



THE CALEDONIAN

BURNS SUPPER AT KENSINGTON PARK RSL – SATURDAY 17th July 2010



Performing in great style our very own Pipes and Drums

Burns Supper held at the Kensington Park RSL Hall on Saturday 17th July 2010 was possibly the best social event held for many years. It just goes to show that you do not need fancy venues, it is the people and the atmosphere that makes it so.

The hall was filled to capacity with approx. 75 attending and the Pipes and Drums in force. The invited guests were the Lord Mayor of Adelaide Michael Harbison and his wife Kathy, Chief of Pt Adelaide Caledonian Trevor Powell and his good wife Pauline, Chief of Strathalbyn Lindsay Gibson and his wife Kate, Chief of Munno Para Isabel Keane and husband David and our chaplain Rev Chris ten Broeke who did "The Immortal Memory". Trevor Powell addressed the Haggis, Heather McLachlan was Poosie Nancy and our MC was Hamy Marcelin, who really kept the evening moving. The Burnside Ceilidh Scottish Dancers led some dancing, and our very own Bairns Kirstie and Kell Larson danced a fling and a sword. There was dancing a plenty for all present.



Chief of Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Trevor Powell
Chief of Royal Caledonian Society Anne Miller
Chief of Mt Barker Caledonian Society Roger Scott
Chief of Munno Para Caledonian Society Isabel Keane
Chief of Strathalbyn Caledonian Society Lindsay Gibson
Mt Barker mid-winter Christmas on 24th July 2010. First time in over 10 years that all Society Chief's have been present at same function



Chief Anne Miller and Malcolm Orchard attended the luncheon at Royal Coach Motor Inn for the 110th Anniversary of the South Australian ship HMS Protector, which was regarded as the best ship in the world 110 years ago.

Also present were PCPawson and Robin and Erica Cox.

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FROM THE CHIEF

Greetings everyone.

It is with sadness that I write my column for the Caledonian for the last time as your Chief.

I have been reminded again what our Society means to us. A new member said it all. When I informed him he was now one of us, he said he considered his life to be complete as he had joined with the kin of his ancestors. Knowing who we are and from whence we came is important. Our heritage is dear to us all.

Our past 3 months have been busy, as is expected during the winter season. Tartan Day was well celebrated: first at Burnside Library and then at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, North Adelaide. Robert Burns was honoured again at the Statue on North Terrace and in the Adelaide Library.

We had a joyous time together at our own Burns Supper. The Kensington RSL Hall (where the Pipes and Drums rehearse) was overflowing. We were fully booked two months in advance and unfortunately had to refuse many members entrée. There was no room for more chairs. Not all were seated at tables. Many sat on chairs placed along the walls. This made for an even happier atmosphere. My Guests were The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Chiefs of Port Adelaide, Munno Para, Strathalbyn, also the President of Kensington RSL Mr. Grant Andrews, and their partners and our Hon. Chaplain, Rev. Christen Broeke who gave the Immortal Memory. There was entertainment aplenty: Poetry, Dancers, Dancing, and own Pipes and Drums. The Haggis, as usual, was delicious. It was everything one's heart could desire on a winter's night. Three new members were welcomed.

The Winter Concert was food for the soul. Few of our own members were there, but members from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, North Adelaide, and other Societies and Clans attended. My Guests were Commissioner Donald McDonald and President Michael Murphy of Clan Donald and their Good Ladies.

Since last I wrote I was invited to attend following Caledonian Societies and their festivities, viz: Munno Para Burns Night, Mt. Barker Christmas in Winter: Port Adelaide Irish Dinner: the Gathering of the Clans Dinner: John McDouall Stuart Scy. Annual Memorial at his statue in Victoria Square: Victoria League Luncheon: Port Adelaide Music Hall night and Navy League Luncheon. There are many more exciting events still to come during my last few weeks as Chief of the Society. Director Orchard accompanied me wherever I went at all times.

I attended the AGM of The Pipes and Drums. This was a most pleasant evening with supper afterwards. I have been proud to be Chief of this splendid Band. Their excellence in dress and music makes them noticeable at all times and gives one a thrill as they play and pass by. Director/Piper Don McQueen gave me a photograph of the Band. This was taken at the Sydney Tattoo this year. This I shall cherish.

I have been both proud and humble to serve the Society as Chief, and thank all members for the confidence shown, and the many compliments paid to me during my term of office.

I look forward to seeing you all at our AGM.

Lang may you prosper

BETWEEN OURSELVES

Condolences to:-

Bill McNeil-Sadler on the death of his wife, Elaine.
Robert Brown, following the death of his father.

Best wishes for speedy recoveries were sent to :-

LM Amy Gifford

Banner Bearer LM Adam Gifford

Banner Bearer Brian Spencer who is recuperating after his recent time in hospital.

Director Malcolm Orchard

Harry Evans who is recuperating from an operation.

Birthday wishes – Helen Fawcett celebrated her 80th at the Feathers on 8th August. Ann & Wally Wickham, and Christina Cockerill & Brian Spencer attended. Helen was our treasurer for nearly 10 years. Congratulations Helen.

Travellers:

PC Lennox Pawson and Robin are in Darwin for the Probus Annual Rendezvous and a holiday and will return via the Ghan.

Chieftain Ann Wickham is off to Italy to stay with her daughter Rebecca & Granddaughter Isla for 3 weeks.

SILENT AUCTION

The first kilt length of South Australian Tartan, designed and registered by Mrs. Betty Johnston (of Johnston's Woollen Mills, Elgin), and donated by her to The Scottish Associations of South Australia, will be offered for sale by Silent Auction. The successful bidder will be announced at the Scottish Associations meeting on December 12th. 2010. Bids must be made by post, and will close on Friday, 3rd. December. Address bids to: - **The Secretary, The Scottish Associations South Australia, Box 415 Morphett Vale. SA 5162.**



LENNOX'S LOONIES

In a small Highland town the farmers of the community had gotten together to discuss some important issues. About midway through the meeting a wife of one of the farmers stood up and spoke. One old farmer stood up and said: "What does she know about anything? I would like to ask her if she knows how many toes a pig has. "Quick as a flash the woman replied, " Take off your boots, and count them."

Old Sandy was giving instructions for his own funeral. He told his son: - "Well, son, you'll just go round the entire company and make sure that each has a drink of whisky. Then after a while you'll go around again and make sure they all have another wee drink. Since, however, I will not be at the wake, I'll just have my two drinks now."

The Scots couple who were courting, and came to a quiet stretch of their walk. Said Donald: "Jenny, would you object if I should put my arm around your waist?" To which Jenny replies: -" Yes, indeed, Donald, I should object. But I might yield to a little bit of pressure."



Better to Give than Grab

'I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; refused my heart no pleasure.' So wrote King Solomon.

I wonder if you've spotted a telltale word that's repeated in this part of the royal journal? It's the little word 'I' that crops up over and over again. Solomon built, landscaped, created harems-and all this effort was centred around *him*.

Don't miss this telling disclosure, because understanding it is a major key to the door of the real 'good life'. Happiness is never found in self-obsession. All the grabbing in the world won't fulfil us, because we've been created to find delight in giving away. The idea that it's *better to give than receive* is not just a slogan for a cheesy greeting card - it's the biblical truth.

I'm reminded of a dear friend who, years ago, mugged our family with a random act of generosity. I protested and said that we couldn't possibly accept his kindness. With a twinkle in his eye, he replied, with mock sternness, 'Now don't you dare rob me of the joy and blessing of giving.'

There's something profoundly rewarding about giving, about serving and about freely forgiving, it isn't just that we feel magnanimous or powerful - but we connect with our purpose on earth when we give ourselves away. What an irony: satisfaction is found not in finding, but in losing.

Prayer: *Lord, grasping and grabbing is so easy to do and giving is often so hard. Grant us grace to know that it is better to give than to receive.* Amen.

Blessings Rev Chris



Dominic Meehan got our toes a tappin' with his jazzy saxophone



Malcolm Potter sang some beautiful love songs.



Young Bairns Kirstie and Kell Larson danced the fling



Whisky night at PC Pawson's – much to talk about!



Secretary Christina Cockerill's daughter Heather and David Mather married at Chesser House, Adelaide.

The wedding service was followed by a cocktail style reception with 30 family and friends at the Edinburgh Hotel, Mitcham.

They have moved into a lovely new home at Clovelly Park.



Hannah Kovillpillai a student from Seymour College played both the violin and the Oboe. A very talented musician who I am sure we will hear more of in the future. The concert was enjoyed by all.



Pictures from Burns Supper at Kensington Park RSL 17th July 2010 – and a good time was had by all!!!

ROYAL CALEDONIAN - DATES TO REMEMBER -2010

Scottish Associations Date Book available – Phone Chief Anne Miller 83792515

Sunday 29 th August 2-5pm	Speaker Hamy Marcelin (Subject – After 1975) and High Tea. Rosefield Uniting Church, 2 Carlton St, Highgate. Entry \$5.00 Please bring plate of food to share. Enquiries Chief 8379 2515 Christina 8276 4160
Monday 13 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. Please bring your agenda, financial pages, etc as included in September newsletter.
Saturday 16 th October 12.00 noon	Scottish Luncheon and social day. Own cost. Earl of Liecester Hotel Bistro Bookings – Chief 8379 2515 Christina 8276 4160
Sunday 14 th November 2.00 pm	Guided tour of the Keswick Army Museum – Entry: Donation \$5 - followed by afternoon tea at Hungry Jacks at own cost. Enquiries – Chief 8379 2515 Christina 8276 4160
Sunday 28 th November 10.30am start	St. Andrew's Day Church Service – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Archer Street, Nth Adelaide
Saturday 4 th December 7.00 for 7.30pm	St Andrews Celebration – Kensington RSL 346, The Parade Kensington Park Entry \$15 includes Haggis, 'neeps & tatties BYO Supper, drinks and glasses Bookings Secretary Christina 8276 4160



Robert Burns

EDINBURGH

Burns by [Alexander Nasmyth](#), 1787

On 27 November 1786, Burns borrowed a pony and set out for [Edinburgh](#). On 14 December William Creech issued subscription bills for the first Edinburgh edition of *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish dialect*, which was published on 17 April 1787. Within a week of this event, Burns had sold his copyright to Creech for 100 guineas.^[1] In Edinburgh, he was received as an equal by the city's brilliant men of letters and was a guest at [aristocratic](#) gatherings, where he bore himself with unaffected dignity. Here he encountered, and made a lasting impression on, the 16-year-old [Walter Scott](#), who described him later with great admiration

"His person was strong and robust; his manners rustic, not clownish, a sort of dignified plainness and simplicity which received part of its effect perhaps from knowledge of his extraordinary talents. His features are presented in Mr Nasmyth's picture but to me it conveys the idea that they are diminished, as if seen in perspective. I think his countenance was more massive than it looks in any of the portraits ... there was a strong expression of shrewdness in all his lineaments; the eye alone, I think, indicated the poetical character and temperament. It was large, and of a dark cast, and literally glowed when he spoke with feeling or interest. I never saw such another eye in a human head, though I have seen the most distinguished men of my time" Walter Scott

His stay in the city resulted in some lifelong friendships, among which were those with [Lord Glencairn](#), and Frances Anna Dunlop (1730-1815), who became his occasional sponsor and with whom he corresponded for many years until a rift developed. He embarked on a relationship with the separated Agnes 'Nancy' McLehose (1758-1841), with whom he exchanged passionate letters under pseudonyms (Burns called himself 'Sylvander' and Nancy 'Clarinda'). When it became clear that Nancy would not be easily seduced into a physical relationship, Burns moved on to Jenny Clow (1766-1792), Nancy's domestic servant, who bore him a son, Robert Burns Clow in 1788. His relationship with Nancy concluded in 1791 with a final meeting in Edinburgh before she sailed to Jamaica for what transpired to be a short-lived reconciliation with her estranged husband. Before she left, he sent her the manuscript of [Ae Fond Kiss](#) as a farewell to her.

In Edinburgh, in early 1787, he met James Johnson, a struggling music engraver and music seller with a love of old Scots songs and a determination to preserve them. Burns shared this interest and became an enthusiastic contributor to [The Scots Musical Museum](#). The first volume of this was published in 1787 and included three songs by Burns. He contributed 40 songs to volume 2, and would end up responsible for about a third of the 600 songs in the whole collection, as well as making a considerable editorial contribution. The final volume was published in 1803.



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.

At Home By Bill Bryson

Celebrated author and humorist, Bill Bryson, was, in his words “struck one day by the thought that we devote a lot more time to studying the battles and wars of history than considering what history really consists of : centuries of people quietly going about their daily business – eating, sleeping and merely endeavouring to get more comfortable.”

He formed the idea of making a journey around his home in Norfolk, (England), “to wander from room to room and consider how each has featured in the evolution of private life. The bathroom would be a history of hygiene, the kitchen of cooking, ...and so on, in a village of tranquil anonymity”.

Thus “At home” with its sub-title “A Short History of Private Life” came to be written, came to be a book of some 536 pages of fascinating history, written with quiet humour, as Bryson quietly goes from room to room, from hall to attic.

Highly recommended.
Reviewed by Dryades.

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