

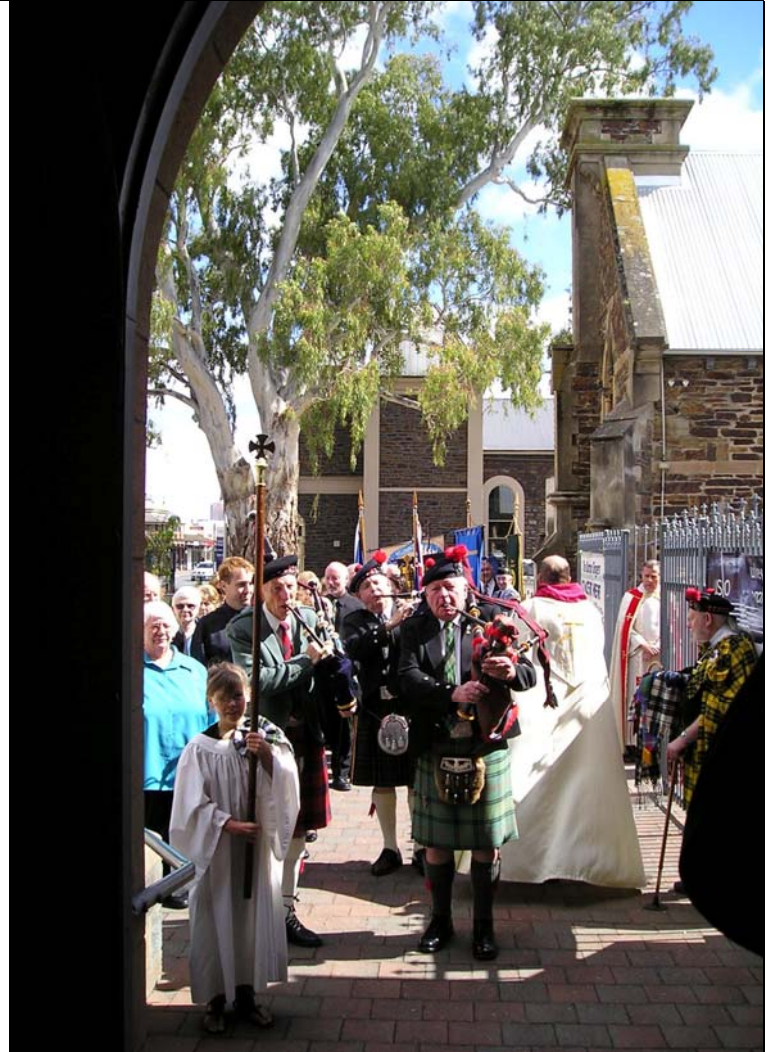


THE CALEDONIAN

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN – ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH UNLEY 14 NOVEMBER 2010



Life Member Barbara Medhurst, and secretary of the Scottish Association explaining the drill to our new Banner Bearer, Lachlan McDonald at the Kirkin o' the Tartan, St Augustines Church Unley on Sunday 14th November. Lachlan is the eldest grandson of Chief Christina Cockerill and son of Life Member Heather Mather. The Chief is a very proud Nanna.



The procession is about to start for the Kirkin o' the Tartan service. Piper and member of our society Des Ross leads the procession followed by 2 other pipers Sam Mathers and John Oswald. There were many clans, societies and clubs represented and it was a beautiful service. A large variety of Tartans were brought forward to be blessed by Father Peter. This has become an Annual event and is growing every year.

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CHIEF'S CHATTER

Greetings all.

As your new Chief I sincerely look forward to the next year representing your Society at all the functions we hold and at other societies and clubs that I am invited to attend on your behalf. As I declared at the AGM my heritage and heart have long been entrenched in the Society and I will try during my time in office as Chief to continue to serve the Society well. I have been asked by several members to include my report in the newsletter and it is on the back of the insert.

I thank Immediate Past Chief Anne Miller for all the hard work she has done during the past 3 years in office, particularly the Annual concerts, and hope that she will continue to organise this in the coming year.

At the October Council meeting two Chieftains were appointed and I am very pleased that Directors Ann Wickham and Roselee Bruce have accepted those positions.

At the AGM Ian Richardson from our Pipes and Drums very kindly put his hand up for the position of Treasurer and I thank him most sincerely. Roselee Bruce has agreed to take on the responsibilities of Secretary and Steve Schumacher has agreed to continue as Minutes Secretary, and I thank them both for this commitment. Rosemary McKay has also agreed to join council in the coming year and we look forward to her input.

Since the AGM I have already been kept very busy attending other Societies and groups functions. It is only 2 months and I have already attended ten official functions, 2 council meetings and my first pipes and drums management meeting last week.

On October 7th a farewell afternoon tea to the Lord Mayor of Adelaide Michael Harbison was held by the Joint Commonwealth Societies Council of SA. at Wheaton House, Pulteney Grammar. PC Lennox Pawson, the President, invited myself and Brian Spencer, IPC Anne Miller and Malcolm Orchard, Chieftain Ann and Wally Wickham. Robin Pawson also attended.

On 9th October Port Adelaide Caledonian Society held a Highland Ball at Barr Smith Theatre, Scotch College. 12 members of the Society attended. A different format, like in days gone by, where we all sat around the edge of the Hall and dancing in formal kilt attire by most people. Supper was held out in another room. It did bring back memories!

On October 16th our society held a luncheon at the Earl of Leicester Hotel, Parkside. There were 14 members who attended and it was a very happy sociable day.

On Saturday 23rd October Clan McFarlane/Donald held a joint luncheon at the Feathers. Clan members PC Lennox Pawson, Clan member Chieftain Ann Wickham, and Clan member IPC Anne Miller all attended with their respective partners. I attended with Brian Spencer and was introduced to those present as the new Chief. Members Bill McNeil Sadler. Heather and Alex McLachlan also attended.

That evening Seymour College held a Ceilidh to which Brian and I were invited. A pleasant friendly evening and meeting up with young Ian Small (son of Sam) who teaches the students piping at the college. A very good young band of pipers and drummers.

On Saturday 29th October Pawsons, Wickhams and Brian and I all attended an enjoyable Ceilidh at Munno Para Caledonian Society.

On Sunday 7th November I presented our Societies Perpetual Trophy to the Premier 13-15 year winner, at the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Annual Highland dancing competition.

On Saturday 13th November Mt Barker Caledonian Society held a ceilidh in the Mt Barker Town Hall. I represented the Society along with Brian Spencer. PC Lennox and Robin Pawson and Chieftain Ann and Wally Wickham also attended. We were entertained by Mt Barker Pipes and Drums and the Scott School of Highland Dancing who put on a lovely display. A most enjoyable evening.

On Sunday 14th November the Kirkin O' the Tartan (see front page)

That same afternoon another gathering of RCS members and friends. We were shown through the Army Museum at Keswick. A very interesting hour and half, followed with coffee and a chat at Hungry Jacks a short distance away.

In two weeks time there are three more official functions, St Andrews at Munno Para Caledonian on Friday 26th, St Andrews at Pt Adelaide Caledonian on Saturday 27th, and the Tartan Day Church service at the North Adelaide Presbyterian on Sunday 29th November.

It has been an extremely busy but enjoyable time, and is followed by a few very quiet months when one can catch ones breath. I hope during my term of office to visit all the different societies in the state to get to know the people and foster the Scottish spirit between all societies.

At our St Andrews Supper Dance on December 4th we will be entertained by Garrick Stewart Highland dancers, Alan Nisbet on piano accordion and our very own Pipes & Drums. The speaker is John Murray. Haggis will be addressed by Jim Young, President of Robert Burns Society. Hope to see you there. Remember this society is yours and it is your attendance and participation that keeps it going.

I wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year and may it be good to us all.
Christina

BETWEEN OURSELVES

VALE

The very sad news that Sam Cunningham passed away on Sunday 21st November. Condolences and love to his good wife Marion and family. A lovely man with a beautiful voice that will live on in our hearts.

Best wishes for speedy recoveries were sent to :-

IPC Anne Miller has suffered a nasty fall in her kitchen, having fallen backwards. She is now nursing a lot of bruising and strained muscles. Get Well soon Anne.

PC David Porteous has his arm in a sling having torn some shoulder muscles. Surgery is on the cards. Meanwhile his wife Eunice is in care whilst David recovers.

OTHER NEWS – SOME OF IT NOT SO NEW

PC Ron and Sue Layton son Lachlan and daughter in law Hayley had a baby daughter, Paige Chatelle Layton, born at the Mt Barker Hospital on 2 November - little sister for Jhye.

Kym and Annette Atwell are proud grandparents to a baby boy born earlier this year. James their son was a Bairn of the society many years ago. Congratulations on this happy event.

Ethel Hunter is now living at Helping Hand Nursing Home at North Adelaide. Tommy is still in the family home and visits Ethel daily. We love them both and think of them at this difficult time of separation.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

A book titled Famous Australian Speeches was placed at the Shrine of Remembrance North Tce on Remembrance Day by Chieftain Ann Wickham. This will be forwarded to Seymour College as the recipient this year. Also in attendance at the service were Hamy and Pam Marcelin, Wally Wickham, PC Lennox Pawson representing JCSC.



LENNOX'S LOONIES

McfARLANE MacFARLANE

Just a wee bit more about the clan.

Yes, it is a good tonic for us to blend our sentiment about the past with an infusion of the things of today. We should be like the celebrated Macfarlane – we should be up to date.

Do you remember the story?

Macfarlane was staying at a big city hotel, and he was rather puzzled to see people putting their boots outside their bedroom doors.

Determined not to betray his ignorance, and to show that he was quite up to date, Mac duly placed his brogues on the doormat. But, just to make sure, he fastened the laces to the bedpost.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Why the Candles burning bright? Why the flickering lights on tree and mantelpiece alike?
 It all goes back to 2000 years ago, when Jesus was born in the backblocks, in a small, hole in the road town – Bethlehem. When Jesus was born, some wise men (most likely astrologers) – searching for the truth spotted an unusual LIGHT in the sky, a bright eastern star that pointed

them to where the baby was- their extravagant gifts and worship is the stuff of legend.

Some shepherds, working the night shift – unexpectedly bumped into some partying angels – these celestial celebrants LIT up the inky night sky with an impossibly BRIGHT LIGHT that shone all around them.

Even before Jesus' birth people were talking about an amazing LIGHT that was about to be switched on – A bloke called Zechariah strung together some lyrics about the coming LIGHT.

'By the tender mercy of our God

The dawn from on high will break upon us

To give LIGHT to those who sit in darkness & in the shadow of death

To guide our feet into the way of peace

And then much, much later Jesus would make the stunning claim I AM the LIGHT of the world- whoever follows me will never walk in Darkness

But will have THE LIGHT OF LIFE!

Clearly, Jesus was no ordinary baby, and he was much more than an ET in a cot. He was, and is, the Christmas Light we so desperately need – LIGHT overcoming the darkness of our world, and alas, even our hearts.

Blessings Rev Chris

'HELP SOUGHT' For many years now I've been trying to sort out some of my Layton family history. Relating to my grandfather, there is a gap of some five years between 1895 and 1900. Whilst on a business trip to NSW from the UK, both of his parents died and he, aged nine, and his three younger siblings were left orphans. Martin Layton returned to the UK to live with his maternal grandparents who had foreign going shipping interests operating out of the east coast of England and Scotland.

After finishing his schooling, in 1895 he gained an apprenticeship in sail with Andrew Weir and Sons of Glasgow with his first ship being the Heathbank which was sailing for Brazil. Other than some disorganised snippets of his exciting adventures, the next we hear of him officially was in 1900 having gained his officer's 'ticket'. From then on he had a legally required record of all of his trips, which eventually took him back to NSW where he settled, initially taking on a role as a captain with the Union Steamship Company of NZ, plying between the west coast of America and Australia.

Any clues as to how I might fill in this gap would be welcome.

Past Chief Ron Layton – forward information to Chief Christina



Adjudicator Marna Tredrea, Ashleigh Smith, Winner of the 13-15 years Premier section of the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Annual Highland Dancing Competition held on 7th November. The Royal Caledonian Society donates this trophy to the competition each year and it was presented by Chief Christina Forbes Cockerill

WEDDING BELLS

Scottish Life Member Amy Gifford married member David Wallis on 16th October, 2010 in the garden of Kingston House.

Amy is the only daughter of SCL member Kaye and James Gifford, sister of SCL Adam Gifford and Grand daughter of IPC Anne Miller.

They were attended by a Matron of Honour, 4 bridesmaids, Best Man, 4 Groomsmen, 3 page boys and a simply adorable FlowerGirl (2.1/2)



Luncheon at the Earl of Leicester Parkside on 16th October 2010

Pictured below are Chief Christina Cockerill centre with the two newly appointed Chieftains Roselee Bruce (left) and Chieftain Ann Wickham.



Pictured below (bit hazy)

Member Elsie Smith attended the luncheon at the Earl of Leicester and Chief Christina finally presented with her membership pack after over a year of membership. Whenever Elsie came to a function, we did not have the pack, when we did, she wasn't there. Welcome Elsie.





Interested in learning the Pipes or Drums?

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

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BOOK REVIEW.

Forgotten Anzacs. By Peter Ewer

On 12th. April, 1941, General Thomas Blamey, Commander of the Australian Imperial Force in the Mediterranean, issued an order of the day announcing the formation of a new Anzac Corps. Australian and New Zealand troops were at the time side by side in Greece against an invading German army that had been triumphant everywhere. Blamey invoked the spirit of Anzac to inspire his troops.

These hopes would be quickly dashed. Desperately outnumbered, and fighting in inhospitable conditions, the Anzacs found themselves engaging in a long retreat through Greece, under constant air attack.

Most of the Anzac Corps was evacuated by the end of April, but many men got only as far as Crete. Fighting a German paratroop invasion there in May, large numbers were taken captive and spent four long years as prisoners of war.

The campaign in Greece turned out to have uncanny parallels to the original Gallipoli operation: both were inspired by Winston Churchill, both were badly planned by British military leaders, and both ended in defeat and evacuation.

Just as the Gallipoli campaign provided military academies the world over with lessons on how not to conduct a complex feat of arms, Churchill's Greek adventure reinforced fundamental lessons in modern warfare: heavy tanks could not be stopped by men armed with rifles, and Stuka dive-bombers would not be deflected by promises of air support from London that were never honoured.

Based on rarely accessed archives and more than thirty interviews with Australian, Greek, and New Zealand veterans, this book gives overdue recognition to the brave, forgotten Anzacs of 1941.

Published by Scribe in 2008. (Melbourne). **Reviewed by Dryades.**

A copy of Forgotten Anzacs is the gift from our Society to the Library of the Royal United Services Institute at Army Barracks, Keswick, in appreciation of the use of their office for the Council meetings of our society during the past year.



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