassenach to oldish me, "How do you keep so well, Margaret?"

I instantly reply, "It's my good Scottish stock."

"Oh," he thoughtfully responds, "Were you brought up on that?"

and a quote from Robert Burns' *"To a Haggis"*

*"Poor devil, see him owre his trash,*

*As feckless as a withered rash,*

*His spindle shank a guid whip-lash,*

*His nieve a nit:*

*Thro' bloody flood or field to dash,*

*O how unfit!*

*But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed -"*

Margaret Minney

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## BAIRNS NEWS

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The Bairns' class ended 1994 with a very pleasant musical evening with the carols night, which consisted of individual solo items from instrumentally musical Bairns, choral items from vocally musical Bairns, and community singing by the mums and dads, and others who participated. A story was delightfully read by two senior Bairns Fiona and Gillian. There were candles with lights out and of course Father Christmas.

A reel of 4 Bairns provided entertainment at the Society's Hogmanay. Most recently the Bairns' class has again entertained the Greek Orthodox Community, in celebration of its 'Blessing of the Waters' at Henley Square on 8th January.

Bairns Class resumes on 3rd February from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Beginners come at 7 pm, seniors may stay after 9.30pm. It will be held every Friday that is a public school day. It will cost \$50 a year, or \$36 for members, or can be paid at \$15 each school term or \$12 for members. Seniors pay ½ price. We look forward to seeing old and new members on 3rd February.

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## BAIRNS' COMPETITION RESULTS

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Those Bairns who competed successfully at the 'Skye' competition held on the 15th January were:

Michelle Calver: (open Premier 12u16), 2nd Lilt, 3rd Blue Bonnets, 3rd s.Hornpipe, 3rd Jig, 3rd Fling.

Louisa Young: (Open Premier 12u16), H.M. Lilt, H.M. Blue Bonnets, 3rd Sean Truibhas, H.M. Barracks Johnnie, H.M. Fling.

Adele Kirby: (intermedia 12u16), won Aggregate, 1st Flora, 1st Lilt, 2nd Jig, 2nd Laddie, 2nd Sean Truibhas, 2nd Fling.

Tomais Byrt: (Intermediate u12), H.M. Lilt, 1st Jig, H.M. S. Hornpipe.

Natalie Jolly: (Intermediate u12), 2nd Flora, 1st Lilt, H.M. Laddie, H.M. Barracks Johnnie, 3rd Sean Truibhas.

Tania Bassett: (Intermediate u12), 3rd Sword Dance, H.M. Sean Truibhas, 3rd Lilt.

Kylie Bassett: (Intermediate u12), H.M. Lilt, H.M. Laddie.

Melanie Taylor (Intermediate u12), runner up Aggregate, 3rd Lilt, H.M. Jig, H.M. S. Hornpipe, 2nd Laddie, H.M. Barracks Johnnie, H.M. Fling, 1st Sean Truibhas.

Deborah Knox: (Intermediate u12), wond Aggregate, 2nd Lilt, 1st Flora, 3rd Laddie, 2nd Barracks Johnnie, 2nd Fling H.M. Sean Truibhas, 2nd S. Hornpipe, 2nd Jig.

Amy Miller: (Beginners 9 & u12) won Aggregate 1st Sword, 1 Highland Fling, HM Seann Truibhas & Lilt.

Samantha Bassett (Babies 6yrs) 3rd Fling, HM Pas de Basque, HM Pas de Basque and Highcuts.

HM = Honorable Mention

Carolyn Minney and Anne Calver, Bairns Directors  
and Instructress Mrs. Heather Sayers

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