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Chair's Message

Vale James Coward

It is with great regret that we pass on the news that James Coward died on 25 July, aged 97. A brief tribute appeared in the Canberra Times of 27th of that month, highlighting his heroism as a pilot in the Battle of Britain, in which he lost part of one leg. In later life he did not allow this disability to in any way hamper his great enjoyment of Scottish country dancing (or skiing!), indeed his agility on the floor was a marvel to behold and an inspiration to all. As well as dancing regularly in SCD classes and events in and around Canberra James was a very frequent contributor to the SCD entertainments that David Currie organised at nursing and retirement homes in the district, dancing in the display team in the great majority of the 550 performances that were held over a 14 year period until quite recently. At the end of each programme of dances it was standard practice for the participants to tell the audience about their tartans: James was always the *piece de resistance* at such times and would explain that he wore the Baird tartan, and that this family name derived from "Bard", the storyteller and keeper of tradition. Having established this credential he would then launch into one of his fund of anecdotes and humorous stories, which always brought the occasion to a happy conclusion.

He will be sadly missed. We send our sincere condolences to his wife Cynthia and to all members of his family.

Annual General Meeting 2012

This issue gives notice that the Branch Annual General Meeting which will take place on Wednesday 12 September 2012, at St Andrews Church Hall, Forrest, commencing at 7.30 pm. All positions on the committee become vacant. We are always looking for new people who can share the load of running the affairs of the Branch; so if you think you may be able to devote some time to committee work, please consider the possibility of allowing yourself to be nominated for a position, in whatever capacity you may wish. Talk to a current committee member if you are interested.

The position of Editor, *Scotch Circle*, will also become vacant. June Browne has served the Branch very well in this capacity for a number of years, but she is now stepping down and this edition will be her final one. On behalf of the committee I express our sincere appreciation of her efforts. We wish June all the best as she pursues her other interests and hobbies.

Jack Arthur

Annual General Meeting

The Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 September 2012 at St Andrew's Church Hall starting at 7.30 pm. The AGM provides an opportunity for you to inform yourselves as to the state of the Branch's health, generally and financially, and to raise any matters that may be of concern to you. The following meeting papers: agenda, a nomination form for election of office bearers and committee members, and a form of appointment of proxy are appended.

The meeting will be followed by social dancing and supper.

The Treasurer, Mary Gellatly, would be pleased to accept membership fees for the 2011/12 financial year from any members who have not already renewed.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS CANBERRA

August and September: Branch Occasional classes

The second semester of occasional classes commenced on 6 August, on a weekly basis for six weeks, under the direction of Ann Parkinson. They are being held at St Andrews Church Hall, Forrest, on Monday evenings from 6-7pm. Come along to enjoy yourselves at these short sessions as you polish and enhance your dancing skills. The dates for the remaining classes are 20 and 27 August, and 3 and 10 September.

Saturday 20 August: The Canberra Ball

Assembly Hall of St Edmund's College, Canberra Avenue, Griffith

Music by Strathmannan

Drinks 7.00 pm, Grand March and Dancing start 7.30 pm

As this issue goes to press, all is now in readiness for our annual ball, thanks to the collaborative efforts of representatives of the Branch, Belconnen Scottish Country Dancers, Burns Scottish Country Dance Group and the Scottish Country Dance Club of Canberra.

Friday, 24 August: Belconnen Advanced Social class, led by Elaine and Jack, at 8 pm at Macquarie Primary School Assembly Hall, Bennelong Cr. Contact Elaine Arthur 6254 7879 or email: elaine.arthur@apex.net.au

Programme:-

1. The Milltimber Jig 8x32J 2C (4C set) RSCDS Book 41 (A Mackenzie)
2. The Ratcatcher's Reel 8x32R 3C (4C set) Queen Collection Vol 1(D Queen)
3. Peggy's Strathspey 8x32S 3C (4C set) RSCDS Book 41 (E Finley)
4. The Dancing Years 1x88R 4C sq set Leaflet (R Goldring)
5. The Flying Spur 8x32J 3C (4C set) Canadian Book (J Drewry)
6. The Mill of Towie 8x32S 3C (4C set) Dunedin 4 (I Brockbank)

or

Mince and Tatties 3x32S 3C (3C set) Dunedin 5 (J B Dickson)

7. Tak Tent 5x32R 5C (5C set) Dunedin 5 (J B Dickson)

or

Jacque's Fankle 3x32R 3C (3C set) Leaflet (J Wilkinson)

8. Tickle My Fancy 8x32J 3C (4C set) Rondel Book (J Drewry)

Wednesday 10 October:

Special General Class by Visiting International Teacher, Craig Houston.

St Andrews Church Hall; 8-10 pm; cost: members \$4; non-members \$5

Craig, a Scot now living in England, will be visiting Australia to teach at the 37th Australian School in Dookie, Victoria during the first week of October, after which he will be coming to Canberra. Here is a great opportunity to experience a class from someone who says his biggest passion for dancing is to make sure that the dancers really appreciate the music and have fun while they are dancing

Gentlemen, wear a kilt if possible.

Saturday Afternoon, 10 November:

Social Dance to Evaluate Dances for RSCDS Book 47

St Andrews Church Hall, **from 3 pm**. Cost: members \$4; non-members \$5

The Branch has been given 10 dances to evaluate for possible inclusion in RSCDS Book 47, which will be published next year to mark the 90th anniversary of the Society's foundation. Here is an exciting opportunity for all dancers to participate in the evaluation process. The local teachers will guide you through the dances and you will be asked individually to rate them and choose your favourite one. Come along for a most enjoyable experience.

Saturday, 17 November: Burns Group St Andrews Social

St Andrews Church Hall commencing 8 pm. Dance to the music of Bob McInnes and Jane Ellis.

Cost: \$10 (small plate appreciated)

Dashing White Sergeant (4x32R) Bk 3; Jubilee Jig (8x32J) Lflt; The Birks of Invermay (8x32S) Bk 16; Soldier's Joy (8x32R) Bk 2; The White Heather Jig (4x40J) Cosh; Cape Town Wedding (8x32S) Bk 39; The Montgomeries' Rant (8x32R) Bk 10; Postie's Jig (4x32J) Clowes; St John's Strathspey (8x32S) Craigievar 2; The Australian Ladies (8x32R) Glasgow Assembly; St Andrews Gardens (8x32J) Bk 35; Mary Hamilton (4x32S) Drewry; The Duke of Perth (8x32R) Bk 1; The Wild Geese (8x32J) Bk 14; Dargie Glebe (3x32S) Drewry; The Eightsome Reel (464R) Bk2

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS
IN THE DISTRICT**

Saturday, 1 September: Southern Highlands SCD Annual Social

Venue: Bowral Uniting Church Hall. Programme/crib available on the Sydney Branch web site. For information contact: Margaret, 4869 3898; Helen, 4861 6471; eilidhmarg@hotmail.com

Saturday, 15 September: Marengo Social, 2012

At the Murringo Hall, from 7.30 pm. Cost: \$10

Contacts: Jean Williams 6382 7918; Maurice Harcombe 6384 6222

Program: Catch the Wind R 8x32 Book 45; Napier's Index J 8x40 Book 45; Monymusk S 8x32 Book 11; The Wild Geese J 8x32 Book 24; Hooper's Jig J 8x32 MMM 2; The Minister on the Loch S 3x32 Goldring 24 G&S; A Trip to Bavaria R 4x32 MacGregor-Brown; Shiftin' Bobbins R 8x32 Clowes Ormskirk 6; Drumelzier S 4x32 Blair 2 SCDs; Pelorus Jack J 8x32 Book 41; The Last of the Lairds J 8x32 Book 22; Sugar Candie S 8x32 Book 26; The Irish Rover R 8x32 Cosh 22 SCDs; Polharrow Burn R 5x32 Foss Glendarroch; The Byron Strathspey S 3x32 Drewry Deeside 2; Muirland Willie J 8x32 Book 21; The Sailor R 8x32 Book 24; Mairi's Wedding R 8x40 Cosh 22 SCDs.

Friday 12 to Sunday 14 October: Bermagui

The Far South Coast Group of Scottish Country Dancers invite you to their **13th ANNUAL SOCIAL** to be held in the **BERMAGUI COMMUNITY HALL** (as part of their Social Weekend, 12-14 October, 2012)

Saturday, 13 October, 2012. 7.30pm. \$20 incl. supper

Music by: **Bob McInnes (Fiddle) and Jane Ellis (Keyboard)**

Programme:

1. The Duran Ranger	R 8x32	3cpls	RSCDS Bk.13
2. The Machine Without Horses	J 8x32	3cpls	RSCDS Bk.12
3. The Celebration Strathspey	S 8x32	3cpls	RSDCS Bk.43
4. John of Bon Accord	R 8x32	3cpls	RSCDS Bk. 33
5. Willie With His Tartan Trews	J 8x40	3cpls	RSCDS Bk. 14
6. 1314	M,64S64R	Square Set	J Drewry, Rondel Bk
7. Lamb Skinnet	J 8x32	3cpls	RSCDS Bk. 14
8. Mrs Stewart's Strathspey	S 8x48	3cpls	RSCDS Bk. 13
9. Mr Iain Stuart Robertson	R 8x32	3cpls	RSCDS Bk. 42
10. The Argyll Square	J 96 bars	Square Set	RSCDS Bk. 43
11. Jim Dougal of Eyemouth	S 3x32	3cpl Set	M Johnstone, Blackadder
12. Push About The Jorum	R 8x32	3cpls	RSCDS Bk.14

SUPPER

13. The Clansman	R6x32	2cpls	RSCDS Bk.32
14. The Raven's Dance	J 8x32	3cpls	D Haynes, Carnforth 5
15. Rannoch Moor	S 5x32	5cpl Set	R Goldring, Gr. & Soc.3
16. The Black Dance	R 8x32	3cpls	RSCDS Bk.12
17. Fiddle Fiddle	S 8x32	3cpls.	RSCDS Bk. 12
18. Reel of the 51 st Division	R 8x32	3cpls	RSCDS Bk. 13

Information: Sheelagh Brunton (02) 6493 6538 wasbrunton@bigpond.com or
Trish McDonald (02) 6493 6350 macsauto2@bigpond.com

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ELSEWHERE

Saturday, 1 September: Adelaide

The Adelaide Branch is holding a special Diamond Anniversary Ball. Details from Neville Pope
npope@bogpond.net.au

37th Australian Winter School at Dookie, Victoria, hosted by the Melbourne and District Branch
30 September to 6 October 2012. Teachers are from Scotland, England, New Zealand, Western Australia and
Victoria. More information at www.rscdsmelbourne.org.au

New Zealand Branch Summer School at Ilam, Christchurch, from 28 December 2012 to 5 January 2013.
Applications are open; for more information go to www.rscdsnz.org.nz/ and follow the link: "RSCDS NZ
Branch, What's so special about Christchurch and Canterbury..."

**THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
CANBERRA AND DISTRICT BRANCH INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2012, 7.30 PM
ST ANDREWS CHURCH HALL FORREST**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2011
3. Business arising
4. Annual Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of office bearers and committee
7. Appointment of auditor
8. Editor Scotch Circle – Position vacant
9. Australian Winter School, Canberra, 2014 - Report
10. Other business

Canberra and District Branch Inc
Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members
NOMINATION

We, being persons qualified to vote at an election of the above Branch, NOMINATE:

.....
(Name in BLOCK LETTERS)

Who is a member of the above Branch, for election to office as (circle one below):

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

TREASURER

COMMITTEE MEMBER

.....
(Name in BLOCK LETTERS of person making the nomination)

.....
(Signature of person making the nomination and date of nomination)

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I, CONSENT to this nomination

(Name of person nominated BLOCK LETTERS)

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(Signature of person nominated and date)

**Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Canberra and District Branch Inc
FORM OF APPOINTMENT AS PROXY**

I.....
(Name)

Of.....
(Address)

Being a member of the above Branch, hereby APPOINT

.....
(Name of proxy)

.....
(Address of proxy)

Being a member of the above Branch, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General meeting of the above Branch to be held on Wednesday 12 September 2012, and at any adjournment of this meeting.

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(Signature of member appointing proxy and date)

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Closing date for next Scotch Circle – Friday, 26 October 2012

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