



THE CALEDONIAN



FROM YOUR CHIEF

It was extremely pleasing to see so many members at the **AGM**. The main item on our Agenda was our wish for a Centre at Scotch College. We are still **awaiting a reply** from Scotch College. When we have something definite to present you will all be invited to attend an Extra-ordinary General Meeting to hear it. We hope you are as excited at the prospect as we are.

We said Farewell to Director Helen Fawcett, Treasurer for many years **and Director Ben Calcraft**. **IPCDavid Porteous** retired from Council and has ceased to prepare and Edit the Caledonian. We commend him for his efforts in this for so long. We wish them all well.

I thank all Members of Council for their efforts this year. I make special mention of **Chieftain Christina Cockerill** for her service this year. She performed the duties of almost every office, including Social Director. Although her work load has lessened somewhat, she will continue as Secretary, Asst. Treasurer, SAACHDI Rep., Family Dance Co-ordinator, and is *ex Officio* on all Sub-Committees as Secretary.

Whilst I have been entertained at **various Scottish and non-Scottish functions**, (see below) Council was also busy. I am indebted to Directors who attend many functions of Kindred Societies. **Our Society is very well represented**. I thank them for their assistance.

Each year we lay a book at the War Memorial on **Remembrance Day**. Due to the 90th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, the ceremony this year was transferred to the Cross of Sacrifice in Pennington Gardens. The 'Attaturk Tribute' Monument was unveiled, the 'Eternal Flame' Memorial was dedicated and the usual Remembrance Day Service took place there. A book was placed at the foot of the Cross by **Chieftain Ann Wickham** The book, gifted to Seymour College from the Society was **donated by Director Malcolm Orchard**.

After 65 years absence, we were delighted to have the book '**Clans and their Septs**' (reviewed in our last Caledonian issue) returned to us, albeit damaged. Because its contents were considered to be of value to the Society, Council authorized it to be restored. The Bookbinder was most impressed. He confirmed that the book was valuable, but did not put a monetary value upon it. When we have a home again I urge you all to read it. With the book came 6 kilts of various tartans. These included a MacKenzie kilt, once used by the infantry Company of the South Australian Scottish Regiment in Mount Gambier. This is now in the Army Museum at Keswick .

Next issue will tell you of St. Andrew's Day at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, North Adelaide, and the Celebration of our Patron Saint with our Patron, His Excellency, the Governor of South Australia.

Please note our **Social Programme for 2009**. Occasional extra functions/events will be arranged during the year.

I wish Council, Members and Friends the Joy and Blessings of Christmas, and may your New Year be Happy and Prosperous.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2009

Anne Miller

Visits by the Chief during October & November

Clan Donald/MacFarlane	Luncheon
Meeting St. Andrew's Night	Sub-Committee
Meeting	Newsletter Sub-Committee
Fred Papple	Funeral

Meeting	Social Sub-Committee
Victoria League	Luncheon for Governor
Royal Commonwealth League	Invited to hear Speaker and entertainment
Pt. Adel. Caledonian Society	Dance Competition
RCS Pipes Drums	Band Meeting

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Council Members for 2008- 2009 from the left – Chieftain Ann Wickham, Directors Malcolm Orchard and Roselee Bruce, Chief Anne Miller, Pipe Major Dan Meehan, Past Chiefs Ann Calver and Lennox Pawson and Chieftain/Secretary Christina Cockerill.
Absent – Treasurer Ian McDonald, Director Steve Schumacher and Director Grant Andrews



CHRISTMAS

When Napoleon read the Gospel of John near the end of his life, he said, "Either Jesus is the Son of God or the one who wrote this Gospel is! I know men, and no man could have made up a story like this."

It is true, there has never been a story written or dreamed of like this one. It is simply beyond human genius to have conceived such a marvel and wonder as the Gospel of Jesus Christ. However, it is not a story. It is true, and it is actually the most verified account in history, with the evidence of it continuing to permeate the entire earth.

The Gospel is the account of the history of the greatest miracle of all-the majesty, wonder, and glory of God becoming a human and living among His own creation. God has done many great things throughout history to make Himself known to His loved creation, with the purpose of leading humankind and the earth back to reconciliation (through the Cross) with Himself, but none can compare to the miracle of God coming and living among us. In essence this is the message of Christmas-what Napoleon read "The Word became flesh (human), and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory...the glory of the only Son who came to us from the Father". This is good news of great joy for all people!

Blessings
Rev Chris

Urrbrae House Fundraiser

Society members Past Chief **Porteous** and **Eunice**, Past Chief **Pawson** and **Robin**, Chieftain **Cockerill** and **Brian Spencer**, Chieftain **Wickham** and **Walter**, Director **Calcraft** and friend Lynne Fisher and members **John McNeil** and **Pat Oakeshott** attended a fund raising evening held at Urrbrae House, set in the grounds of the Waite Institute.

The friends of Urrbrae House are raising much needed funds for the maintenance and running costs of this grand old house and chose an evening with a Scottish theme. Most Scots who attended wore Highland dress. The atmosphere was grand with couples walking down the stair case from the drawing room to the ballroom which was on the lower level of the house. The ballroom floor was packed, with everyone keen to learn the different reels and country dances taught by **Jean Lumsden**, whose band provided the music.

L e o n n e Burgess-Garrick's School of Highland Dancing supplied the floor show. Her dancers were very well received by the guests. During supper, former Society member, **Carolyn Crowley** (nee **Minney**) and guitarist, **Alan Hartley** sang a selection of Scottish Ballads. (Both pictures below)

Urrbrae House was built by Scot, **Peter Waite**, a very successful business man in South Australia when the colony was first settled. In his will, he bequeathed the property to the Adelaide University to be used for agricultural research. This Waite Agricultural Research Institute is now recognised world wide for its research and is one of the finest bequests ever made in this State. To see over the original Urrbrae House, which contains the original curtains in the drawing room, and the ballroom still with its original sprung floor, there are tours conducted by the Friends of Urrbrae House.



Family Dance Class & Touch of Tartan Concert

The Touch of Tartan Concert was held at Scotch College on the 20th September.

The dancing schools of Adelaide participated children from our Family Dance Classes held on Friday night at the Tusmore Uniting Church Hall performed a Sword dance. Pictured below far left are: **Cameron McDonald, Lachlan McDonald, Kirstie Larson** dancing the sword and far right is **Kell Larson** who danced 16 Pas de Basques.

Eliza Pawson and Dad **Andrew Pawson** are now regulars. We welcome back family **Anne-Marie & Damien Byrne** and their children, **Willow, Gabrielle and baby Arden**.

The children and adults who attend learn to do several Scottish Country Dances and the Military Two Step and Gay Gordons. The children are learning the traditional Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Ribbon Reel & Scottish Lilt.

Seen at Tartan Day concert members **Alex and Heather McLachlan, Ann Wickham, Christina Cockerill** and daughter, **Heather**, mother of **Lachlan and Cameron** and **Emma**, mother of **Kirsty and Kell**. **Kell** performed a solo, **Kirsty, Lachlan and Cameron** danced the sword dance during the evening show. **Past Chief David Porteous and Eunice** were present at the afternoon performance. This year the concert paid tribute to **Lorna Marshall** who was a very well known dancing instructress to many students. (Bottom right the tribute dance, the ribbon dance which was choreographed by Lorna.)



Elizabeth Bailey & Robin Woolgar (Sayers)



Natasha Burgess, Louisa Young & Caitlin Stewart-Watt dancing the Ribbon Reel

