



# The East London Caledonian Society

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## FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Wishing you all a fabulous 2019! In the New Year may you be blessed with all the good things God has to give. We had a very busy 2018 – and 2019 looks to be just as busy, with a few new activities and adventures for us to get involved in. We have just a few months to achieve the final goal which I outlined in the September newsletter, namely: to increase our membership. To do that we need to enlist the help of all our members. Invite a friend, spread the word – we can continue our upward trend TOGETHER!

Burns Nicht will be held next weekend – there is still some time to get tickets, so please contact Sue Piderit today to book your place! We will also be welcoming the Federation Chief, Charles Carr on his official visit to our Society at Burns Nicht. We do hope to see as many members as possible at the dinner.



*Highland Dancers and Pipe Band at St Andrews Dinner on 1 December 2018*

### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

Firstly some sad news that our oldest member, Margaret Murray, recently passed away at the grand old age of 103. Past member Laurence McGillivray is experiencing ill health; while Hannah Paterson has relocated to Scotland. The Macdonell family had an enjoyable visit to Scotland including Hogmanay in Edinburgh. While in Scotland, Tumi competed in the Highland Swimming Gala in Inverness. Looking forward .... congratulations to Sue Piderit, who is expecting to become a grandmother in June, to Britney & Emily Middleton will be on a hockey tour to Holland in March and to Sarah Middleton, who has graduated with a Master's Degree in Organisational Psychology.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

Saturday 26 Jan 2019 Burns Night at Beacon Bay Country Club. 18.30 for 19.00.  
Members: R100, Non-members: R150.  
RSVP: Sue Piderit (082 924 1078) by 18 January 2019

Saturday 9 Feb 2019 Fundraising Tea at Port Rex THS at 10.00. R50 per person.  
RSVP: Sue Piderit (082 924 1078) or the committee by 2 February 2019

## **PIPE BAND**

Practice will resume on Tuesday 22 January.  
Upcoming parades: 26 January - Burns Night. 24 February – “Music in the Park” in Berea Gardens at 15.00.

## **LADIES GROUP**

The ladies had an enjoyable Christmas lunch on Tuesday 4 December 2018 at John and Lorna Thompson’s house. The ladies visited the shut-ins during December. Next meeting will be at the home of Maureen Middleton at 09.30 on Tuesday 5 February. March meeting will be on Wednesday 6 March at ‘Breath of Life’.

**S.C.D.C** Country Dancing is currently in recess. Dancing will resume on 5 February 2019.

## **HIGHLAND DANCERS**

Dancers performed at St Andrews Dinner and will be at Burns Night and at “Music in the Park”. Piderit Highland Dancing Studio will present a concert on 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> March. (Date to be confirmed)

## **CONGRESS**

East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress and a first discussion of the Task Team will be included in the agenda of the next Committee Meeting.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

January 2019 (remainder)			February 2019		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
25	Elizabeth Weare	043 721 1533	12	John Fyfe	<a href="mailto:datnis@border.co.za">datnis@border.co.za</a>
28	Andrew Macdonell	082 701 8868	20	Kim Mathieson	083 373 5864
			29 *	Maureen Illingworth	043 721 1727

## **COMMITTEE**

Next Committee Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 February 2019 at the Macdonell Residence, 17 Fitzmaurice Road, Baysville.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
26 Jan 2019	Burns Night	Beacon Bay C Club	18.30	R100 members (R150 non-members)
9 Feb 2019	Fundraising Tea	Port Rex THS	10.00	R50 per person. Bring eats.
9 Mar 2019	Quiz Evening	Dot Com Café (TBC)	TBC	Details in next newsletter
6 April 2019	Train Trip	East London to Berlin	14.30	R20pp. Bring snacks and wear tartan