



THE CALEDONIAN

ST ANDREW'S SUPPER AT KENSINGTON RSL – SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER 2009



The guest speaker at St Andrew's was **Mr Bill Allchin**. He spoke on the exploits of Sir Ross & Sir Keith Smith. He is pictured above with his guests for the evening, Mr. & Mrs. Roper and Mr. & Mrs. Sangster.

Above: Poosie Nancy was **Robin Pawson**. There are many more photos of the band and guests on the back of the Dates to Remember insert.



Pictured Left: **Geoff Holden** gave the address to the Haggis and was piped in by Hamy Marcelin, the Chief's Piper.



Pictured Right: Our official guests for the evening. L. to R. Chief of Mount Barker **Roger Scott**, speaking with Ms. **Suzanne Marks** and Brig. **Tim Hanna AM**.

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FROM THE CHIEF

Greetings and Happy New Year.

It is always wonderful to greet a New Year with a clean plate. We can imagine all kinds of delightful things will be placed before us. That is exactly what Council has done. Please study our Calendar for the coming year. I hope you all enter in your diaries events which you can attend.

One member did this in December, and asked me are there any more events in addition to those on our Calendar to which he could go. This is real enthusiasm. It is the kind I should like to see amongst us all. We must remember that the pleasure we derive from anything is equal only to our input.

We ended 2009 on a high note with the Church Service and Luncheon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and our own St. Andrew's Night. We paid homage to our Patron Saint in a proper manner.

Our Guest speaker, Mr. Bill Allchin, spoke about Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith. The Anniversary of their flight from London to Australia was celebrated on 13th. December by RSL and other organizations. Malcolm Orchard and I were Honoured Guests at the Ceremony and at Luncheon afterwards.

So many of our Band performed on St. Andrew's night. They appeared to have no end when entering the hall. This was acknowledged by loud acclamation. They performed at the Memorial Service next day. I received many compliments from those present upon their performance and turnout. I am sure you all have as much pride in our Band as I. They went to the Tattoo in Sydney and, despite the deluge again did us proud. Performing drenched is no easy task. I compliment them all.

Due to my inability to attend, PC Pawson represented me at Port Adelaide Caledonian Society's Burns' Night, at the Carl Linger Memorial Service in West Terrace Cemetery and the funeral of the late HLM Modra. I am indebted to him.

To show our appreciation to the RUSI, Keswick Barracks for permitting us conduct our Council meetings in the office of the Librarian, (Director Malcolm Orchard) at no cost to us, we donated the book, 'Arthur Phillip' (see book review) to their Library. (Picture of office in the last Caledonian).

Three of our Family Dance Class bairns have taken up the opportunity to have Society funded lessons with Leonie Garrick-Burgess, but conditions apply.

Our "Can you help?" and 'Do you know?' segments bore results. Thankyou to members for assistance. Another member needs help (see photograph on next page). As Noel said, People write "Myself" on the backs of photographs, but when descendants view them, they have no idea at whom they are looking. I, and my Mother before me, were/are guilty of that, and I am sure many of you are too. Perhaps we should all record our names on photos for posterity.

Stendahl, French writer of 18th. Century. said, 'What is beauty but the promise of happiness....'

If that is so, there is much beauty in our Society at present. We have had several engagements and weddings since November. Three were reported in the last Caledonian and another in this.

However, the promise of happiness is not only for those in love. It is for us all when we pursue fellowship with each other. This joy can be achieved by attending the functions of our Society and interacting with fellow members. Perhaps we can make this our New Year's Resolution? I hope to welcome you all to our scheduled events.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

Ernie Dowler, Life Member and long time piper for our Highland Dancing Competition was hospitalised for some time in the Flinders Medical Centre. He is now at home under the care of his daughter Fiona. Thinking of you Ernie.

Tom Hunter was presented with his 50 years Veterans Jewel on Wednesday evening the 25th November 2009 at Hyde Park Bankers Lodge which meets at the Freemasons Hall, Fisher St, Tasmore. Tom joined Freemasonry in Aberdeen, Scotland (Old Aberdeen Lodge No 164) on the 14th September 1954 and was made a life member of that Lodge when leaving for Australia in 1960. Congratulations Tom and "Lang May Yer Lum Reek".

Grant Andrews was presented with his 50 year jewel by Past Grand Master Lindsay Bowes at the Lodge St Alban No 38 S.A.C.meeting on 10th September at the Masonic Centre. He has recently been holidaying with Audrey on King Island

Geoff and Barbara Holden have just returned from cruising around New Zealand on the Sun Princess.

Banner Bearer Adam Gifford had further surgery. Assessment for more on March 24th. Good Luck. **Adam** had his new car crushed in the last heat wave when a semi-trailer turned too sharply from Richmond Road onto Anzac Highway at ETSA corner. Fortunately he was unhurt.

Director Malcolm Orchard was confined to bed for two weeks with a virus.

Chieftain Ann Wickham spent a week in hospital due to a back injury.

Jo Geschmay collided with an over enthusiastic gentleman walker and was turned on her head. Careful, Jo. This is really falling for the man.

LM Kaye Gifford, former Deputy Principal of Airdale School Port Pirie, and Quorn, has won a position back in Adelaide. She is now Truant Officer for Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island. Congratulations Kaye.

Michelle, daughter of **PC Ann Calver** and Rod, celebrated her wedding in January. We wish her and her new husband happiness.

HLM, former Director and Band member Ron Modra, passed away on January 23 after a long illness. Our sympathy is extended to his family. His funeral service was attended by many members of the Pipes & Drums and the Society. He was a very hard worker for the Society during the years that he and Past Chief Jeff McFarlane manned the hall and the bar for the Wednesday night and Sunday night dances. RIP Ron.

LM Amy Gifford and Member David Wallis celebrated their engagement with a party in the garden of the beautiful cliff-top home of James and LM Kaye Gifford at Hallett Cove.

PC Lennox Pawson and Robin, Chieftain Christina Cockerill and Banner Bearer Brian Spencer, Chieftain Ann Wickham and Wally travelled to Sydney together. They lived it up in a Penthouse and watched the Tattoo in the tropical downpour. Sadly, Lennox lost his camera. Ann did not take hers, so no photos. Commiserations all round.



In the Presence of Greatness

In the USA some time ago, three lads hopped onto their local bus for a ride. They were in a fairly 'vigorous' mood, so when they noticed a man alone up the back of the bus dressed rather casually, they thought they'd see how far they could push him.

At first they just made a few light jokes about him. The stranger didn't respond. They turned up the heat and started to insult him directly. The stranger still didn't respond.

Eventually the bus arrived at the stranger's stop. He looked down at the young men, reached into his pocket, pulled out his business card, and handed it to them. The three boys huddled around the card to see who this stranger was and what he did for a living. The card read:

Joe Louis

Professional Boxer

These lads had tried to start a fight with the man who was the heavyweight boxing champion of the world eleven times running. They had been in the presence of greatness and did not know it. This is too often when it comes to Jesus –his greatness is underestimated- but this hasn't always been the case.....When Jesus taught people said "We have never heard anything like this!!"; when he healed a man riddled with paralysis Luke records 'Amazement seized them all, and they glorified God, and were filled with awe"; when the Roman Centurion saw Jesus die he said "Truly, this was the Son of God"; and when Thomas saw Jesus alive he said "My Lord & My God"- and well before the end of the first century Jesus was worshipped as 'Lord and God'. One day we will stand before Jesus- are we ready to stand in the presence of greatness??

Blessings
Rev Chris

LENNOX'S LOONIES



Tourist " Excuse me, what's the quickest way to the hospital? "
Local - " Close your eyes, cross this street, and you'll be there in fifteen minutes."

Sandy was in trouble again, and the judge asked him if he was guilty or not guilty. "
Guilty, sir, I think, but I'd rather be tried and make sure of it."

Donald - " Has your sheepdog a good pedigree? "
Sandy - " Has he ? Say, if my dog could talk, he wouldn't speak to either of us."

Scots Motorist - " I want a pint of gasoline and a cup of oil."
Garage Hand - " And shall I cough into the tires, sir? "

Speaking of old families, " said the snobbish Englishman, " one of my ancestors was present at the signing of the Magna Carta."

" And one of mine, " said the Scot, " was at the signing of the Ten Commandments



Chief Anne Miller (above) presenting a trophy to the Society as a thank you for her term in office. This was done just prior to the election, at which she was reappointed Chief for her 3rd and final term.



As mentioned on previous page in "Word from the Chief" This photo was amongst papers and a packet of photographs that member Noel 'inherited' from a cousin of his grandfather, one Tom Rapson."

None of the family know who the girl is in this photo. The only clue is "Taken after the Eisteddfod Competitions in June. I won five firsts and one second out of seven entries

and won a gold medal (jubilee) and the "Aggregate Cup" donated by the "Royal Caledonian Society".

If you recognise this photo could you please contact the Secretary by phone or email – details on back of newsletter.

WHEN STORING YOUR PHOTOS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS REMEMBER TO MARK THEM CLEARLY!

RCS Pipes & Drums coming Engagements

Laura Folk Fair - 212km North of Adelaide, 45km East of Port Pirie.

A unique two day event. 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. RCS Band playing at Laura Folk Fair 10th April

RU Brown Competition – Scotch College on 1st & 2nd May

Mini Band Competition – Adelaide High School no charge open to the public on 23rd May 2010

A pessimist sees the dark side of the clouds, and mopes; a philosopher sees both sides, and shrugs; an optimist doesn't see the clouds at all – he's walking on them." D.O. Flynn

"Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible." E.P. Dowd



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

Arthur Phillip. By Derek Parker

In his foreword to his newly published biography of Australia's first Governor, Arthur Phillip, Derek Parker notes that over the past two centuries since that appointment, commentators have "shown surprise that Arthur Phillip was chosen". And then asks two questions: was it really so surprising, and, what did the Home Office and Admiralty expect of a man who was to navigate a fleet to the antipodes, and when he got there unload its cargo of unregenerate criminals and forge them into some kind of working colony? Apart from the necessary seamanship they needed a man with a cool head who understood men and how to control them, a man capable of governing himself, possessed of calm and understanding and a thorough grasp of reality, with complete loyalty to the Crown and Government and a determination to plan and carry through an enterprise unlike any other within living memory. Fortunately, there were one or two men at the Admiralty who understood that Arthur Phillip possessed all these credentials.

Here Derek Parker covers Phillip's whole life, with, of course, a strong focus on his selection as Governor, the preparations of the First Fleet, its journey from England, the establishment of the new colony and Phillip's handling of the position of Australia's first Governor – no easy task. Published by Woodslane Press 2009 ISBN 978-1-921203-99-2

Available at Dymocks \$50.00 **Reviewed by Dryades.**

MEMBERS: Cufflinks with the Society Crest are now available at a cost of \$25 a set. Selling fast. Pictured below.

If you are interested would you kindly contact **PC Lennox Pawson** on 8379 1949 or **Secretary 8276 4160**



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