



THE CALEDONIAN

MOUNT BARKER CALEDONIAN SOCIETY HIGHLAND GATHERING ON SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY



Left: Chief Roselee Bruce with the Royal Caledonian Banner. **Centre:** The Highland Gathering was opened by Channel 9 Weather man Brenton Ragless. **Right:** Piping in the Mini Band Competition James McKenna and PM Dan Meehan.



The Massed Bands standing at ease during the opening of the Highland Gathering. Drum Major Kym Atwell led the bands onto the field. Our Royal Caledonian Band at right of picture. PM Dan Meehan, Dominic Meehan, Ian Richardson, James McKenna, Stephanie Meehan, Don McQueen, Base Drummer Sheila McKenna, and Drummers Jeannette Macdonald and Bob Moffatt.

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Governor of S.A.**



CHIEF'S CHATTER

Greetings all,
It does not seem like 4 months since I wrote my last report. I trust all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and had a safe Easter break.

The year started off with Ivor & I representing the Society at the annual Burns Supper hosted by the Burns Society at the Stonyfell Winery. The Burns Society are currently looking for a new home



for this dinner from next year due to the non-renewal of the lease. The Society was also represented by Past Chief Ann Calver & her husband Rod. Past Chief David Porteous accompanied by his wife Eunice and Director Rosemary McKay also attended. An enjoyable time was had by all.

February was the annual Mt Barker Highland Gathering, at which I had the pleasure of presenting a donation cheque to Mr Peter Stewart, Chief of Mt Barker towards the cost of the Pipe Band competition. This was as a result of a discussion at the AGM held last September.

Early in March a pilot lunch was held between the Chief's of the Adelaide metropolitan Societies, Mt Barker & Strathalbyn. This came about as we all have the same problems of falling membership, and falling numbers at functions and we are looking for ways to better support each other. It is intended to have another lunch later in the year and to involve the Chief's of the country societies to see how we can better support them too.

March saw myself, IPC Christina Cockerill, Chieftain Ann Wickham, Past Chief Lennox Pawson & his wife Robin attend the annual Joint Commonwealth Society Reception at Pulteney Grammar. This year the St George Society hosted the Reception, during which they had a display of Tanzanian dancing. It was good to renew acquaintance with people from other Commonwealth Societies & Associations.

At the beginning of April Ivor & I attended the Laura Folk Festival as 'support crew' for the Pipe Band, for their annual display. It is heartening to see how the band is appreciated wherever they go. The flow of foot traffic up & down the street certainly stopped when they played.

I have recently attended a State Committee of Highland Dancing meeting & am pleased to report that South Australia will be hosting the Australian Champion of Champions in March, 2016. Watch this space for further updates.

Plans are underway for our Burns night to be held 28/6/2013 at the Payneham Masonic Centre, cnr Payneham Rd & Wear Ave, Marden. See the dates to remember for further information.

AGM is coming up and nominations for Council need to be in by June 30th. If you are interested, please email or phone the secretary for the necessary forms.

Until next time.

Warm Regards

Roselee Bruce

Chief



Chloe McGuffin presents flowers to His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of S.A., watched by proud Grandparents Daphne & John Bone, President of the JCS Council



Chieftain Ann Wickham, Governor's Aide-de-Camp, and Past Chief Lennox Pawson OAM at the Joint Commonwealth Societies Council reception held at Whyatt Hall, Pulteney Grammar on 17th march 2014



LENNOX'S LOONIES

A Scotsman walks into a bank in Glasgow and asks for the loan officer. He tells the loan officer that he is going to Australia on business for two weeks and needs to borrow £5,000.

The bank officer tells him that the bank will need some form of security for the loan, So the canny Scots lad hands over the keys and documents of new Ferrari parked on the street in front of the bank. He produces the Log Book and everything checks out. The loan officer agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan.

The bank's Manager and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the rough looking Scotsman for using a £120,000 Ferrari as collateral against a £5000 loan. An employee of the bank then drives the Ferrari in to the bank's underground garage and parks it there.

Two weeks later, the Scotsman returns, repays the £5,000 and the interest, Which comes to £15.41. The loan officer says, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, But we are a little puzzled. While you were away, We checked you out and found that you are a multi millionaire. So what puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow "£5,000" ?

The Scotsman replies:

"Where else in Glasgow can I park my car For two weeks for only £15.41 and expect it to be there when I return"



The 52nd South Australian Highland Dancing Championships were held at Scotch College on the 8th March. The Royal Caledonian Society awards trophies each year to the winners of each age group in the Celtic Festival Premierships. This year the winner of the under 12 years was Beverley Chiu, Winner of the under 16 years was Alycia Kennington & winner of 16years & over was Rebecca Moore. Pictured above from left with IPC Christina Forbes Cockerill

SECRETARY'S SNIPPETS

If you would like to take a more active role in the running of the Society, why not join Council. Nomination forms need to be in by the 30th June. If you are interested please email secretary@rcs.org.au



Robin Pawson, Chieftain Ann Wickham, Marna Tredrea, Chief Roselee Bruce & IPC Christina Cockerill at the JCSC Reception.



Pipers Fiona Roney and Andrew Wilson playing at Laura Folk Fair, with young Noah Wilson trying to hide under dad's kilt.



Our magnificent Pipes and Drums of the Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia, performing at the Laura Folk Fair on Saturday 5th April.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN - DATES TO REMEMBER –2014

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

See other side for a list of events from the Scottish Associations of SA DATE BOOK – APRIL-AUGUST

Friday 25 th April 6am	Anzac Day Dawn Service, Hilton RSL. RCS Pipes & Drums.
Friday 25 th April 10am	Anzac Day Street March. Pipes & Drums of Royal Caledonian Society of S.A.
Friday 25 th April 11.30am	Rob Roy Hotel, Halifax Street – Pipes & Drums of Royal Caledonian Society of S.A.
Thursday 3 rd July TARTAN NIGHT - 6pm	Tartan Day will be held in Burnside Library. But as Tartan Night Various activities and entertainment.
Sun 6 th July 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 . Bookings – Secretary Christina 8276 4160 or Chief Roselee 8263 7004.
Sunday 27 th July 11am	John McDouall Stuart Remembrance Ceremony, Stuart's statue, Victoria Square, Adelaide. 12.30pm Lunch at Masonic Hall, Tusmore – 50 th year celebration of John McDouall Stuart Society.
Sunday 31 st August	Gawler Show – Pipes & Drums of Royal Caledonian Society of S.A. To be confirmed.
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 15 th November 10.30am	Salisbury Christmas Pageant 10.30am Pipes & Drums of Royal Caledonian Society of S.A.
Saturday 15 th November 6pm	Port Adelaide Christmas Pageant Pipes & Drums of Royal Caledonian Society of S.A.
Sunday 16 th November 10.30am	Glenelg Christmas Pageant Pipes & Drums of Royal Caledonian Society of S.A.
Sunday 16 th Nov 10am	St Augustine's Church – Combined Societies and Clans – Kirking Service
Saturday 22 nd November 10am	Norwood Pageant Pipes & Drums of Royal Caledonian Society of S.A.
Sunday 23 rd November 10am	Onkaparinga Pageant Pipes & Drums of Royal Caledonian Society of S.A.
Sunday 30 th November 10.30am start	St. Andrew's Day Church Service – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Archer Street, Nth Adelaide
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

BAND REPORT - PIPES AND DRUMS OF ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

Now that pageant season and Christmas are over the Band has been concentrating on our preparation for the Mt Barker Competitions held in February. Unfortunately, due to our lack of snare drummers, we were only able to play non-competitive but performed to a good standard and hopefully will be competitive next year.

The band again performed at the Laura Folk fair 2 weeks ago and a large number of members made a weekend of it staying at the local Caravan Park, including our Chief Roselee Bruce and her husband Ivor. It was quite relaxing sitting around the camp kitchen with the boys cooking a BBQ then later moving to the camp-fire for a sing-a-long to various members playing the small pipes. It was a very enjoyable weekend and one that we will repeat next year with most people already making their bookings for accommodation.

Several of our members travelled last weekend to Ballarat to the Australian & South Pacific Pipe Band Championships and were all very impressed with the standard of the competing bands.

Our next engagement will be the dawn service at the Hilton RSL followed by the Adelaide street march and then the band has been invited to perform at the Rob Roy Hotel in Halifax Street.

Jeannette Macdonald

Band Manager

EXCERPTS FROM THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATIONS DATE BOOK – MAY-AUGUST 2014

MAY 2014			JULY 2014		
	3 Sat	Elizabeth Scottish Club – Social dance		1 Tues	Naracoorte Caledonian – Tartan Day
	4 Sun	Mt Gambier Caledonian – Ceilidh		1 Tues	International Day of Tartan
	5 Mon	Robert Burns Society Meeting		3 Thurs	SASA–Tartan Night at Burnside Library 6.30
	10 Sat	Pt Adelaide Caledonian 131 st Birthday party		4 Fri	RU Brown Piobaireachd Tutorial – Walkerville Uniting
	17 Sat	Clan McLean – Chiefs Birthday Dinner - Melbourne		5 Sat	Elizabeth Scottish Club Social Dance
	25 Sun	Clan Campbell – Dukes Birthday Lunch - Feathers		5 Sat	Pt Adelaide Caledonian Tartan Night
				6 Sun	St. Andrews Church North Adelaide Tartan Day Service
				7 Mon	Robert Burns Society Meeting
JUNE 2014				19 Sat	Mt Barker Caledonian Midwinter Xmas
	1 Sun	Clan Donald – Pub Lunch – Birkenhead Tavern		20 Sun	Mt Gambier Caledonian AGM
	1 Sun	Clan McLeod – Welcome to winter casserole day-Moana		25 Fri	Munno Para Caledonian Burns Supper
	2 Mon	Robert Burns Society meeting		26 Sat	Pt Adelaide Caledonian Society Commonwealth Games
	6 Fri	RU Brown Piobaireachd Meeting –Walkerville Uniting Church		27 Sun	SASA Robert Burns Celebrations State Library 11am
	6 Fri	Munno Para Caledonian -700 th Anniversary Battle of Bannockburn		27 Sun	John McDouall Stuart Remembrance at Victoria Square Statue 11am 12.30pm lunch 50 th year celebration of JMS Society at Masonic Hall/Tusmore
	7 Sat	Elizabeth Scottish Club – Social Dance	AUGUST 2014		
	14 Sat	Pt Adelaide Caledonian Irish Dinner Night		2 Sat	Elizabeth Scottish Club Social Dance
	17 Tues	Pt Adelaide Caledonian Half Yearly General Meeting		3 Sun	Clan Donald AGM, Enfield Hotel – pub lunch after
	21 Sat	Strathalbyn Caledonian Supper Evening–Glen Barr 7pm		4 Mon	Robert Burns Society meeting
	22 Sun	Clan McNeil- Gathering of Clans lunch, Enfield Hotel		8 Sat	RU Brown Piobaireachd Society/Clan McLeod – piping competition at Pt Adelaide Caledonian Hall
	28 Sat	Royal Caledonian Burns supper Payneham Masonic Hall		10 Sun	Clan McLeod Celebration lunch at Royal Coach M Inn
	29 Sun	Mt Gambier Caledonian Tartan Day		13 Wed	Clan McLeod Aircraft Museum visit and group lunch



**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

BERTIE'S GUIDE TO LIFE AND MOTHERS. by Alexander McCall Smith.

Bertie's Guide to Life and Mothers renews our acquaintance with Bertie and those residing at 44 Scotland Street.

It is not that poor Bertie Pollock is wishing his life away, but having anticipated his seventh birthday for so long he is now longing to be eighteen. At that time he will probably not have a gender neutral party which will be gate-crashed by Tofu (a thug), manipulative Olive and Pansy, and a very nervous Rabald Braveheart MacPherson. And, best of all, at eighteen he will be able to leave his eternally pushy, smothering Mother, Irene. What Bliss! But there is a lot of living to do before then, together with the occupants of 44 Scotland Street, with mixed fortunes.

Angus Lordie, painter and sometime somnambulist, might just stop sleepwalking into trouble with the animal welfare inspectors over his faithful hound Cyril's drinking habit. Having triplets named Rognavd, Tobermory and Fergus would be enough for most new parents, but Matthew and Elspeth also have to contend with Danish au Pairs and dubious Dukes. And seeming to have recovered from being dumped and his doppelganger encounter, the hopelessly narcissistic Bruce might be facing his greatest challenge in the form of a 'waxologist'.

But as ever, when fate visits 44 Scotland Street, the real fun begins. And not even Bertie, with all his long life experience, could foretell it would come from Sister Maria-Fiori dei Fiori di Montagna and a literary festival in Dubai.

Avid readers of McCall Smith will relish another tale from this beloved author.

Illustrations by Iain McIntosh add to the joy of reading.

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Reviewed by Past Chief (2007 – 2010) Lady Anne Miller

NEWSLETTER

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