



The East London Caledonian Society

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JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another Caledonian year. It has been quite a busy year, and the next year looks to be just as busy as we prepare for THE event – the Pipe Band's Centenary. There will undoubtedly be significant focus on this in the coming months and this will be our showcase event for 2020 – it is a good reason to celebrate!

At the Chairing in 2018, I set out 3 goals for the year – we have had varied success in these.

(1) **Increase Membership:** *We have not seen the growth in membership we envisaged and we definitely have room for improvement on this goal. We have had decent support from non-members at our functions, but this has not translated into new members. Any ideas welcome..*

(2) **Active Participation at McClelland Halloween:**

I was pleased to see a number of members participate in our annual Halloween event, and we even had some donations from those who could not attend. I hope to see this continue to grow as it is our main charitable initiative.

(3) **Prepare for 2020:** *2020 is an important year for the Society - we celebrate the Centenary of the Pipe Band and we will host the Federation Congress. We have done some fundraising toward this event, and are well on our way to finalising the plans – watch this space for news.*

As we end this year, it is time to set new goals for the 2019/2020 Caledonian year. This will be the responsibility of the new committee – which you will elect at the AGM to be held on 19 June 19:00 at the Border Hockey Club.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

In travel news, Agnes Cowie went away for a week; while Andrew and Claude Macdonell have now returned from their short trip to the UK and Johannesburg for weddings. Meanwhile, soon to travel is Sandra Rankin, who will be visiting Russia at the end of May for a birthday celebration. Congratulations to David Rankin, who is now an elder of Cambridge Presbyterian Church and to Scottish Country Dancers, Shirley and Sharon, who are to be ordained as elders of St Georges Presbyterian Church. Emily & Britney Middleton have been selected for the Border "A" U18 hockey team. Susan Piderit will be doing the 350 km Indela Yobuntu hike, before travelling to Johannesburg for the birth of her first grandchild. Finally best wishes to Nadege Rankin, who is currently in St Dominic's Hospital for treatment.

ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday 19 June 2019: AGM at Border Hockey Club. 19.00. (Note: not 18.00 as advertised in last newsletter)



'Visiting' Provincial Chieftan and Lady President

PIPE BAND

Our thoughts are with Paul Cormac, who is recovering in ICU at Beacon Bay Life Hospital after a light aircraft crash. The Band recently held its AGM and the following people were elected: Chairman: Wayne Mackay; Pipe Major & Quartermaster: Robert Rankin; Drum Sergeant: Stephen Goold, Drum Corporal: Anthony de Lange; Secretary & Treasurer: Geoff Liddle; Society Liaison: Leanne Harbottle. The band performed at McClelland Bazaar and Stirling Primary School Games Day recently.

LADIES GROUP

Six ladies spent an informative morning at 'Breathe of Life' on Friday 3 May, where they handed over donations and provided eats for tea with the staff. On behalf of Breathe of Life, the ladies sold tickets for Takkie Tax Day on 31 May. Next meeting: 09.30 on Tuesday 11 June at Sandra Rankin's home, 102 Parklands, Berea.

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Classes have resumed. Eight dancers in attendance on average. New dances are being learned; while known dances are being rehearsed.

HIGHLAND DANCERS

The Eastern Cape Highland Gathering Competition took place at Port Rex THS on Saturday 11 May. Dancers performed at the McClelland Bazaar and Stirling Primary Games Day on 25 May. Dancers are hard at work preparing for their annual examinations in August.

CONGRESS / TASK TEAM

East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress / Band Centenary. Task Team met on Wednesday 8 May (Election Day). A working copy of the Federation constitution has been proof-read by the task team and returned to Central Council for distribution to the member Societies. Task Team will meet immediately after AGM on 19 June.

BIRTHDAYS

May 2019 (Second half)			June 2019		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
20	Beryl MacIver	043 722 0875	11	Jean Sansom	043 735 2788
22	Tanya Macdonell	074 446 0480	23	Ralph Anley	082 469 9424
26	Ken Scott	083 274 3349			

SUBSCRIPTIONS The Committee is proposing that subscriptions will increase next year to: Full Members: R100, Country Members: R75; Junior Members: R35. Members paying in advance of the AGM will pay at the current rates.

COMMITTEE

Next Committee Meeting will take place immediately after the AGM on 19 June 2019 at Border Hockey Club.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
19 June 2019	Caledonian Society AGM	Border Hockey Club	19.00	Opportunity to join committee !!