



THE CALEDONIAN

ST ANDREWS SUPPER HELD PAYNEHAM MASONIC HALL MARDEN ON 23rd NOVEMBER 2013



The Societies Pipes and Drums performed twice during the evening. Guests at main table standing in appreciation.



Our guest speaker Sossy Msomi, Honorary Consul Republic of Tanzania, pictured with his lovely wife Hiacinta



The address to the Haggis was given by the Chief's husband Ivor Willmott. Here he is pictured with his support team. Poosie Nancy, Heather Pennell, Whisky bearer Dan Wright, Rosemary McKay was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and our Pipe Major Dan Meehan.

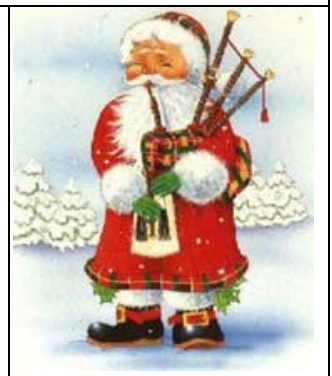
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**His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR
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CHIEF'S CHATTER

Greetings all,

As we put up our Christmas trees & decorate our homes for the Festive Season, another year draws to a close both Ivor & I hope that it has been a good year for all.

During the year we have been able to successfully 'rehouse' the books that formed the Society Library to Scotch College. These books have been in storage at a private address for a few

years and I know the kind caretaker of these has appreciated getting some storage space back. We are working on getting the last of the Society goods and chattels out of this storage into a more central place.

The AGM in September was well attended with some old faces in attendance. New members Tish & David Benfell have offered to come on Council for a 12 month term. We welcome them & would welcome any other members who wish to join the Council.

During the year we have seen the passing of some long term members – Joyce Fleetwood, Marjorie Burns (Society Librarian), Mary Buckley (John Ogg's daughter), Trevor Hawthorne (husband of former Bairns class instructress, Bev Moffatt). Our sympathies are extended to their families.

I (& husband Ivor) have been busy out and about on your behalf.

On the 28th August we attended a reception at Government House for the 90th Anniversary on the SA Branch of the English Speaking Union.

On Saturday 9th November Ivor and I attended the Mt Barker Celtic/Medieval night. The next day we attended the annual Combined Clans & Societies Kirkin' Service at St Augustine's Church, Unley. Director Rosemary McKay also attended this service.

On Saturday 23rd November the Society held our St Andrew's Day celebrations at a new venue, the Payneham Masonic Hall at Marden. We had the Honorary Consul of Tanzania, Mr Sossy Msomi as our guest speaker. He spoke of the connections between Tanzania & Scotland. While numbers were down everyone appreciated the extra space for the Pipe Band display, dancing etc. My thanks to the handful of people who assisted in the setting up and in the cleaning up at the end of the function.

On Saturday 30th November Ivor and I attended the Pt Adelaide Caledonian Society St Andrew's night. Ivor had the honour of doing the Toast to Land of My Adoption. We were joined at this evening by Chieftain Ann Wickham, her husband Wally, Past Chief Christina Cockerill & her partner John Schenk. The Pipes & Drums also attended & performed 2 brackets, one of which included music they played at the Tattoo in Basel earlier this year.

As the sun sets on 2013, on behalf of my husband Ivor & our families, I would like to wish all members of the Society and their families a safe Merry Christmas and may 2014 be full of Good Health, Fun, Laughter and Love for all.

Chief Roselee

THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY BOOK COLLECTION:

In the August newsletter it was reported that the Society's collection of books which used to be stored in the Secretary's office at the old hall had been donated to Scotch College.

The large oak library cupboard has now also been donated to the College for the collection to be stored in.



A photo from the bands visit to the Basel Tattoo in Switzerland. You think it would be cold but it was very hot.



The Royal Caledonian Society Pipe Band in their kilts but instead of Feather bonnets, Father Christmas hats. They have performed in 6 pageants again this year.



LENNOX'S LOONIES

How many Scotsmen does it take to change a light bulb?
Scotsmen don't change light bulbs, it's cheaper to sit in the dark.

What is the name of a Scottish cloak room attendant?
Willie Angus McCoatup.

A Scotsman wanted to impress his girlfriend so he took her for a ride in a taxi.

The trouble was, she was so beautiful he could hardly keep his eyes on the meter.

Young Jock MacTavish got down on his knees to propose to his sweetheart when a 10p piece dropped out of his pocket and rolled under the sofa.

In the 20 minutes it took him to find it she had lost interest.

A Scotsman went on a week's holiday to England. He took a clean shirt and a five pound note with him.

When he arrived home he hadn't changed either of them.

A Scot is emigrating to Australia. Upon entry he is being interviewed by the immigration officer. When the officer asks the question, "Do you have a criminal record?" the Scot replies, "Well no, I didn't realise you still needed one to get in!"



Chieftain Ann Wickham presented the Royal Caledonian's perpetual trophy to Alita DiGiusto the winner of the Premier section 15 years and under at the Pt Adelaide Highland Dancing competition on 3rd November. Pictured with the adjudicator Sharine Nicholson on right. Alita is a dancer with the Garrick Stewart School of Highland Dancing.

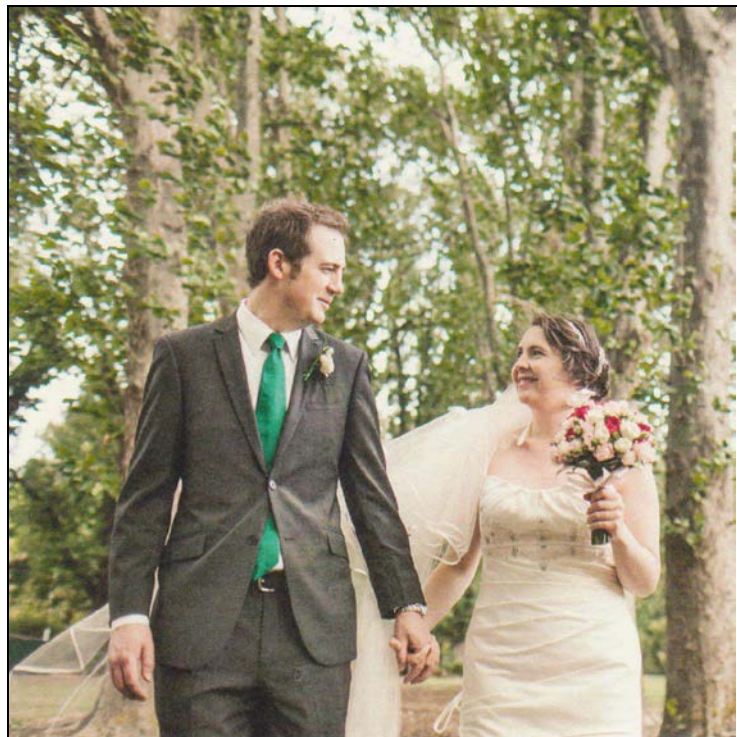
SECRETARY'S SNIPPETS

Grant Andrews has had a fall and is in the care of the medical profession. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Past Chief David and Eunice Porteous have moved house from Beaumont to Aberfoyle Park to be nearer to their family. We wish them well in their new home.

Past Chief Lennox and Robin Pawson are selling their house in Glenside and move to the RSL War Veterans Homes at Myrtle Bank. We wish them all the best with the house sale and the move.

Kaye Gifford's father passed away in late October. We send our condolences to her and her children Adam Gifford and Amy Wallis on the loss of their grandfather.



Account of the wedding by the grooms grandmother, PC Anne Miller.

Life Member Adam Gifford and Sarah Hardman were wed on Saturday, 8th. December, 2012, in Fitzroy Gardens, Melbourne. This was the hottest day of summer. The late afternoon sun filtered through the poplar trees and lent a romantic atmosphere to the glade in which the wedding took place. Sarah walked through the gardens to the wedding glade and stood upon rose petals which Adam had strewn for her. As they were pronounced husband and wife the bells on the church across the road rang out joyfully, adding to the magic of the occasion. The newlyweds entertained their guests afterwards at dinner in a restaurant in Richmond. They honeymooned in Hawaii, Maui and Hana after visiting relatives in Los Angeles for a few days. After arriving back in Australia they spent 3 days with Sarah's mother in Melbourne before returning home with their King Charles spaniel, Fred.



Our Royal Caledonian Society Pipes and Drums were invited to perform at the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society St Andrews Day celebrations on November 30th. They were very well received and it was a good night all round.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN -DATES TO REMEMBER –2014

Functions highlighted in Blue are RCS – in Yellow are RCS Pipes & Drums – no colour other societies etc

Saturday 18 th January	Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Burns Supper at their hall , 189 Semaphore Road, Exeter. BYO Drinks and plate for shared supper. Haggis served. 7pm for 7.30pm. Phone Secretary Lyn Mason on 8281 9680 or email secretaryPACS@scots-sa-org.au
Friday January 25 th 6.30pm for 7pm	Burns supper at Stonyfell Function Centre, 62 Stonyfell Road, Stonyfell. \$40 per head – Includes taste of Haggis. Drinks at own cost. Payment by 10 th January to Treasurer Sue Young, 18 Chowilla St, Eden Hills 5050 Phone 0419 194 440. Time 6.30pm for 7pm.
Sunday 16 th February All day	Mount Barker Caledonian Society 53 rd Annual Highland Gathering at Mount Barker Oval. This all ages event encompasses the best of Scottish dance, music and sport. All day event. Pipes and Drums of Royal Caledonian Society will compete.
Saturday 5 TH April 2014	Laura Folk Fair - 212km North of Adelaide, 45km East of Port Pirie. Hughes Street in the town of Laura is closed to all vehicular traffic and is lined with craft, hobby, food and refreshment stalls, becoming a Mall in which visitors may wander. Royal Caledonian Pipes and Drums playing.
TARTAN DAY - JULY – Date: TBA - 11am -3pm	Tartan Day will be held in Burnside Library. Various activities and entertainment all day.
Sunday JULY - Date TBA 10.30am	Kirkin' the Tartan St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Archer Street North Adelaide
Saturday 28 th June 7.00pm for 7.30pm	Burns Supper Payneham Masonic Hall, 393 Payneham Road, Marden. BYO Drinks and Supper to share. Come and Celebrate Burns songs and poetry. Entry \$10 includes Haggis, Neeps and Tatties. Pipes & Drums of RCS and Highland Dancers Bookings – Secretary Christina 8276 4160 or Chief Roselee 8263 7004.
Sunday in July Date TBA	John McDouall Stuart Remembrance Ceremony, Stuart's statue, Victoria Square, Adelaide
Monday 15 th September 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm	Annual General Meeting – Rosefield Uniting Church, 2 Carlton St, Highgate. Please bring plate of supper to share
Saturday 6 th December 7.00pm for 7.30pm	St Andrews Celebration – Payneham Masonic Hall, 393 Payneham Road, Marden Entry \$10 - BYO drinks and supper to share.. Haggis, neeps and tatties served.. Bookings Secretary Christina 82764160 or Chief Roselee 8263 7004
Sunday NOVEMBER Date TBA 10.30am start	St. Andrew's Day Church Service – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Archer Street, Nth Adelaide
PIPES & DRUMS OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF S A – BAND REPORT – DEC. 2013	
<p>The highlight for the band of the last six months has been the preparation for and performance at the Basel Tattoo in July. Each performance is very stirring and makes the many practices worthwhile. The music was received in February and many of the band were at practice up the four times a week beforehand but we were well prepared and our attention to detail was acknowledged.</p> <p>While it was summer in Switzerland the band was not prepared for the extreme heat. Dressed in full ceremonial attire the temperature on the performance surface was apparently up to 50 degrees. While all band members survived (unlike many of the audience who succumbed) it was a trial frequently remedied by a dip in the Rhine. The full program totalled sixteen performances, a long street march and a mini tattoo in Freiburg (Germany).</p> <p>After the excitement of the Basel Tattoo the band has had to gear up for the Christmas Pageant season. Beginning with the Ethnic Schools Parade in October, it is followed in quick succession by the Credit Union, Salisbury, Port Adelaide, Glenelg, Norwood and Onkaparinga Pageants. Most recently, a mini band performed at the Plympton Uniting Church Community Christmas and the full band is scheduled to perform at the Mitcham City Community Christmas event.</p> <p>St Andrews night is always part of the schedule and this year we performed at the Society evening on 23rd and the Port Adelaide event on 30th. Always good fun for the band and it enabled us to keep the Basel tunes 'on the boil'.</p> <p>During the year Sheila McKenna (tenor drummer turned piper and accomplished base drummer), announced her engagement, the celebration for which was also on 23rd so it was a full evening for the band members who headed for the hills to help with the celebrations after St Andrews night. A good night was had by all and many of the band were back on parade the next morning at Onkaparinga – such dedication!</p> <p>The frantic program will end shortly but there are a number of new tunes to be learnt and we intend competing at Mt Barker in February 2014 so there will be continued need to practice over Christmas – luckily we all enjoy the process!</p>	

MARY BUCKLEY EULOGY – DAUGHTER OF THE LATE JOHN OGG AND SISTER OF JOYCE (POPS) OGG.



Mary Buckley was born on January 25th, 1922 in the leafy St Morris to parents John and Alice Ogg. Her upbringing was strict but filled with lots of fun and outdoor pursuits. Both she and her younger sister Pops were encouraged to play many sports. She was a very competent swimmer for her time and immediately took to tennis like a duck to water. Her passion for tennis continued through her entire life. She played competition tennis at a high level well into her forties. She was a champion mixed doubles player with Cliff Whitbred during her days in Bordertown with the Church of Christ Tennis Club. Her interest continued and in recent times could be heard sharing her strong opinions on the modern day players. She was not a fan of Bernard Tomic but did respect our own Lleyton Hewitt!

Mary also dabbled in golf, played netball and spent a lot of her early childhood playing table tennis. She had a very keen interest in football and was a Norwood supporter in her early years. After getting married and moving to Bordertown, she closely followed the Bordertown Roosters and in most recent times she became an avid Crows fan. She would never miss a match on TV.

Another large part of her upbringing was being part of the S.A.Caledonian Society. Her father was a Scotsman via Dunedin in New Zealand and a champion highland dancer. He passed this love onto both of his daughters. Mary would practice many nights as a young girl and was very good in her own rite. One of her life highlights was travelling overseas to Edinburgh, Scotland and experiencing the Military Tattoo. She was very proud of her Scottish heritage and the dash of Cornish that had come from her mother's side of the family.

Music and playing the piano was also an important part of her life. She learnt piano from a young age and would play for the church and local recitals etc. Her love of musical theatre never waned and would attend at every chance. She particularly enjoyed Anthony Warlow and Andre Rieu.

Mary attended primary school in St Morris and then went onto Norwood Central Girls School. She was very clever and no doubt if she had been born 50 years later would have attended university with gusto. On leaving school she trained as a secretary and her first job was in a solicitor's office and later with Mr. Cowely at the Adelaide Fruit Growers where she made many life-long friends.

It was during this time that World War II began and she became part of the Volunteer Group that organised War time functions. She was in her early 20's when she met the dashing Ted Buckley at one of these functions. He was a serviceman and heading off to Papua New Guinea. They began writing letters and after a while his letters ceased. Later she would find out that he was hospitalised and almost died of Dengy Fever. After the war ended Ted walked into her office enquiring whether Mary still worked there and proceeded to ask her to lunch. The relationship progressed and she went to Bordertown to meet her future in laws. They toured the town on pushbikes and she must have liked what she saw and they married on 1st May 1948.

Mary settled into her life as a farmer's wife very well. The only sticking point was the beautiful row of pine trees that the newly weds planted. It turned out Mary was allergic to them. Mary and Ted had 3 children, Joanne, Helen and Jon. The days on the farm were long but rewarding. No matter what task she did it well. She held a heavy vehicle licence into her 70's. Shearers were looked after. Cooking was not a natural passion, but her roast potatoes were the best. Mary was an avid supporter of everything her children did. She loved flowers and turned into something of an amateur florist, filling the laundry with flowers whilst she made her beautiful creations for the Church and other functions. She was very community minded and was involved with the Show Society and Women's fellowship.

When her loved husband Ted passed away in the late 80's after 39 years of marriage, Mary moved back to Adelaide and rekindled her friendships with the ladies from school and office days. She got involved with Legacy and joined the Local Probus Club. She always attended the Royal Caledonian Society Annual Highland Dancing Competition and presented the perpetual John Ogg Trophy (named after her father). She would love to invite family along to these events. She reignited her interest in travelling, day trips to the Hills or around Tasmania and her major holiday overseas for a few months. Her strength and support knew no boundaries. She always made the best of her life and never complained. Loved to have the family together and could always produce a meal from nowhere.

Mary liked to attend the races particularly on Adelaide Cup day. She was always immaculately dressed, elegant, perfectly set hair and loved her high heels. The grandchildren were impressed that gran was "up with it". Very independent, she managed her Glaucoma and Asthma and whilst her body may have failed her sharp mind was with her until the end. Loving, caring, strong, compassionate, worldly, concerned for her family, are just some of the things which made Mary special and we hope you have your own special memories of a very wonderful woman.

PS. The funeral was well attended by Royal Caledonian Society members and Chief's piper Hamy Marcelin was the piper.



**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

DEATH OF A BORE.

by M.C.Beaton

A Hamish MacBeth Murder Mystery.

Everyone must be familiar with the unflappable Hamish MacBeth of television fame. These tales have entertained viewers and readers for many years and have stood the test of time. The characters are loveable, bumbling at times, but they always delight us with their problems and solutions. Death of a Bore brings a new mystery to Constable Hamish MacBeth when the horrible, self-important, famous author John Heppel, who cruelly belittles the scribbles of the locals in his writing course, is found dead. His mouth filled with ink, which seems like a fitting fate, immediately indicates to Hamish that this must be murder.

Suddenly his idyllic life of walks with his dog and afternoon tea afterwards disappears as the village is swamped by the media, and DCI Heather Meilke - a man-eater with a taste for village constables. Desperate to escape her clutches, Hamish rekindles dangerous passions with Elspeth, a former journalist girlfriend. With Heather's hot breath on his neck he must draft a plan to capture a mad killer – one crazy enough to strike again.

Read, with your heart in your mouth, and enjoy.

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Due to the indisposition of our usual reviewer, Death of a Bore was reviewed by PC Anne Miller.

NEWSLETTER

At the Annual General Meeting last September it was suggested some members would like to receive the Caledonian via email.

If you would like to receive your newsletter via your email address please email your email details to the Secretary.

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