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A WORD FROM OUR WORTHY CHIEF

Some 150 members and friends attended a very active Hogmanay and the old year was seen out and the new year in in traditional style.

The work done by Chris Cockerill, Social Director, ably assisted by a number of helpers made the night the success it was.

I was pleased to represent the Society and place a loral tribute during the 200 year celebrations for Robert Burns at the statue on North Terrace.

As is traditional we offer our hall to the Robert Burns Society of S.A. for a Ceilidh after the ceremony at the Statue, and this year I am pleased to report we ran out of chairs in the hall so over 200 members and friends of all associations enjoyed meeting and mixing in our hall. Why not make a date for next year in your diary now?

As I assisted in the preparation of report on Special General Meeting, I commend it to you, and the good news that the Hall will not be sold. The "momentum" that is present to do something positive in retaining our hall was uplifting so let us keep the feeling going. Thank you to those who have already made a donation to this worthwhile and special fund.

Representing the Society is always a pleasure for Robin and myself and since the last newsletter have attended a memorial service to the late Lance Milne; Australia Day service at Carl Linger memorial in West Terrace Cemetery; Pt Adelaide Caledonian Society Burns night (great to have a table of our members present) and Mt Barker Highland gathering (35th year).

Welcome to new and old Bairns who attend the Friday night Bairns class. The sausage sizzle in the South Parklands was a huge success (over 50 present) and in conjunction with a 'Fling a Thon' on 23rd March starting at 2pm another "sizzle" will be held. I get a lot of fun cooking for hungry, appreciative members, bairns and friends of the Society.

Good health to you all,

As Aye

Lennox Pawson JP

Chief

RESIGNATION OF SENIOR CHIEFTAIN

It was with regret that Council received a letter of resignation from Doug Williams as Senior Chieftain and Member of Council.

We should all appreciate the fund raising activities Doug has been involved with for the benefit of the Society and Pipe Band over many years. Doug's artistic and generous talents can be seen in the Hall and Clubrooms – the pictures, crests, flags and drapes; whilst one can only imagine the hours spent in the sewing and repairs of uniforms for the Pipes and Drums and hiring out kilts to the public as their Quarter-master.

Thank you Doug on behalf of everyone, and best wishes for the future.

Chief Lennox Pawson

REPORT ON SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 9/2/96 Re Our Hall

The Clubroom was nearly filled to capacity, which was an encouraging sign that members were interested and concerned about the Society's future, in particular the matter of whether the hall should be put on the market for sale or not.

The Chief's report covered the increased hiring of the hall to outside bodies, including line dancers, malt whisky clubs, trading cards, etc. as well as increased hiring from the existing hirers; improved results appearing in the Treasurer's report.

"City South" an organisation especially formed to promote and improve activity in this part of the city have helped get assistance for paint from Dulux Paints and a colour scheme from Adelaide City Council's Urban Design Consultants, Hassells. This is on view in the foyer for comment. Application for a grant for \$15,000 was lodged with A.C.C. for repairs and painting of the building. Decision expected late June 1996.

Treasurer's report started to show improvement in our financial position concerning loan repayments on building but no improvement on Unit Trust loan.

Ian Fleetwood, Secretary of The Caledonian Mortgage Trust spoke at length on the benefits the Society had enjoyed from the unit trust; that members would be prepared to extend life of trust beyond the 1998 deadline

with interest consideration lower than bank interest. This information must have helped members to vote against the subsequent motion as tabled and **THE HALL WILL NOT BE SOLD.**

A "clearing of the air" regarding relationships between Society and Pipe Band augers well for the future.

The Chief made a suggestion for fundraising which caught the imagination of members and resulted in some \$140 being collected on the night.

The suggestion was for all Scots/Decendents in South Australia to donate \$1.00 to the building fund and if this happened some \$250,000 would well and truly improve our financial position. Steps are being taken to have a barometer and collection box placed in the foyer to encourage donations of \$1.00 towards paying off the building loan.

Members met after the meeting in the main hall to enjoy light refreshments and supper.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Those present at the recent Special Meeting of the Society will remember Chief Lennox Pawson saying that if every Scot in South Australia gave just \$1 our debt would be cleaned up in no time.

Soon after that, two of the speakers mentioned the Burra and this sparked off a part of South Australian history very dear to me.

My grandfather, C.A. Wittber, was head teacher at the Burra School in 1886. He was a great advocate of thrift among children and, with the approval of the Savings Bank of South Australia began the Penny Bank at the Burra School.

By 1908 C.A. Wittber was Head Teacher at Gilles Street School in Adelaide and on 13th May 1908 the Penny Bank was started there.

By 30th June 1917 on his retirement, 1459 accounts had been opened during those 9 years totalling an amount of £1,827.00 (collected in pence) and the number of separate deposits had reached a total of 43,463!

I guess many of the readers remember having a Penny Bank A/c at school. My grandfather made sure I had one!

Reg Laught, Linden Park

Our thanks to Reg Laught for this piece of history.

Maybe we can rally all the Scots in South Australia to donate \$1 each and solve the solvency problems of the Society as the children of South Australia saved the State's solvency problems in 1886.

Give it some thought.

Roselee Kossatz Editor

NEW MEMBERS

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

Ms Glenys S. McIvor	Associate
Mrs Dorothy Kotz, M.P., J.P.	Corporate
Mr Nicholas Mack Cuthberton	Corporate

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Members are reminded that Council nominations close 30th June, and whilst that date is some time away it is not too early to start considering nominations.

Traditionally ½ of the Directors retire; can renominate if they so desire; new nominations are most welcome, so if you think you can assist in the management of the Society please consider nominations.

The Savings Bank of South Australia.

Adelaide, 23rd June, 1917.

C. A. Wittber, Esq.

The School, Gilles Street,

Dear Sir,

On the eve of your retirement from your scholastic duties I cannot refrain from expressing the deep obligation this Bank and all wellwishers of the young people owe to you for the zeal you have shown in trying to inculcate the principles of thrift in the minds of the young people who have come under your care. The results have been most gratifying. 1459 accounts have been opened during the nine years of the Gilles Street School Penny Bank's existence, £1,827 has been collected in pence, and the number of separate deposits has reached a total of 43,463.

Thanking you personally for the great interest you have taken in this matter and assuring you that the benefits you have conferred upon the rising generation and the State cannot be overestimated,

*I am, Yours sincerely,
W. B. Poole, Manager.*

Dear Mr. Wittber,

I cannot refrain from adding to the Manager's letter my own meed of appreciation of the good work you have done in connection with the Penny Bank department at Gilles Street School. When we first discussed the matter together we little imagined what a great tree the little seed would bring forth. The figures given in the Manager's letter speak eloquently of the work done, but I am sure that even much more fruit will come to perfection in the days that are to be as the result of the thrift principles you have instilled in your scholars.

Trusting you may be long spared to enjoy the rest you deserve,

*I am, Yours very faithfully,
F. M. Kuddie.*

BAIRNS REPORT

Looks like we are off to a great year. Lots of new faces, which is very encouraging to keep our culture alive.

An average of 30 bairns and it's great to see some of our older ones giving Mrs Hann a helping hand, excuse the pun. My thanks to our Worthy Chief Lennox Pawson, Ann and Wally Wickham and all others who helped at the Sausage Sizzle last week - a great success.

Mrs Hann has a Dance-a-Thon being organised for the 23rd March. All proceeds will be going to the Champion of Champions so if you would like to support our dancers contact me on 261 4186 and I will organise this for you.

Dancers who competed at Mt Barker Highland Games all did very well. Well done girls and boys.

Bairns Directors Ann Calver and Carolyn Minney

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

The S.A. State Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. will conduct the bi-annual Champion of Championship at the Velodrome, Gepps Cross on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th April (Easter weekend). Spectators very welcome. Nominal admission fee, refreshments, etc. available. Start 9 a.m. Good Luck to all contestants!

PIPES AND DRUMS REPORT - IAIN CARR

Band members returned to practices in early January to hear of the sudden and untimely resignation of our drum sergeant Rob Boundy. Through reshuffling and scheduling we have managed to overcome the immediate difficulties and are actively working to establish a complete drum corp for the future.

The band was pleased to have played at the Sensational Adelaide International Tattoo on a number of occasions, having earned the privilege of performing individually as a prelude to the rest of the evenings entertainment.

At the special general meeting held in early February a number of band members were present as issues concerning the band were scheduled to be discussed. The band was pleased to resolve all misconceptions amicably, all relationships being clearly defined.

Regarding contests, we are looking forward to attending the three miniature band competitions scheduled for later in the year.

The Pipes and Drums of the Royal Caledonian Society of SA are aiming for improvement this year through addition of pipers and drummers as well as capitalising upon the experience of existing band members.

MEMBERS TRAVELLING

June and Arthur Laws will be travelling overseas for the next 4 months. Arthur will visit the family in New Zealand before he and June cruise in the Greek Islands, including Samos, Ephesus where they will visit the ruins of an ancient civilisation based on the cult of the goddess Artemis. Other islands and Rhones, Lindof, Santorini and on the Crete. At Crete they will explore the ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Next they will go to Avignon in the south of France and will visit the artist Monet's garden.

Scotland could not be left out and indeed they will visit relatives and friends there before returning via Bangkok to Australia.

Bon voyage!

M.R. Burns

BON VOYAGE & OTHER NEWS

The tropical paradise of Norfolk Island was selected for a holiday by member **Geoff Holden** and wife **Barbara** along with friends John and Nora Slape. As a 'keep fit' present for his recent 60th birthday a useful back pack was given to Geoff to carry the 'water of life' around the Island.

Director Ann Wickham and husband **Wally**, will be missing from the Wednesday night dances and Malt Whisky nights for 2 months as they depart April for a European Tour.

Our Chief and wife **Robin** will also be away for 7 weeks; 6 in Europe and 1 with relatives in Scotland.

Also missing from his 'post' behind the bar for a short time will be **Ron Modra**, who is heading off overseas also - to Papua New Guinea for a holiday.

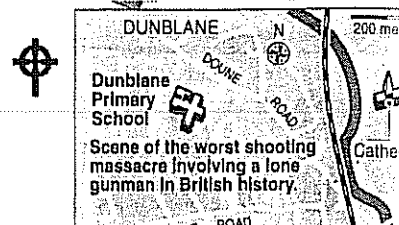
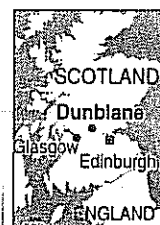
Director Arthur Nicoll is on the mend after an operation.

Roselee - Editor

VALE - MADGE MCDONALD

Our thoughts are with **Robin Pawson**, wife of our Chief, following the death of her Mother, **Madge McDonald** on 3rd March at Fullarton Lutheran Nursing Home aged 87 years.

Mrs McDonald used to bring her daughters **Pat** and **Robin** and son **Allan** to the Bairns Class in the '40s and '50s.



SGIAN DUBH (BLACK KNIFE)

As a weapon the 'SGIAN DUBH' is young, historically, when compared to the claymore, lochaber axe, broad sword or dirk. It was a concealed weapon carried by Highlanders during the ban on weapons imposed by the Hanoverian Government throughout Scotland after the Jacobite Rebellion in 1745. The original hiding place was under the arm or in other parts of the body where the Sgian Dubh could not easily be detected.

The hilt and scabbard were made from dark coloured woods and leather, hence the name 'Black Knife'. After the ban on weapons (and Highland dress) had been lifted in 1782, the sgian dubh became popular, being worn mainly in the stocking, right or left side according to the individual's preference. The Highland Regiments which were formed from 1739 (H.R.H. Regiment The Black Watch) onwards, to control the Highlands, also adopted the Sgian Dubh as part of their regimental dress.

This is still done up to the present day.

BURNS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

'Burns in South Australia

1996 marks the 200th anniversary of the death of Robbie Burns. His 100th anniversary gained considerable press coverage in the 60 year old colony and in the decades to follow. There were a number of reasons for this including the fact that his poems were widely read at the time by the broader cross-section of the community and that there were a number of direct descendants living here.

James Glencairn Burns was the second youngest son of the poet, born at Dumfries on 12th August, 1794. He had several children, only one of whom married and had children. Sarah Burns, who was brought up by her grandmother 'Bonnie Jean', married a Dr B.W. Hutchinson and came to Australia. She had one son and three daughters. Dr Hutchinson practiced in three colonies including South Australia (Gawler).

After Dr Hutchinson died, his wife returned to Cheltenham in England where she lived for the rest of her life. Annie Vincent Burns Hutchinson, born in Warrnambool, on 15th July, 1854, was the only child to remain in Australia. She married James Scott, a vigneron, and lived most of her married life at Largs, dying in the 1930s. Annie was a guest at the unveiling of the Burns statue on North Terrace.

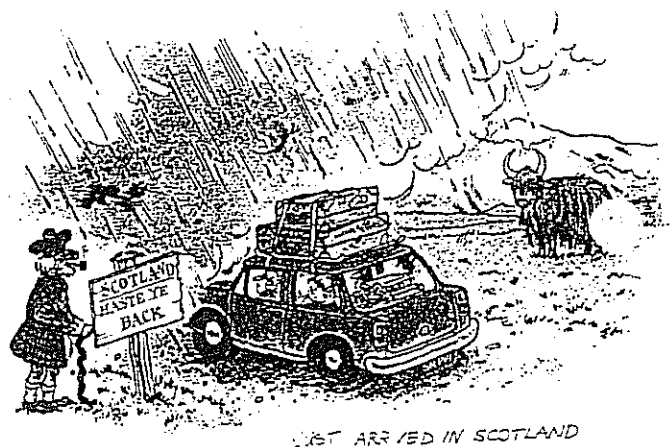
The second descendant was a Mrs Elizabeth Burns Thompson McLellan (1832-1899). She was the daughter

of Robert Burns' child (Elizabeth) to Anna Park. Elizabeth was entirely brought up in the home of Burn's wife. Mrs McLellan arrived in South Australia in 1883 and lived in Hampton Street, Goodwood. She was also an invited guest at the unveiling of the statue. When she died she left five sons, four daughters and eight grandchildren. This placed South Australia in a somewhat unique situation as by the 20th century there were few direct descendants of Burns alive, most of the lines having ceased. The McLellans were active in the Scottish community in this State with one, John McLellan, being director of the renowned Goodwood Scottish Choir.'

To my knowledge, writes Ron Layton, past Chief of the Royal Caledonian Society, there are no Burns descendants left in Scotland and few in the USA (where a Hutchinson son migrated). This leaves the SA group as the most significant body. I have lost contact with members of this family but I am sure they are still around.

Ron Layton, Crafers

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any descendants of the above mentioned people the Society would be interested in hearing from them. Names etc. can be passed on to me via Roselee - Editor Ph 262 4608.



LADIES

For those precious moments of personal relaxation, turn the pages of *New Woman*, especially February 1996 issue, which has articles for you to enjoy and to make you think e.g. Stephanie Dowrick's article "Criticism: can you take it?" (Stephanie Dowrick can also be heard on Radio National's Life Matters program). The journal issue has been available from January 1996.

M.R. Burns, Director, Librarian, Historian

SOCIAL PROGRAMME 1995/1996

60/40 DANCES

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHTS

MARCH

Fri. 29th **BAIRNS EASTER PARADE** 7.30pm
Basket supper

APRIL

6th, 7th Champion of Champions Highland Dancing at Velodrome, Gepps Cross. A large number of current and former Bairns will be competing in these competitions so come along and show them your support

Fri. 12th **BAIRNS CLASS** End Term 1

Thur 25th ANZAC MARCH

Breakfast in Hall for the Pipe Band and Society Members. Time: approx. 7am. If enough interest is shown lunch will be served in the hall. All welcome

Sat 27th **ANZAC DANCE** Make up a party, come along and help us celebrate Anzac Day with live music by "P.K's Band. Lucky spot. Floor show by Bairns. Admission \$8 adult. Basket Supper. 8pm start

MAY

Fri. 3rd **BAIRNS CLASS** Term 2

Sat 25th **QUIZ NIGHT** Brush up on your general and not so general knowledge for this fun night. Make up a table of up to 10 people and come along and beat the Quiz Master. We do ask that you please book your tables for this event as soon as possible to avoid disappointment at not getting a seat. Admission \$5 adult, \$2 children. Basket supper. 8pm start.

n 26th **RCS HIGHLAND DANCING COMPETITION. JOHN OGG TROPHY**

JUNE

Sat. 29th **BURNS SUPPER** Further details to follow.

JULY

Fri 5th **BAIRNS CLASS** End Term 2

Sun 7th **TARTAN SUNDAY**, St. Andrew's Church North Adelaide

Sat 13th **Scottish Accessories Ball**

Fri 26th **BAIRNS CLASS** Term 3

Sat 27th **MUSIC HALL SHOW** \$10 Basket Supper.

AUGUST

Sat 24th **GRAND HIGHLAND BALL** 8pm
Redlegs Club. Further details to follow.
Joint fundraising venture for Society and Pipe Band

Fri 30th **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
7.30pm Basket Supper
Please note change of date.

SEPTEMBER

Sat 28th **SQUARE DANCE** \$5 Basket Supper

OCTOBER

Fri 11th **MALT WHISKY TASTING**

Fri. 18th **BAIRNS CLASS** Term 4

Fri 25th **HALLOWEEN**

NOVEMBER

Sat 2nd **JOHN MARTIN'S PAGEANT**
Breakfast and lunch

Fri. 15th **BAIRNS PRESENTATION NIGHT**

Sat 30th **ST. ANDREW'S DAY SUPPER DANCE**

DECEMBER

Sun 1st **St Andrew's Church Service**

Tues 31st **HOGMANAY**

BURNS NIGHT

Port Adelaide and Mount Barker Caledonian Societies combined on Friday 3rd February 1996 to conduct a wonderful Burns Night.

This occasion was attended by Chiefs and members of the Royal Caledonian Society, Port Adelaide, Mount Barker, Salisbury, Yorke Peninsula, Munno Para Caledonian Societies and Present and members of the Robert Burns Society of South Australia.

The Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Choir sang Scottish songs brightly, under the direction of Margaret Neilson.

At this Burns night, Mrs Jill Morutto of the Clan Campbell Society was accepted as a member of the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society and introduced to the assembled audience.

The Immortal Memory

The Immortal Memory was in an unusual format. Shadow photography of characters mentioned was shown as Burns poems were read, concluding with Burns addressing a red rose. Burns songs were sung throughout this performance. These included:- *Go fetch to me a pint o' wine, My love is like a red red rose, O Willie brew'd a peck o'maut, Whistle and I'll come to you my lad* and *Coming through the rye*.

Singers and cast were: Sam Cunningham, Andrew McTier, Dr Gordon Greig, Jock Greig, Lorraine Scott, Bette Beaton, Jeanette Drake, Sharon Chapman, P.A.C.S. Choir, Alex Neilson, Mollie Dougherty, Marion Cunningham and Norm Collins.

The Toast to the Lassies was proposed by Drum-Major Murray Montgomery. The response to this toast by Chief Lorraine Scott.

Scottish songs were sung by Sam Cunningham. The Mount Barker Caledonian Society Pipes and Drums paraded and played for us. Highland dancer Fiona Adam danced for us. As the hall was packed full of Scottish diners, there was little room for dancing, however a Grand Parade and Strip the Willow were squeezed in.

Haggis was served to all present with due traditional ceremony. This was followed by tea and coffee and Ferrero Rocher chocolate hazelnut cream balls.

The evening ended with the traditional singing, by all present, of *Auld Lang Syne*.

M.R. Burns

GOLD NAME BADGES

By now you may have seen a few members wearing a very attractive, easy to read personal name badge. This badge proudly identifies you as a member of the Society and assists in getting to know the names of members. Contact the Secretary, Barbara Medhurst or Chief Lennox Pawson. Cost is \$10.00

BOTTLE DRIVE

As a fundraiser, which will be put aside to buy paint for the repainting of the building, Council Members will call and collect your empty cans and bottles.

So don't put them out with the "wheelie bin", telephone the office and leave your name and address for collection of cans and bottles.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Newsletter articles can be left in the mail slot by the front doors, or tell the Editor, Members of Council, the Secretary, Treasurer or leave on the notice board.

The *Caledonian* is a quarterly newsletter. All financial members of the R.C.S. receive a FREE copy posted to their home address.

ADVERTISING IN THE CALEDONIAN

Rates are very reasonable. Circulation 250 copies.

\$50 per issue for A4 full page
\$30 " " " A4 half page
\$20 " " " A4 quarter page
\$10 " " " small line ads (up to 6 lines)

FOIL TRANSFERS FOR CARS, ETC.

Be a proud member of the Society and affix one of our new transfers to your car window. Let the wider community see us. These are available from the shop (Janine - Coverbind Services) or from the Secretary's office on a Wednesday. Cost \$3.00

WHAT'S IN A NAME? LENNOX and MacFARLANE

Lennox - The title of Earl of Lennox is a very ancient one. The Stewarts, in whose Family the Earldom lay, were descended from Alan, 2nd son of Sir John Stewart of Bonkill, son of the 4th High Stewart of Scotland. Sir John fell fighting with Wallace at the Battle of Falkirk.

The line continued to Lord Darnley: Henry Stewart, husband of Mary, Queen of Scots, who was Earl of Lennox. On his death, the Earldom came to the Crown. It was revived for his uncle, Darnley's brother, then for his great uncle, and again for Esmé Stuart, Lord of d'Aubigny, by King James VI, as male heirs failed. It lapsed again until the time of Charles II, who bestowed it upon an illegitimate son, from whom descends the present Duke of Richmond and Gordon and Lennox.

The Lennox tartan is now looked upon rather as a district than a family one.

MacFarlane - The MacFarlanes, who held lands on Loch Lomond-side are descended from Gilchrist, brother of a 13th century Earl of Lennox, from whose grandson, Parlan, the Clan takes its name. The MacFarlanes eventually claimed the Earldom of Lennox for themselves, but the consequent feud with the main family ceased when, during the 15th century, a MacFarlane cadet married the daughter of the then Earl.

In the 17th century, the Clan was landless and proscribed so that many of them scattered to other parts of Scotland. They had been guilty of much bloodshed and when they slew Colquhoun, Laird of Luss, they were declared rebels at law. For all that they fought under Montrose, and at Bothwell Bridge.

Their warcry, "Loch Sloy", is taken from the small loch under the shadow of Ben Vorlich, now

Marjorie Ruth Burns

BEQUESTS AND WILLS

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.



Red Cross volunteers Naomi Johnson and Carolyn Minney

ST. ANDREW SAID TO ST. PETER

Truly the Lord has been good to the Scots. He has given them North Sea gas, wonderful scenery and a strange way of speaking. St. Peter said to St. Andrew: Has He perhaps given them too much? St. Andrew said to St. Peter Perhaps He may have, but wait until you see who they have been given as neighbours! *(With apologies to all born south of the border).*

OUR FRONT STEPS ARE PAINTED WHITE

A special mention must be made of the sterling efforts of our Chief in improving the safety and appearance of the entrance to the Hall by painting the steps white.

From all of us to you - *Thank you.*

KINDRED SOCIETY NOTICE

The Strathalbyn Caledonian Society

1996 Ceilidh

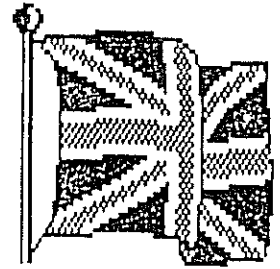
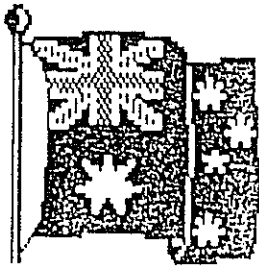
Saturday May 25th

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Agricultural Hall

Strathalbyn Showgrounds, Coronation Road

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NOT BE SOLD*



Royal Caledonian Soc.

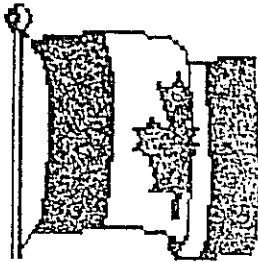
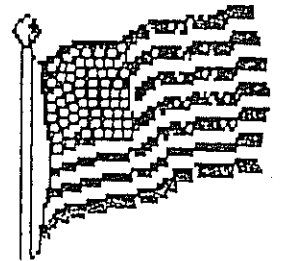
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ANZAC DANCE



SAT 27TH APRIL

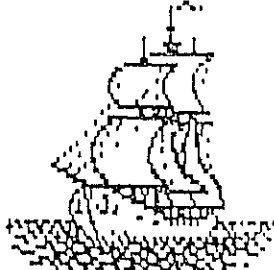
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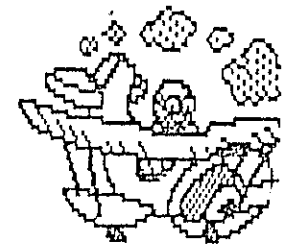
Live Band: PK's



Basket Supper



Lucky Spot, Prizes
Bar Facilities, Tea, Coffee



Tickets: \$8.00

379 King William St, Adelaide

