



THE CALEDONIAN



The Society's 2008 St Andrew's celebration was held at the Fullarton Centre on December 6th.

This year we were very fortunate in having His Excellency the Governor of South Australia, Kevin Scarce and his lovely wife, Liz, to share in our celebrations.

Left: His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Scarce speaking with Chief Anne Miller. Far Left is Director Malcolm Orchard, to the right of the Chief are Margaret & Dalgleish Harkness who were representing Pt Adelaide Caledonian Society.

Below Left: Mrs Scarce is presented with flowers by Thomas Roberts.

Below Right: Adam Gifford is presented with his badge as Chief's Banner Bearer from long serving Banner Bearer Tom Hunter.



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His Excellency Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR Governor of S.A.





CHIEF'S REPORT

We are well into 2009 now, but I extend New Year greetings. May it be good for you and the society.

2008 closed on a high note with **St. Andrew's Day** celebrations in the presence of our **Patron, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce**, Governor of South Australia, (to whom we presented a Patron's Badge and Society Tie), and **Mrs. Scarce**. They expressed their pleasure in being present on this special occasion.

Our new Directors **Mrs. Roselee Bruce**, **Mr. Malcolm Orchard**, new Banner Bearer **Mr. Adam Gifford**, Asst. Banner Bearer **Mr. Brian Spencer**, and Chief's Piper **Mr. Hamy Marcelin** were presented with Badges of Office, as was **Mr. Steve Schumacher**, who missed last year due to illness. Former Banner Bearer, **Mr. Tom Hunter** entrusted our Banner into the care of **Mr. Adam Gifford**.

In recognition of long years of dedicated service to the society, **Honorary Life Memberships** were presented to **Mesdames Isabella Grieg** and **Margaret Minney**.

Our **Pipes and Drums** stirred our hearts. The loyalty of **Drum Major Kym Atwell** for directing the Band on his wedding Anniversary was greatly appreciated

I commend our **Social Committee, Council and other helpers** for their contribution before, during and after the evening to make it special for everyone. Time and effort were willingly given. I heard glowing reports from several people, without connection to our society, and who were not present. It makes one proud.

St. Andrew's Day service at St. Andrew's Church was a joyful time. Chief's Piper, **Mr. Hamy Marcelin** led the procession of Banners, Societies and Clans. Our beautiful Banner, about which I received many compliments, was seen to great advantage as we processed in. It makes us proud to follow it. I read the lesson and gave greetings from our society, followed by the Chiefs and Presidents of other groups. Our Hon. Chaplin, **Rev Chris ten Broeke**, directed us during this happy service. **Luncheon** was served in the hall where we met and talked with our ain folk.

Seymour College St. Andrew's Day visit was made by **Mrs. Robin Pawson**: **Scotch College Reception** by **PC Pawson**: **Scotch College Speech Day** attended by both.

Due to heavy rain, the **Dance Class** concluded its year with a party in the hall where they practice weekly. Much merriment was had. **Father Christmas** attended.

Scottish Banner donated raffle prizes of one year Subscriptions to both **St. Andrew's Night** and **Robert Burns' Supper**. Copies of The Banner also came. Do look on the **Scottish Banner Website**. Our 2009 events are listed in full.

With the health and wellbeing of our members in mind, after a week of excessive heat in the mid 40s, we regretfully cancelled the following:- (1) **Burns Supper** - due to a malfunction of the airconditioning in the hall. This will be rescheduled. (2) **Dance Class** opening night. It is functioning again now.

At the very hot **Australia Day Memorial Ceremony** for **Carl Linger**, (Song of Australia), I was accompanied by **Director Malcolm Orchard**, and **PC Lennox Pawson**.

The world is now celebrating the **250th. Anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns**. This, too, is the **Year of Homecoming 2009**,

with the greatest rallying of the Clans in history. Read about it in the **Scottish Banner** or on the internet under 'Homecoming 2009'. The march along the Royal Mile will be televised. Like **Robert Burns Anniversary**, it will continue all year until **St. Andrew's Day**. Our **Pipes and Drums** were, and are, busy. They played in **Australia Day March**, **Mt. Barker Gathering**. They will play in **Anzac March**, go to **Sydney** in 2 years' time, **Scotland** in 3, and to **Basle, Switzerland** in 2011. We are proud of them and wish them well in all things.

We have nothing further to present re Scotch College, but when we do we shall inform you. Please note the many and varied events in our **Social Calendar**. I urge you to come and join with us. **Fellowship and family** are important, and as members of **RCS we are all family**. Do come, meet and extend the hand of fellowship to our **new members** as well as those of long standing, and enjoy whatever is scheduled for that day. **We will be delighted to bid you welcome**.

Your Chief

Between Ourselves:-

Best wishes for recovery to: Director Grant Andrews and Banner Bearer Adam Gifford who had operations recently. Both have several more to come.

Best wishes to Eunice Porteous who has recently been hospitalised and also to **PC Ann Calver** who has had back problems.

Best wishes also to **Bev and Trevor Hawthorn** on their move to **Tweed Heads, N.S.W.** and also to **Helen and Bob Fawcett** who have moved to **Leabrook Place, Tasmore Terrace, Leabrook**.

Heather and Alex McLachlan attended their son **Craig's** wedding in **W.A.** in **November** and then toured **W.A.** for 3 weeks.

The Family Dance Class welcomes **Lola and Ruby Wohar**, the grandchildren of **Lyn Hann** who was our **Bairns** instructress some years ago.

Congratulations to :-

Director Malcolm Orchard for an Award for Long Volunteer Service to **Rats of Tobruk Association**.

Past Chief Lennox Pawson for 50 years membership of **Mason's Lodge**;

Director Steve Schumacher - Vice President of **Sturt Football Club**

Nadia Kossatz (former bairn) & husband **Bradley Rowberry** have returned home after 5 months back packing around the Northern Hemisphere. They visited **Egypt, Turkey, Gallipoli, and Canada**. They did not get to **Scotland.....**may be another time!!

Tom Hunter & Lennox Pawson received a "newsey" letter from past member **Jimmy Hamilton** of **Cere, Fifeshire**. He recalls the time he fainted prior to delivery the **Address to a Haggis** at a **St Andrews evening**. Gave everyone a fright, but **Jim** is still going at a hearty 96. **God Bless you Jimmy** we still remember this too.



Tom & Ethel Hunter celebrated their **60th Wedding Anniversary** on **28th December 2008**. Pictured at the party they had to celebrate this occasion at their son **Graham's** home in **January**.



Just recently I had a more engaging than usual conversation with someone who asked "so what is this God like you keep going on about?" I could have said "bighearted, breathtakingly beautiful, amazingly wise, surprisingly talkative, wildly infallible, outrageously generous, unbelievably stubborn, abundantly kind, deeply mysterious" and I would have been right

I just said "You know everything good and lovely comes from God, and we see what he is like as we look into the face of Jesus". I was simply echoing a text I preached from the past Sunday "Every good and perfect gift comes from above, from the Father of lights, who does not shift or change like the shadows" James 1:17. Sometimes we are inclined to forget where all the good things come from God is incredibly bighearted, exuberantly generous and undeservedly (on our part), gracious. In every circumstance, he doesn't just give us what we ask for, or even what we need. He gives us more, much more, and in the process, invites us into a deeper relationship with himself. He gives us those things we can't even identify or put into words- He lavishes us with his love and care. He doesn't hold back from the grit and grime of our lives- He gives of himself. He interacts with us in ways we didn't think possible. He speaks to us, he listens to us, sings with us-----even dances over us.

Indeed, our God is bighearted.

In Jesus, God put his whole heart on display for the world to see, Jesus is the greatest of "Every good and perfect gift that comes from above! And what Jesus has done for us .in putting us right with God through his death. is a priceless gift! Remember where all the good things come from!

Blessings
Rev Chris
Society Chaplain

JOURNEY TO A BEAUTIFUL PLACE – Margaret & John Minney's Scottish trip (continued)

It was a contrast to go to **Glasgow** directly from **Skye**. It is not fair to judge a city's jackhammers and graffiti against the pristine magnificence of an island where life is both individually lived and communally caring, where russet brackens on hillsides rise to black shale mountains hidden in clouds at the top, sheep endlessly graze on green, green grass, and cows wander in line towards home at milking time.

Britain's fine Motorway system took us to the heart of Glasgow's Central Business District on a weekday late afternoon, but parking was not easy. That solved, neither was finding our abode for the night. The nice man had to emerge into the soft rain and gleaming cobblestones to rescue two tourists tracking the footpaths with packs on their backs and full sized cases dragged on wheels behind them. The local pub was lively under lights falling on old polished wood and red half-curtains, and it served tender lamb shanks and soft peas with crisp, hot chips while rain beat on the window panes. (continued next column)

Glasgow's museums are magnificent, from the eclectic **Kelvingrove** and the imaginative Transport Museum, to the People's Palace in East Glasgow with its social history displays. We walked for miles along Glasgow's tightly built streets, sometimes got very wet, and found fascinating shops with tempting wares that Malaysian Airlines' 20 kilogram luggage policy precluded us from even considering. First impression comparisons soon melted away.



Culross is a mediaeval town on the Forth River, that was, paradoxically, saved by the 1750 economic downturn when coal and salt no longer brought an income for its monks.

Streets of mediaeval buildings stood separated by narrow, cobbled Wynds, rising up the hill or standing cheek by jowl down flowered lanes to the rail tracks by the waterside.

A merchantman's **1597** house was another wonderment of preservation and re-creation, both inside and out in its tended mediaeval orchard and garden. Residents skittered away once the midday tourists arrived, but it is a fully occupied village inside its fairy-tale shops, houses and public buildings.(picture of windows of 1597 house above)

The crags above high **Kenmore** glittered with fresh, white snow as we pulled in to the eastern reaches of Loch Tay and shivered in the afternoon cold, but the Scottish Crannog Centre there has put together an authentic crannog in the loch, an iron age house of wood and woven thatch on a false island made of rocks and sand or, in this case, the sawn-off tops of trees sunk as pylons into the lake floor. How warm it was inside with animal skins and straw, thinking about being the wife of a peaceful agrarian man with enough clout to build for his family, a cosy fortress from marauding bands of robbers on the shore. I would have been a strong woman, crushing grain between stones for many a long hour, pedalling my lathe to make holes in stone, and spinning sticks for sparks for the household fire, when not weaving warm clothes for my bairns.

Pitlochry in Perthshire is the prettiest village I have seen, and under the verandahs, the main street shops were dry and bright and sold whatever highland goods visitors might have wanted to buy. Later that day I stood hushed by the **Abbey at Arbroath**, so old, so significant - "For as long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule - -." In Aberdeen that night, in fine rain under street lamps in narrow ways, we explored the little village built alongside the harbour by fishermen so long ago, and were amazed by the constant shipping movement and the crowded docks at the head of the bay.



Steve Schumacher was the first bowler on the rink at the Twilight Lawn Bowls which was held at the Sturt Bowling Club at Unley on Friday 27th February. The weather was absolutely beautiful and the members who attended had a lot of fun trying out their skill.

There was a member of the bowling club who instructed us for the first part of the evening. Then a light meal was enjoyed by all, followed by a few friendly games.



Our Royal Caledonian Pipes and Drums in the foyer of the Fullarton Park Centre after their magnificent performance at the St Andrews Celebration on December 6th 2008

Earlier they had formed a guard of honour for His Excellency the Governor of South Australia, Kevin Scarce and his lovely wife, Liz, who shared in our celebrations

ROYAL CALEDONIAN - DATES TO REMEMBER - 2009

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| Fridays from 6 Feb to 3 rd April | Family Dance Classes – very reasonable fee Tusmore Uniting Church Hall, Cnr of Barr Smith and Kennaway Street, Tusmore – 7.00pm - 8.30pm |
| Sunday 5 th April | Afternoon High tea and a film -Rosefield Uniting Church Hall, 2 Carlton St, Highgate 2-5pm (\$5 entry) Plate of food to share |
| Fridays from 1 st May to 26 th June | Family Dance Classes – very reasonable fee Tusmore Uniting Church Hall, Cnr of Barr Smith and Kennaway Street, Tusmore – 7.00pm - 8.30pm |
| Sunday 24 th May | 9 am Highland Dancing Competition, Illingworth Hall, Hampton St South, Goodwood |
| Friday 19 th June 7.30pm | WHISKY NIGHT at P C Lennox Pawson's residence - \$35 per head – book quickly – only 14 places available. Phone 8379 1949 |
| Tues 1 st – Sat 4 th July | Tartan Week – Burnside Library – more details in next edition. |
| Sunday 5 th July –. | 10.30am Kirkin' the Tartan St Andrews Church, Archer Street North Adelaide |
| Saturday 18 th July | Burns Supper – Hall T.B.A. next issue. 7.30 for 8pm BYO Drinks & plate of supper to share. Haggis, Neeps, Tatties served Come and celebrate Robbie Burns 250th birthday \$15 entry |
| Fridays from 24 th July – 18 th September | Family Dance Classes – very reasonable fee Tusmore Uniting Church Hall, Cnr of Barr Smith and Kennaway Street, Tusmore – 7.00pm - 8.30pm |
| Sunday 2 nd August | 2pm Concert at Rosefield Uniting Church, 2 Carlton St, Highgate bring plate of afternoon tea to share \$5 Adults, children free |
| Monday 14 th September | Annual General Meeting – AT Rosefield Uniting Church, 2 Carlton St, Highgate. Plate of supper to share. 7.30pm for 8pm |

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| <h2>Lennox's Loonies</h2> |  |
| An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman were standing looking at a prize cow in a field. The Englishman says "Look at that fine English Cow." The Irishman disagreed, saying "No, it's an Irish cow." The Scotsman thought for a moment and then clinched the argument. "No, it's a Scottish cow – it's got bagpipes underneath. Jock decided to call his father-in-law the "Exorcist" cuz every time he came to visit he made the spirits disappear! Nowadays the Scots do not play bagpipes to frighten their enemies, they do it to annoy their neighbours. Did you hear about the 2 Scottish burglars who were arrested after a smash and grab raid? They were caught when they went back for the brick..... Why wasn't Jesus born in Glasgow? Because God couldn't find three wise men and a virgin. | |

The Gathering Edinburgh 25 & 26 JULY 2009

A celebration of the contribution made by the clans to the culture and history of Scotland.

To hold the greatest clan gathering the world has ever seen.

To stage an international Clan Gathering and Highland Games to celebrate Scotland's rich history and cultural traditions.

- Come home and celebrate your roots
- A unique celebration of Scottish heritage and culture
- A celebration of one of Scotland's greatest traditions
- An opportunity to thank the clan associations and Scottish societies from around the world for their role in keeping these traditions alive.

The Gathering 2009 is one of the signature events of Homecoming Scotland 2009, a year long government initiative aimed at encouraging those with a passion or connection with Scotland to come home.

For many years Scotland has witnessed a decline in the popularity of Highland Games and a near extinction of clan activity.

However, the opposite is true in some countries, especially in North America, where clan membership exceeds 100,000 and over 300 Highland Games and festivals are held annually.

Over the past few years there has been an overall strengthening of national identity within Scotland. This has provided an ideal environment in which to celebrate the contribution that the clans and their descendants have made to maintaining national traditions.

This strengthening will be enhanced by providing an educational component associated with each event within The Gathering 2009 which will encourage people to try out the various disciplines and learn more about them. Additionally there will be an emphasis on youth participation which will be nurtured through school and community group engagement prior to the event.

Clan Parade –Saturday July 25th2009

The Royal Mile is one of the most famous streets in Europe's capital cities. It has witnessed Royal processions, public executions and riots. Every notable figure in Scotland's rich history has walked on this street. This will be the first time that all the clans have paraded from the royal Palace of Holyrood up to the Edinburgh Castle esplanade. A true distance of 1 mile and 107 yards, a climb of 560 feet from the bottom to the top.

The parade will be divided into sections with each section being led by a pipe band. Clans people will parade in alphabetical order and will be preceded by their chiefs and commanders with the clan banners.

Etiquette

In 1822 Sir Walter Scott persuaded most of Scotland's leading figures to wear tartan to celebrate the Royal visit of George IV. He even got the King to wear the kilt!

We would love to emulate this achievement. It is, after all, a parade and pageant, and looking the part is as important as taking part. Remember, it is being filmed and shown around the world!

**The Clan Pageant is a unique 1-day event. It is separate from the Edinburgh Tattoo which in 2009 takes place from 7-29th August)*



Pictured Above: Grand March at St Andrew's Celebration
And members enjoying the entertainment.

Pictured Above: Members watching the dancing display and Isabella Greig, widow of PC Gordon Greig receiving her Hon Life Membership.



Interested in learning the Pipes or Drums?

The Royal Caledonian Society Pipes and Drums are always looking for persons to swell their ranks

Contact — Alf Payne Mob. 0413 319 738

VALE: Eileen Gardener, the wife of the late Past Chief Charles Gardener passed away on January 19th 2009 at Modbury Hospice. Condolences to the families of Robyn, Lyndall & Glyn. Eileen was proud Nan of 7 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Condolences are extended to Director Steve Schumacher and family upon the death of his mother Margaret Heather, who in the 1940's was a highland dancer with Pt Lincoln Caledonian Society. She was a member of the Royal Caledonian Society later in life.

NOTICES: The Chief has been contacted by the supervisor of an elderly couple in a nursing home who asked if any Scots from our Society can visit this couple from Inverness, for friendly chats. If able to assist, please contact the Chief on 8379 2515.

MEMBERS: We would like to know from our members who would like to purchase Cufflinks with the Society Badge. The cost of these would be about \$35 a pair. If you are interested would you kindly contact Past Chief Lennox Pawson on 8379 1949

Te Society has 40 books of tickets in the Australian Central Community Lottery

All the money collected in this lottery comes directly back to the society. Every single dollar. There are only 10 tickets in each book and the tickets are \$2 each. There are some wonderful prizes and Past Chief Lennox Pawson still has books to distribute. If you can help with this please phone him on 8379 1949. In 2007 and 2008 the Society made \$500 each year from this collaboration.

BOOK REVIEW: The Highland Clearances.by Eric Richards

Often described as being one of the most emotive chapters in Scotland's History, the Highland Clearances are looked at here by Eric Richards, an historian who has taught at Scotland's Stirling University.

In interesting detail he traces the origins of the Clearances from the 18th century to their culmination in thecrofting legislation of the 1880s. And in doing so, he answers many questions emanating from the period of the Clearances; for example, what were the Highland Clearances?; what actually happened; were the Highlanders totally evicted?; what was there?; did the Highlanders resist?; were they forced to emigrate?; could it have been different?; what happened to the population of the Highlands?; who or what was to blame? And, of course, were the Clearances really necessary?.

Questions, which Richard notes, that are commonly asked about the Highland Clearances – questions which he says in his Preface, he tries to answer as directly as historical evidence allows. But as he cheerfully says: "Because the clearing of Highlands is one of the most controversial subjects in modern Scotland, my answers will not pass unchallenged".

And as he also notes: "Clearing the Highlands required ejection of the Highlanders from the straths and glens and their replacement by cattle, sheep and deer. In the process the Highlands were transformed and most of the people reduced to the periphery of the region, and its history then became the byword for landlord oppression and desolation. Passions about the Highland Clearances still run deep in Scotland and wherever Scottish expatriates think of their homeland."

Reviewed by Dryades.



Chieftain Ann Wickham and Hon Life Member **Tommy Hunter** at the Cross of Sacrifice on Remembrance Day.

Ann laid a book on behalf of the Society and Tommy laid a wreath on behalf of the Royal Naval Assoc.



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