



THE CALEDONIAN

Massed Bands from February 2010 Sydney Military Tattoo
Royal Caledonian Band is to the left of the picture.



COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary.
Please contact Christina Cockerill either by phone:
8276 4160 (please leave a message)
or email: secretary@rcs.org.au

The Nomination form must be filled out, signed
and seconded by an Hon Life, Life Corporate or a
financial Corporate member and posted to
P O Box 6571, Halifax Street, Adelaide SA 5000

The forms must be received by 30th June 2010

MEMBERS: Cufflinks with the Society Crest \$25 a set.
If you are interested would you kindly contact PC Lennox
Pawson on 8379 1949



SOCIETY TIES –
McGREGOR TARTAN
with Society Crest also
available from the
Secretary - \$25 each

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Patron of the Society:

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





FROM THE CHIEF

The very beautiful season of autumn is fast fading into winter which is a time when exciting things happen. And our Society is no exception. We look forward with pleasure to the **Highland Dance Competitions, the Social Afternoon and High Tea, Lennox's Whisky Night, our Burns Supper, the Winter Concert**, and last but by no means least, **Hamy Marcelin's** conclusion of his Life in the Diplomatic Service. If you were unable to be present at these last year, I urge you to come this year to

experience the warmth and fellowship of our members and the pleasure of the venue.

Fast approaching is the **AGM** and my last few months as your Chief. You will find nomination forms for Chief and Directors enclosed. Please give thought to them and nominate if you would like to take Office or know someone who would. It is an honour and most satisfying to serve our Society in this way.

Sadly, **Grant Andrews** recently resigned from the office of Director of our Society due to the ill health of his wife, **Audrey**. We thank him sincerely for his dedicated work on our behalf.

During the past few months I received invitations to attend **Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Past Chiefs' Night, Strathalbyn Caledonian Society Ceilidh; Victoria League Luncheon, the Lord Mayor's Reception for Commonwealth Day; the Joint Commonwealth Society reception for Commonwealth Day in the presence of His Excellency, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia (our Patron) and Mrs. Scarce: the Lord Mayor's Reception for the Centenary of the Commonwealth Society, as well as his Memorial for Colonel Light at the Statue and also John McDouall Stuart Society AGM.**

At a Dinner in his honour, I met **Sir Neil Cossens**, the British Official for the '**Clipper of Adelaide**' project. He came to inspect the prospective site at Birkenhead, and the plans for displaying the clipper 'City of Adelaide' should it come here. He was impressed and considers Adelaide a most appropriate home for it. **Director Malcolm Orchard** accompanied me all times.

Our **Pipes and Drums** were again to the fore in the March on **Anzac Day**. As always, they were resplendent, sounded wonderful and stirred the heart with pride. The **Band, Drum Major Kim Atwell and Senior Marshal Director Malcolm Orchard**, in whose Group 7 they marched, all featured prominently on television.

Director **Roselee Bruce** laid the book "Dancing with Strangers" at the **State War Memorial Dawn Service on Anzac Day**. Donated by **Director Malcolm Orchard**, it was gifted to **Seymour College** from the Society.

Our **Burns Night** will be on 17th July. I urge you to come and make it a night to remember. **His Worship, the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Mr. Michael Harbison and Mrs. Harbison** has accepted my invitation to attend. As my guests, I have also invited a number of people who provided hospitality to both me and to **Malcolm Orchard** during the past three months. Our **Pipes and Drums** will perform for the pleasure of all present.

You are invited to bring your friends to all our functions. I look forward to enjoying our friendly atmosphere together.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

We said **Vale** to **Ron Modra** who served our Society well as **Director**, also **Barman** at our Wednesday night dances, and for many years as **Drummer** with the **Pipes and Drums**. Our Condolences go to Ron's family.

Condolences also to **Director Roselee Bruce** and her family upon the recent death of her father.

Congratulations go to **Bob Moffatt** for 50 years of dedicated service to the Band.

Congratulations to **PC Lennox and Robin Pawson** for their **Golden Wedding Anniversary**.

Congratulations to **Past Chief Jeff McFarlane** and his wife **Isobel** on the arrival of 2 grand-daughters – **Morgan** (daughter of former **Bairn Kate** and husband **Cameron**) and **Claire** (daughter of former **Bairn Sara** and husband **Paul**).

Love is still in the air – We congratulate Member **Colin Schumacher** on his recent marriage to **Dorothy**. His son, **Director Steve Schumacher** was **Best Man**.

Asst. Banner Bearer Adam Gifford has had surgery twice more. These are numbers 4 and 5. Hopefully this is his last.

Director Malcolm Orchard has had two more sessions of surgery during which time his car stolen – for the second time. It was not found this time.

Director **Ann Wickham** also spent time in hospital.

Eunice Porteous is in hospital following a fall and **PC David Porteous** suffered a fall whilst assisting **Eunice**.

New member **Mrs. Iris Pyke** has been in **College Grove Rehabilitation** hospital following surgery.

Member **Mrs. Ethel Hunter** is presently in respite care.

PC Lennox Pawson sprained his wrist laying paving stones.

We wish each of these members a speedy recovery.

Secretary Christina Cockerill and **Banner Bearer Brian Spencer** spent a month on holiday in **New South Wales** and attended the "Bundanoon is Brigadoon" **Highland Gathering**.

Treasurer Ian MacDonald and family are **Globetrotting**, visiting **France, UK, Germany and Vienna**. We wish them **Bon Voyage** and **Safe Return**.

A certain Past Chief was giving an address to a class of **Year 2** students (at the request of his grand-daughter) on **Scotland**. After using a globe to show students where **Scotland** was in relation to **Australia**, the **Past Chief** asked if anyone knew where **Scotland** in the world? One smart young lad quick as a flash replied "Yes on top of **England**"!!!

Past Chief Lennox Pawson watched by wife **Robin**, 'warning or is that chastising' son **Andrew** during his congratulatory speech on their **50th wedding anniversary** at **Port Adelaide Caledonian Hall**.



Wedding of Michelle Calver & Leigh Ratzmer

Photos below of the wedding of Michelle Calver & Leigh Ratzmer. Michelle is the daughter of Past Chief Ann Calver and Rod Calver. The weather was perfect, with warm sunshine and a slight breeze cooling the air. It was a fantastic venue at Scotch College with the rose garden in full bloom and across the green sloping grounds you could see the CBD. There was even a game of cricket in progress on one of the ovals.

Michelle and her Matron of Honour, Nadia Kossatz, were former Bairns and competitive highland dancers. Nadia is on the far left of the photo below.

The reception at Chloe's was described as elegant by those who attended. You could not have asked for better food or service. And of course the wine from Wicks Estate, where the groom is a winemaker, was well received. To end their fairytale Michelle and Leigh honeymooned in Austria and France and are now settling in to their new home with Rod and Ann now getting used to being empty nesters !!



Commonwealth Day Reception

On the afternoon of Monday 15th March the annual Vice Regal Reception, hosted by the Joint Commonwealth Society Council in SA (of which your society is a founding member in 1937) was held in the Wyatt Hall, Pulteney Grammar School, South Tce, Adelaide.

His Excellency, Rear Admiral Kevin Scare, AC, CSC, RANR, Governor of South Australia and accompanied by Mrs Liz Scarce, inspected a guard of honour of Rovers, was formerly introduced to the 9 Senior representatives of the J.C.S.C. which of course included our Worthy Chief.

Scottish Corporate member Andrew Pawson piped the Governor and the officials into the reception Hall.

A welcome by Chairman Mr John Bone, JP. and the presentation of the Queens Commonwealth day speech was appreciated by all in attendance.

To support our Chief were a number of members namely Malcolm Orchard, Jackie Leslie, John and Susan Freebairn, Robert Brown, Robert McLean, Past Chief Ann Calver, and Past Chief Lennox Pawson and Robin Pawson

The Society hosted the Head of the Senior School of Scotch College Sharon Ward and two senior students Shameen Abbasy and Mitchell Lloyd to this celebration.

All members are welcome to attend this annual event



L-R Mitchell Lloyd, Chief Lady Anne Miller, Sharon Ward, Shameen Abbasy, Piper Andrew Pawson



LENNOX'S LOONIES

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, Irish scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

.Not to be outdone by the Irish, in the weeks that followed, an English archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the Sassenach Morning Herald read:

"English archaeologists, finding traces of 130-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 30 years earlier than the Irish".

One week later, the Banffshire Advertiser in Buckie, Scotland, reported the following:

"After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Enzie Braes , Banffshire, Jock Broom, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely **** all.

Jock has therefore concluded that 130 years ago, Scotland had already gone wireless."

Just makes you proud to be a Scot!



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

BOOK REVIEW.

1745 A Military History of the Last Jacobite Rising.
 Early on the afternoon of the 16th. of April 1746 the last Jacobite army was famously and bloodily defeated on Culloden Moor outside Inverness, thus bringing to an end not just eight months of rebellion but half a century of intermittent religious and political conflict.

The Battle of Culloden is arguably, the most famous episode in Scottish history and yet, at the same time it is also perhaps the least well recorded of all the British army's Campaigns.

Stuart Reid's aim in writing this book was to provide a factual and above all impartial study of the military aspects of the campaign. To draw not only on the familiar Jacobite sources, but also upon the British army's own records and the letters written at the time by its officers and soldiers.

Stuart Reid's analysis of that campaign, drawing on years of primary research and walking the actual battlefields, provides a properly balanced account of the last military engagement to be fought on British soil.

Here is an important contribution to 18th. century British military history.

Reviewed by Dryades

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The choices we make...

An executive had been away from home for the week at a conference. The closing session had overrun its time and, as soon as it was over, he hurried with his friends to catch the train to the airport. It was going to be touch and go whether they made it.



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As the group charged through the terminal, they inadvertently knocked over a fruit vendor's stand. Fruit tumbled out and rolled in all directions, but the men rushed on to the platform with only seconds to spare. As they boarded the train, one man stopped in his tracks, almost unable to move. His colleagues urged him to catch the train but, deep inside, he was asking. Should he go on or go back? He noticed a young boy, standing frozen by the overturned stand. Waving goodbye to his puzzled friends, he briskly made his way back to the main concourse. People were rushing for their trains, dodging the fruit. Many had been kicked here and there by hurrying travellers and the man was puzzled that the lad had done nothing whatever to retrieve the fruit. As he got closer, he realised why the boy was just standing there, dazed and helpless.

He was blind!

Quickly the executive began to collect whatever fruit he could. Setting up the stand again, he could see that many of them were badly bruised. Opening his wallet, he took out \$100 and pressed it into the boy's hand, saying, "Here, please take this for the damage we did- Hope we haven't spoilt your day." Slowly he began to walk away when, above the noise of the station, he heard the loud voice of the boy calling after him, "Sir, are you Jesus?"

Blessings from Rev Chris



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