



# The East London Caledonian Society

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## AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Thank you to all who attended the AGM and, for those who didn't, here is your 'new' Committee:

Position:	Name:	Cell:
Chief	Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton	084 693 2836
Senior Chieftain	Roxanne Piderit	082 455 8661
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	Andrew Macdonell	082 701 8868
Hon. Secretary	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
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	Maureen Rankin	082 405 9730
	Sue Piderit	082 924 1078
	Rose Thompson	072 431 7391
	Kim Mathieson	083 373 5864
	Jeanette Hubbard	082 929 1970

As you can see, the Committee is unchanged - so I think we must be doing something right? Also thank you for again putting your trust in me as Chief. I shall do everything, along with the Committee, to justify your faith. However, we cannot do it alone and I urge you all to come forward and support us. I especially ask this for the Gathering – it is now only 7 weeks away and counting! We need helpers on the day; so please give Dave a call and he will certainly find a job for you. We are really hoping to show our mettle here in the Eastern Cape !

### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

*(Remember - please send us your news for the next Newsletter !)*

Sadly, our first bit of news is to report on the passing of Rosita Moorcroft. Rosita was the third longest serving member of our Society and an active participant for many years. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to her friends and family.

**Academic News:** Congratulations to Duane Sweeney on getting a distinction in his Maths course and to Dave Rankin for distinctions in all his courses. And to Roxanne Piderit, who recently completed her TAU Fellowship (that's Teaching Advancement at University – if you were wondering!)

**Marriage News:** Congratulations to Sarah Kingon (Agnes Cowie's granddaughter) on her engagement, to Damian de Lange on getting married on 15 July and to Jeannette Hubbard on her upcoming wedding, which will take place at the end of August.

**Sports News:** Tumi Macdonell won two bronze medals in the 100m and 200m freestyle at the recent PE Aquatics Winter Swimming Gala.

News from the Doctors Surgery: Emily Middleton recently broke her arm while bike riding; while Jean Sansom continues to be in poor health and will be moving to Kennersley Park in Nov.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

- 23 July 2016 Chairing of the Chief – Oak Room, Parklands. 6.30 pm for 7 pm  
*'Bring and share'* function – also please bring your own bar and glasses.
- 24 July 2016 Kirking of the Chief – Cambridge Methodist Church. 8am. Please bring eats
- 20 Aug 2016 Garden Party at Parklands to celebrate Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday at 10.30 am  
R40pp. *'Join us for cucumber sandwiches, english tea ... and entertainment!'*

**PIPE BAND** Piper will be at the Chairing and the Band will be on duty at the Battle of Britain Parade on 11 September 2016.

**LADIES GROUP** Ladies' July meeting, hosted by Sandra Rankin went well. Next meeting will be hosted by Ruth Strong at 9.30am on Tuesday 2 August 2016 at Cottage S17, Fairlands.

**S.C.D.C** Country Dancing continues at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm every Tuesday.

**HIGHLAND DANCERS** Interprovincial Challenge, Border Highland Dancing Festival and Protea Awards Dinner on the weekend of 17-19 June went well. Special congratulations to Jeanette Hubbard on her Accolade Award and to Emily Frauenstein, who won the National Protea Award for the highland dancer who won most points over the year. Looking forward, five dancers from East London will be competing at the upcoming South African Championships.

**HIGHLAND GATHERING** The big day – Saturday 3 September – is approaching! Last meeting of Gathering Committee will be at 9 Nelson Ave, Cambridge at 7.00pm on Thursday 18 August 2016. Please offer your services – all help will be needed to make this a success!

## **BIRTHDAYS**

July 2016			August 2016		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
21	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948	14	Sue Piderit	082 924 1078
24	Elliot Murray	043 722 4106	25	Iris v d Zee	043 726 5000

**CONGRESS** 92<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the 'Federated Caledonian Society of Southern Africa' will be hosted at Cedar Woods in Sandton, Johannesburg from 7 to 9 October 2016.

**COMMITTEE** Next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday 11 August 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Macdonell Residence, 17 Fitzmaurice Road, Baysville.

Yours aye,



Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton (Chief)

### **SMALL KILTS – “Looking for a Good Home”**

Two Kilts (Red Tartan) – age 11 to 13 year old.  
plus one waistcoat and hat

If interested - contact:

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
23 July 2016	Chairing	Oak Room, Parklands	6.30 for 7pm	Bring your bar
24 July 2016	Kirking	Cambridge Methodist	8am	Bring eats
20 Aug 2016	Garden Party	Parklands	10.30am	QE2 Birthday Celeb. R40pp
3 Sept 2016	Gathering	Cambridge High School	9 am	Please offer your help!