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Ever wanted to know what happened to your old pal from home, how to make your favourite Scottish meal, or wondered about a certain bit of Scottish history?

Combined Clans Luncheon in Adelaide



Piper Jason Moore.

We had a successful clans luncheon recently with 67 people attending. The location of the Fogolar Furlan Italian reception centre provides easy car parking and good space for both the seating of guests and displays of Highland dancing. While many clans were represented on the day, the main ones in numbers attending were Clan Donald, Clan Campbell, Clan MacFarlane, Clan MacLeod and Clan MacNeil.

Hamilton (Hammy) Marcelin and Jason Moore were our pipers on the day and



Trevor Powell Addressing the Haggis.

the highland dancers were provided by the Garrick – Stewart Highland Dancing School.

We welcomed Ian Ryrie as the new president of Clan Donald Society of South Australia who succeeds Michael Murphy who has retired after a number of years of service.

Yours aye,
John McNeil
The Scottish Associations of South Australia
Adelaide, South Australia

A Tribute



I would like to thank Heather Patterson of California for kindly sharing with *Scottish Banner* readers (November 2021 edition), her beloved late mother's beautiful poem about a wee Scottish Terrier. It so eloquently describes my precious little Scottie, Maggie, and I shall always treasure this very special poem. Thank you, Heather, and please accept my sympathy on the sad loss of your mother.

I would like to thank *the Scottish Banner* for such a wonderful publication, which provides such tremendous information on all things Scottish. It brings so much pleasure, not only to those of Scottish birth, but those such as myself who are incredibly proud of their Scottish origins and loving everything pertaining to Scotland and feeling such a strong pull to the old country.

I enclose a photograph of my dearly loved wee Scottie Maggie, the joy of my life for you to see what a beautiful little Scot she is! Keep up the great work with your publication and I eagerly await *the Scottish Banner's* arrival each month.

Margaret A Michie Benney

Ed note: Thanks for your note Margaret and glad the poem *A Tribute* has touched you, Maggie is a bonnie lass!

The Kilted Coaches



Thanks *Scottish Banner* for the great interview with The Kilted Coaches in the November issue. I only had just recently seen the Joanna Lumley travel show where she was in Scotland with them and thought they were great guys and then soon after my November issue arrives with them on the cover. I also had no idea Joanna Lumley had Scottish blood until reading this issue, which of course makes her even better! I have been now enjoying some of the videos Stephen and Rab put out and love the natural presence they have.

I was also hugely impressed with the interview with Michael Yellowlees and his dog Luna, walking across Canada for charity. What a remarkable thing for anyone to attempt, never mind finish. It is people like him who likely do more for the environment than the those attending the climate conference in Glasgow-what an incredible thing to do and I will be donating to this great Scot.

Claire MacLaren
Christchurch, New Zealand

The Kilted Coaches



How wonderful to see the cover of your November issue of *The Kilted Coaches*. I have been enjoying these guys on YouTube for some time and just love the banter and positivity they have. I had no idea they had a new book coming out and suddenly I am letting folks know what I want for Christmas! *The Kilted Coaches* show off some great parts of Scotland and are obviously so unique in what they do as they are doing it all in kilts!

I am really enjoying all the stories on your website and as always *the Scottish Banner* keeps me up to date with not just news but upcoming events.

Keep up the great work!
Steph MacLean
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
USA

Agnes Drew

My name is Mary Drew and I am the youngest daughter of Agnes Drew. Mum loved your paper, *the Scottish Banner*, which she had ordered at our newsagents for 18 years. She also greatly enjoyed the products she had ordered from *the Banner* and had planned another order shortly before she passed away. I wish to thank

the Cairney family, for the many hours of reading that Mum had from your lovely paper, and we wish you many more years of success. My sister Irene has also been a lover of your paper, which she has had ordered for the same time as Mum.

All the best,
Mary Drew

Ed note: Thank you Mary for your note and please accept our sincere condolences for your family's loss and we are so honoured to have been part of your mothers life for so many years.

Auld Lang Syne

Sing us a song afore wi' gang
Forever o'er the sea
Nae mair tae look on Scotia's shores
For fightin' tae be free

Nae mair tae see the red deer
Drinking on Lomond's shore
The Clan has been disbanded
Tae rise again nae more

The heady days o' Glenfinnan
When freedom raised its held
Collapsed in the rout o' Culloden
Leaving hundreds o' clansmen deid

The Prince fled back tae Europe
Deserting clans who answered his call
Leaving Scotland raped and pillaged
Better he never landed at all

Banning the tartan and Gaelic tongue
English compulsory where hymns are sung
Pogroms against the Highland clans
Exiling thousands to foreign lands

Sing us a sang afore w' gang
Staun close whatever the pain
Pride sweat and tears an' we'll succeed
To rise as a nation again.

Davidson Harris
From the Barony of Gorbals

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Sunset over Eilean Donan Castle.
Mik Coia

Puffin



Foods ready with the puffins of Staffa.
Debbie Neilson

Midhope Castle



Midhope Castle in West Lothian features in *Outlander*, do you know what the castle was called in the show?
Scotdrone

Edinburgh



Edinburgh views...
Aye Spy Photography

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