



Family Scottish Dancing Classes

The Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia's "**Family Scottish Dancing Classes**" under the leadership of Leonie Garrick-Burgess an Internationally Qualified Highland Dancing Adjudicator, Instructor and Champion Highland Dancer in her own right have moved to new

and much improved premises. The Society hopes to reawaken an interest in traditional Scottish Highland, Country and Ballroom dancing. Join us Friday nights for a fun-filled family evening.

Classes are held at the Tasmore Park Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Barr Smith and Kennaway Streets, Tasmore Park, and run from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm each Friday night during school terms. The cost is \$20.00 per family per term for Society members (just \$2.00 per night) or \$30.00 per family per term for non-members. Light refreshments are available. Dress is casual or Highland, if you prefer.

Membership of the Society is **open to all** and costs just \$25.00 per year. Those joining between 1 January and end of May will pay only \$12.50, giving them membership until the following 30 June. (See the [Membership](#) page for more information).



Some of the members of the Family Scottish Highland Dancing Class at the 2006 Break-up Party



The Society (formerly the South Australian Caledonian Society) was formed in 1881 and celebrated its 125th Anniversary in September 2006. The Society commenced teaching Highland Dancing to Bairns (Scots for "children") in 1899 in the Triple Links Hall, opposite what is now Stow Church in Victoria Square, Adelaide. In October 1925, the Bairns' Class, as it came to be known, moved to the Society's new Memorial Hall at 379 King William Street, Adelaide. Over the 100 years of the Bairns' Class existence, thousands of young (and the not so young) learned the art of Scottish Highland Dancing until, due to modern influences, the Bairns' Class finally closed in 1999.

During its lifetime, the Bairns' Class had many instructors including Mrs Jack Bruce, Mrs Will Lowe, Mr Jock McPherson, Mr Cam Miller, Mr John Ogg, Ms Leckie Niven, Mr Jim Mitchell and Miss Lorna Marshall. These dedicated teachers were ably assisted by equally dedicated pianists such as Miss Luff, Mrs Shepherdson and Mrs Ogg. Pipe Major Bill Niven and Pipers Norman McKinnon and John Fleetwood also provided great support. Mr John Ogg, arguably one of the most dedicated teachers and certainly the longest serving, coached the Bairns' Class from 1912 and continued for nigh on fifty years until retiring at the age of 77.

2007 Term Dates:

- Term 1 — 2 February to 13 April (Excluding Good Friday 6 April)
- Term 2 — 4 May to 6 July
- Term 3 — 27 July to 28 September
- Term 4 — 19 October to 7 December

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