



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

4th May, 2016.

Dear Mr. Cairney,

I have been asked to thank you for the kind letter you have sent on behalf of the Scottish Banner Newspaper, on the occasion of your Fortieth Anniversary.

The Queen was most interested to be reminded of the role of the publication in providing a network for Scottish individuals and communities around the world.

Her Majesty appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and, in return, sends her best wishes and congratulations to all concerned in your notable anniversary year.

Yours sincerely,
Christopher Sandamas

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Chief Clerk to The Queen

Mr. Sean Cairney.



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

**THE SCOTTISH BANNER
40TH ANNIVERSARY**

Australians have always had a special place in their hearts for the Scottish, because we share such a strong and enduring history.

Migrants from Scotland have greatly influenced the evolving story of our nation, and were particularly critical to the making of early colonial society.

Three of the first six governors of New South Wales were Scots, among them the ambitious and visionary 'Father of Australia', Lachlan Macquarie.

Early Scottish explorers were instrumental in the development and mapping of our land, and others, motivated by the civic and intellectual traditions of Scotland, became leading social reformers.

At the same time, Scottish folk music inspired some of our most loved bush ballads and verse, including Australia's unofficial national song, *Waltzing Matilda*.

As our nation has grown and prospered, Australians of Scottish heritage have been prominent or foremost in every phase of our social, cultural, economic and political development.

They have found success at the highest echelons of their fields, including as Prime Ministers, Premiers and Governors-General. We also have Scotland to thank for many of our most renowned artists, musicians, writers and sports men and women.

Today, there are more than 1.8 million people of Scottish ancestry living in Australia, and our nation retains a strong affinity for Scotland and all things Scottish.

I pay tribute to the Scottish Banner for upholding this proud legacy by keeping readers connected with Scottish culture and tradition. I wish you many more editions to come.

Malcolm Turnbull

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia

6 May 2016



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

July 2016

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to the staff and readers of the *Scottish Banner* on its 40th anniversary of publication.

Since its launch in 1976, the *Scottish Banner* has become a trusted monthly publication for Scottish expatriates and others with an interest in Scottish culture and traditions. The newspaper provides readers with a unique mixture of news, information and opinion from writers and contributors in Canada and around the world.

I would like to commend everyone involved in the production of the newspaper for your commitment to preserving Scottish heritage in Canada. Canadians of Scottish descent have played an important role in every aspect of our nation's development. Our first two prime ministers, notably — Sir John A. Macdonald and Alexander Mackenzie — were born in Scotland. I only have to look to my late grandfather, James Sinclair, born in Banffshire, to see the strong Scottish influence in my own family tree, like that of many Canadians.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable anniversary and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Justin Trudeau

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



Prime Minister

Prime Minister John Key:

Message to The Scottish Banner

Congratulations to the Scottish Banner as you celebrate 40 years of monthly publication.

This is a significant milestone, and I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your service over the past 40 years in keeping New Zealand's Scottish community informed.

New Zealand is proud of its strong Scottish heritage. This year we welcomed the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo to our country for only the second time. It's clear from the popularity of this event that Scottish culture is alive and well in New Zealand.

Best wishes for the celebrations and for the years ahead.

John Key

Rt Hon John Key
PRIME MINISTER



First Minister of Scotland

I am delighted to extend my congratulations to the *Scottish Banner* as it celebrates its 40th year of publication. Scotland has a hugely engaged ex-pat community and the *Scottish Banner* offers them a valuable resource for Scottish news, views and information about Scotland's heritage. It truly is a link to Scotland for people across the world and I wish them well for the next 40 years of publication!

Nicola Sturgeon
First Minister of Scotland



**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

June 1, 2016

I send my regards as you celebrate your organization's 40th anniversary.

Throughout the American story, each generation has continued the unending work of building a better future and making our Nation more just and more equal. By joining in a spirit of common purpose and contributing to shared progress, you are helping drive America forward. As you reflect on your achievements, I hope you take pride in the difference you have made in the lives of others.

Congratulations on all you have accomplished. I wish you the very best in the years ahead as you continue working to forge an ever brighter tomorrow.

Barack Obama

