



# Cape Town Caledonian Society

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Dear Members,

I wonder how many of you know that it is the Cape Town Highlanders 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year. The regiment was founded under Captain John Scott in 1885 and has had 125 years of unbroken continuity. The Cape Town Highlanders is South Africa's oldest kilted regiment and has seen more action than most units of the SA Defence Force. Its earliest active service was in the Bechuanaland Campaign in Langeberg in 1897. The battalion served again during the Anglo-Boer War at Jacobsdal.

In World War 1 many of the unit's members went over with the South African Scottish to fight in the bitter battle at Delville Wood. During World War 11, the Cape Town Highlanders was the only South African regiment to do the journey to and from North Africa three times. They were the first South African infantrymen in Egypt and they fought with the SA Division through the months of 1941 and 1942 right up to the great victory at El Alamein.

Returning north in 1943, they amalgamated with the First City Regiment in the 6<sup>th</sup> SA Armoured Division and had a magnificent record in the Italian Campaign.

They are celebrating their 125th Birthday at the Castle of Good Hope on

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 10:30 Medal Parade

12:00 Freedom of the City March

The Regiment will march to the City Hall where the General and the Mayor will inspect the troops and the Mayor will give a short address, then they will go back to the Castle collect the rest of the parade including 8 Ratels and march up Strand

Street, along Adderley Street and back to the City Hall. The salute will be taken by the Mayor and three generals. They will then all march back to the Castle.

18:00 Beating Retreat by SA Navy

Band and Band Concert

19:00 Officers Mess Dinner in the Lady Anne Barnard Room

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 10:30 The Regiment will also be staging it's annual Birthday Parade and Wreath Laying, with a battalion march to and from St. Andrew's Church, Green Point, up Strand Street .

A 125<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Booklet is being printed by the Cape Town City Council and is being distributed free to schools and libraries, hopefully we will also receive one!

I remember, one year, watching the regiment marching up Strand Street, it was quite an amazing sight!

### PAST FUNCTIONS

The Western Cape Highland Gathering was a great success, and enjoyed by many spectators all over the Peninsula. Our thanks must go to the continuous, hard work by the Gathering Committee, headed up by Past Chief Peter Ross.

A delicious lunch was served by the Mowbray Golf Club on Easter Sunday when we and the Pinelands Caledonian Society hosted the Federation Chief and her Consort and the Provincial Chieftain and his wife. They all thoroughly enjoyed the lunch and the Gathering.

### FUTURE FUNCTIONS

1. THE DVD EVENING, WHERE THE 2009 EDINBURGH TATTOO plus another DVD will be shown, will be held on 22 MAY AT 18:30. FISH AND CHIPS will be served. The cost of the evening is R40 per person. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A CHANGE OF VENUE. IT WILL NOW BE HELD AT THE HOME OF OUR IMMEDIATE PAST LADY PRESIDENT, NICKY ROSS, AT 3 WELGELEE ROAD, CONSTANTIA HILLS, OFF FIRGROVE WAY. To book, please telephone Trish at 0217055399, and make payment no later than Tuesday 18 May. In order to pay, please complete the booking form at the end of this newsletter, and make payment as shown. We already have seventeen places booked, and we can only accommodate thirty people, so it will unfortunately, be a case of first come, first served. The people who have already booked are asked to also pay by 18 May so that the fish and chips can be ordered.

2. A BINGO AFTERNOON will be held on 19 JUNE at 17 LANGTON ROAD, MOWBRAY ( a house opposite the St Patrick's Catholic Church in Durban Road Mowbray), from 14:00 to 16:00. There are plenty of prizes to be won, and refreshments will be on sale. The cost of a booklet containing cards for a number of games is R40. This promises to be a lovely afternoon's entertainment for family and friends. Should you wish to attend, please telephone Maureen Fernandes at 021 6855713 or 0741317784, by Tuesday 15 June to book a place and to tell her how many will be in your party.

### FROM YOUR CHIEF

The Highland Gathering was, to my mind, one of the most successful we have held for the past few years. On behalf of our Society, I would like to reiterate a big thank you to Peter Ross for his excellent leadership in convening the whole event, and I also thank all the members of our committee and the volunteers from our society who worked so tirelessly on the day, that they were unable to see much of the action.

**Our two events for May and June will be both relaxing and informal, and provide a good opportunity to meet others. I hope to see you there!**

**Some of our members will receive a reminder to pay outstanding fees for this past year. While our fees are very reasonable, it is essential that they be paid, as we have to pay the Federation of Caledonian Societies of Southern Africa an amount for each of our members on our books. Please therefore assist us in paying these outstanding fees as soon as possible.**

**I remind you to indicate to me by fax, e-mail or telephonically, whether you would prefer our next Burns' evening to be held at Kelvin Grove or a cheaper venue next year.**

**I wish you all good health as you experience our season of cold, wintry weather, but also appreciate the delightful, sunny days we get in between the cold spells.**

**Yours Aye  
Stuart**

**BIRTHDAYS – A very Happy Birthday to the following members**

**MAY**

**11<sup>th</sup> Basil Kellar  
12<sup>th</sup> Daniel Offret  
14<sup>th</sup> Pam Sandenberg  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Amm  
26<sup>th</sup> Joseph MacMillan  
28<sup>th</sup> Dennis Shillito**

**JUNE**

**4<sup>th</sup> Joanne McCann  
9<sup>th</sup> Ian Aldcorn  
11<sup>th</sup> Steve Horwood  
12<sup>th</sup> Anne McLeod  
13<sup>th</sup> Lynda Smith  
21<sup>st</sup> Maureen Dayly  
25<sup>th</sup> Jane Mitchell  
26<sup>th</sup> Stuart Rennie  
27<sup>th</sup> Louise Offret  
27<sup>th</sup> Gordon Smith  
29<sup>th</sup> Hannah MacMillan  
29<sup>th</sup> Keith McFarlane**

**ASSOCIATED SCOTTISH FUNCTIONS**

**The CAPE TOWN CALEDONIAN PIPE BAND will be holding a FUNDRAISING DANCE at the EDGEMEAD COMMUNITY HALL at the Edgemean Football/Cricket Club in Edgemean Drive. Music from the 70's/80's until now, will be provided by a DJ, and the Cape Town Caledonian Pipe Band and Highland/Irish Dancers will perform as well. Peanuts and chips will be available on the tables, otherwise people who wish to attend are asked to bring their own drinks, glasses and snacks. The dance will begin at 19:30 and tickets are R40 a head.**

To book, contact: Tony Reis at [ajreis@ruraldevelopment.gov.za](mailto:ajreis@ruraldevelopment.gov.za) or SMS him at 0723630162 or;  
Lesley Marwick at 0824486335 or;  
Tracy Coward at 0829677957.

From your Chief, Lady President and Council  
And your Scribe

**BOOKING FORM FOR DVD EVENING, SHOWING EDINBURGH TATTOO AT  
CONSTANTIA ON 22 MAY 2010**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

No of persons: ..... @ R40 each = R.....

**KINDLY ARRANGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Cheques to be made payable to: Cape Town Caledonian Society

Direct online payments or telegraphic transfers can be made to: Cape Town Caledonian Society, FNB Rondebosch, Branch code : 201509, Current account : 55161140154 (Please use surname as reference)

**PLEASE FORWARD THE COMPLETED FORM TOGETHER WITH YOUR REMITTANCE OR PROOF THEREOF TO:  
THE SECRETARY, CAPE TOWN CALEDONIAN SOCIETY, PO BOX 442, CAPE TOWN 8000**

ALTERNATIVELY EMAIL A SCANNED COPY TO Ms JACINTA MUNRO: [jacinta.swarts@uct.ac.za](mailto:jacinta.swarts@uct.ac.za)

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