

## Appendix 2: Queensland Scottish associations

Where there were groupings of Scots, there may have been a Caledonian society. Where there was a Caledonian society there may have been events where there was highland dancing. Where there was highland dancing, there may have been organised teaching and competitions. So one limb of the project was to look for evidence of Scottish associations (mindful that highland dancing today can exist quite separately to the presence of Caledonian societies).

There are several Scottish organisations within Queensland that may have involvement in highland dancing. This is without the ebb and flow of the various Clan Whatever groups. It should be recognised that most of the early associations were male-based.

The absence of a society should not be interpreted as the absence of Scots. Possibilities include (i) the social meeting at homes without the creation of a formal club (such as prior to Ayr 1910), and (ii) the integration of Scots into groups such as the Freemasons, Oddfellows, MUIOOF, rifle and cricket club. Individuals may have also classified themselves as North Britons rather than Caledonians.<sup>1</sup> Town populations could also be insufficient to sustain an association.

Dates in square [brackets] on the name line indicates the last reference to the organisation where its final year is not known.

<b>Year</b>	<b>AGM</b>	<b>Association</b>
1862	20 Nov	Caledonian Association of Queensland, and then renamed Caledonian Society of Queensland. Dissolved 12 July 1875 after twelve years and seven months of existence. Brisbane-based organisation.
1870–	Oct	Darling Downs Caledonian Association (Toowoomba)
1871–	21 Jan	Warwick Caledonian Society, with first gathering in 1872
1871	–	Caledonian Society of Queensland (Maryborough)
1872–?1879	–	Ipswich and West Moreton Caledonian Society
~1874		Stanthorpe society
1880	Jun	Caledonian and Hibernian Society of the Peak Mountain
1883		Allora Caledonian Society
<1884		Mackay Caledonian Association. In 1950, there was a Mackay and District Caledonian Society.
~1884–1895		Queensland Scottish Association. Brisbane-based organisation.
<1885		Charters Towers Caledonian Society (still existed by 1900)
1885	Sep, Mar	Townsville Caledonian Association (still existed by 1916)
<1886	Mar/Apr	Bundaberg Caledonian Association (still existed by 1915)
<1887		Central Queensland Caledonian Society
<1890		Wide Bay Caledonian Society
1892–c. 1994	Jan	Brisbane Caledonian Society and Burns Club
<b>1900</b>		
<1905		Barcaldine Caledonian Association
<1910		Longreach Caledonian Association
<1909		Queensland Scottish Union
1910–		Ayr and Lower Burdekin Caledonian Association
<1912		Rockhampton Scottish Association (still around in 1935). In 1950, reference to a Rockhampton Caledonian Society.
<1912		St. Andrew's Society, Maryborough
1912–		Border Caledonian Society
–1914		Atherton Tableland Caledonian Society (#1)
~1916		Kingaroy Caledonian Society
~1917–<1991		Home Hill Caledonian Association
<1920–		Cairns Caledonian Society
~1920–		Babinda Caledonian Association and Burns Club
~1920–		Caledonian Society of Gordonvale
1928–		Atherton Tableland Caledonian Society (#2)
<1923		Columboola Caledonian Society
<1924		Dalby Caledonian Society
<1932		Union of Scottish Societies

<1939	Scottish Ladies' Club
1947–	Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Queensland)
<1959	Tully Caledonian Association
<1959	Mareeba Caledonian Society
<1959	Scottish Organisation of Queensland
1995–	Australian–Scottish Association (Queensland)
2002–	Innisfail Caledonian <b>xxxx</b>

*Unknown dates*

??	Toowoomba Caledonian Society
??	Brisbane Clans Congress

No Caledonian associations were found on the South Coast in 1929.

Several of the gentlemen mentioned shortly may be familiar – they were Premiers (government, not dancing level!) of Queensland:

Arthur MACALISTER	Premier 1866, 1866–67, 1874–6
Sir Thomas McLWRAITH	Premier 1879–83, 1888, 1893
Sir Robert PHILP	Premier 1899–03
Hon. Hugh Muir NELSON	Premier 1893–98
Hon. William KIDSTON	Premier 1906–07, 1908–1911

Premiers up to the federation of Australia in 1901 may also have been referred to as prime ministers.

A St Andrew's Night Scottish dinner, hosted by the Brisbane Caledonian Society and Burns Club in November 1909 saw the Honorable Robert PHILP comment, in proposing 'The Day We Celebrate', that '[h]e could hardly remember a time when there was not a Scotchman either Premier or looking after the Premier. (Laughter.)'.<sup>2</sup>

By 1864, the Freemasons Lodge St Andrew's (Queensland), Scotch Constitution, was in existence. In *Pugh's* for 1881, lodges could be found in Stanthorpe and Charters Towers, although there were no equivalent Scottish social organisations listed. Today, Warwick has one of the few Scottish Freemason lodges left in Queensland.<sup>3</sup> Lodge 'Cunningham' was consecrated 26 December 1894 by Right Worshipful Brother Thomas MILNE, Grandmaster of the Scottish Freemasons of Queensland, under charter of the Grand Lodge of Scotland numbered on its roll 818 (now United Grand Lodge of Queensland 90).

Another organisation within Brisbane was the Scottish Ladies' Club (see below).

### **Caledonian Association of Queensland 1862– Caledonian Society of Queensland (Brisbane) 1871–1875**

Depending on the readings, the creation of the first organised Scottish society in the new Colony of Queensland was at George M'ADAM's Sovereign Hotel in Queen Street, Brisbane.<sup>4</sup> It was first announced in a letter to the Editor of *The Courier*, on Thursday, 20 November 1862:

Sir,—In consequence of the numerous arrivals from the British isles during the present year, the desirability of their being some associations in Brisbane to welcome and advise the new comers is now becoming the subject of consideration. The sons of St. Andrew are moving in the matter, as this commendable object, I trust, will receive your powerful assistance. No doubt the other nationalities will unite to cheer their countrymen on coming to this fair land; many inducements have been held out by the agent of the Government at home, and it is well that we should have some society here, separate and independent of Government influence, to see that all the promises held out are fulfilled, and to assist in forwarding immigrants to the various parts of the country, where employment may be had. / In other colonies of the empire great good has resulted by united action, respecting immigration; and while the Scotchman who comes amongst us thinks of the thistle and heather bells, the Englishman of the rose, and the Irishman of the shamrock, we can here unitedly rally around the old British standard of true liberty, and endeavour to perpetuate it under the benign sway of our beloved Queen, in this the youngest and only colony that bears her name. / I am, &c., / A COLONIST.<sup>5</sup>

Two days later *The Courier* reported:

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.—A meeting was held on Thursday evening last by the natives of Scotland and their descendants, at M'ADAM's Hotel, Queen-street, to take into consideration the expediency of establishing in this colony a Society similar to the St. Andrew's Society in existence in

other parts of the British Empire. Mr. William PETTIGREW was called to the chair, and Mr. E. H. BARRYMORE was appointed secretary *pro. tem.* The meeting was addressed by the Chairman, Mr. MURRAY, Rev. Mr. WIGHT, Mr. LAIDLAW, Mr. John PETTIGREW of Ipswich, Rev. Mr. LOVE, and several other gentlemen, when it was resolved that such a society was much needed, and that it should be at once formed. A number of gentlemen were appointed as a general committee, with power to add to their number, to carry out this resolution; and the chairman was requested to communicate with the Town Council, with a view to obtaining the use of the Council Chambers for the next meeting, which was appointed to be held on Thursday next at half-past seven o'clock p.m. Just before the termination of the meeting, the case of a destitute widow was brought before it by Mr. PHILP, when it was at once resolved that steps should be immediately taken to render substantial assistance, and Mr. PETTIGREW, of Ipswich, at once gave a donation of £1 towards the benevolent fund. The meeting then terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman, and one to Mr. M'ADAM for the use of his room.—*Communicated.*<sup>6</sup>

Whilst initially reported as a St Andrew's Society, meeting in the Council Chambers of the Brisbane Town Hall a Thursday fortnight later on 04 December 1862, the second meeting was referred to as a Caledonian Society in the newspaper title, but Caledonian Association within the article:

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.—On Thursday evening an adjourned meeting of the Provisional Committee of the Caledonian Association was held in the Council Chambers, when the utmost unanimity and good feeling prevailed in framing rules, &c., for the governance of the Society; and there seems a prospect of the promoters being able to call a general meeting immediately, to inaugurate the association, and thereby enter upon the benevolent and patriotic objects which it is intended to promote. It was unanimously agreed upon to unite in any public demonstration, in honor of Mr. LANDSBOROUGH, Queensland's most distinguished explorer, and Mr. PETTIGREW was appointed to correspond with those who have taken up this laudable object.—*Communicated.*<sup>7</sup>

Holding meetings every quarter, the title by November 1863 was given as the Queensland Caledonian Association, as they were holding a ball at the School of Arts building (today restored, on Ann Street, Brisbane) for St Andrew's Day.<sup>8</sup> The committee of 1864 was:

President – The Hon. A. MACALISTER, M.L.A. Vice-Presidents – J. DOUGLAS, M.L.A., G. EDMONDSTONE M.L.A. Treasurer – W. PETTIGREW. Secretary – James DUNCAN.  
Committee – Rev. G. WIGHT, D. L. BROWN, James CAMPBELL, James MILLAR, John M'NAB, Alexander M'LEAN, William MURDOCH, Simon FRAZER, and Alex. M'DONALD.<sup>9</sup>

This Society [Caledonian Association of Queensland] was established in 1862 to form a bond of union amongst Scotchmen resident in the Colony, to maintain a friendly intercourse with their countrymen in the different colonial towns, to call them together for friendly competition in the national games, and to aid and relieve all Scotchmen who may be in misfortune or distress.<sup>10</sup>

The life of CAMPBELL can be read in WHITELEY's honours thesis.<sup>11</sup> By 1870, meeting once a month in Brisbane, now in its eighth year, office bearers were:

President – Hon Arthur MACALISTER. Vice-president – Alexander STEWART. Committee – David BELL, John FRASER, James CAMPBELL, Andrew MACFARLANE, A. MACKINTOSH, John BURNS, William AITCHISON, Angus MACKAY, A. L. SMITH. Treasurer William STEWART. Secretary John FORSYTH.<sup>12</sup>

In 1871 the association became listed as the Caledonian Society of Queensland (Brisbane). Committee meetings are still held once a month, with quarterly meetings of members in March, June, September and December.<sup>13</sup> A social re-union of the Society was held in the Town Hall on 24 May 1872.<sup>14</sup>

Following their annual gathering of 24 May 1875, it was proffered:

The success, however, of the affair appeared to have been considerably marred by a want of forethought and arrangement on the part of those who had the getting of it up; and unless this be remedied in future reunions of the kind, we fear the Caledonian Society of Queensland will altogether lose the high character which, for its annual gatherings, it once enjoyed.<sup>15</sup>

Meeting at the Town Hall in Brisbane, the society was wound up on 12 July 1875 for reasons unknown.<sup>16</sup>

### **Darling Downs Caledonian Association (Toowoomba) Sep 1870– Toowoomba Caledonian Society and Burns Club <1896–present**

The Society has a three-fold object – Benevolence, promotion of intellectual culture, and celebration of Scottish sports, and includes in its membership those connected with Scotland by birth, descent or marriage besides providing for honorary members of any nationality.<sup>17</sup>

Under its 1978 constitution and rules, with a February annual general meeting, the objects of the Society were stated as:

- 3 (a) The social and intellectual improvement of its members.
- (b) To provide for the social, entertainment and recreational needs of members also Scottish art, literature and tradition.
- (c) The assistance to persons (especially of those lately arrived in the State) by affording them information towards helping them.
- (d) Promotion of good fellowship among members of the Society and other Clubs.
- (e) The Society shall not be carried on for the purpose of profit or gain to individual members and no distribution whether in money, property or otherwise shall be made to members other than honorarium to Secretary and Treasurer.<sup>18</sup>

First mentioned in 1870 in conjunction with the Caledonian Association of Queensland, office bearers were:

President – Hon. Robert RAMSAY, Esq., M.L.A. Vice-presidents – William GRAHAM, Esq., James Thomas WALKER, Esq. Hon. Treasurer – James MENZIES, Esq. Hon. Secretary – J. S. McINTYRE, Esq.<sup>19</sup>

The 1872 *Pugh's* gave the association as the Caledonian Association of Queensland (Darling Downs), which indicated that the primary organisation had branches also in Maryborough and later Ipswich. This however does not appear to be so, for when the Brisbane association collapsed in 1875, all other provincial associations continued. Annual general meetings were held generally in late October.<sup>20</sup>

The Association had their first annual gathering on New Year's Day 1871, with activities including an opening reel display, a reel of tulloch display, and competitive Swords and Fling.<sup>21</sup> Afterwards in 1872, in great Scots style:

The soiree and ball in connection with the gathering was held in the School of Arts... Dancing commenced at half-past ten, and was kept up with remarkable vigour until daybreak. The number present at 1 o'clock could not have been less than between sixty and seventy couples. The settling, which took place at the Builders' Arms yesterday evening, passed off very satisfactorily.

By October 1874, the annual meeting indicated honorary members had trebled to 26, and normal membership standing at 81.<sup>22</sup> A summary of receipts and payments for the year ending September 30, 1874 was also presented. The engendering of the proud wearing of the kilt was also motioned:

While on this your Committee would express their desire to see a greater display of the ancient dress, and as a means to this end they suggest that prizes be given at future gatherings for this—one of the Society's objects.

Whilst being around for a while the society was not mentioned again in *Pugh's* until 1893.<sup>23</sup> The 1894 executive was listed as:

President, Hon. H. M. NELSON, M.L.A.; Vice-Presidents, J. H. ROBERTSON, J. STIRLING;  
Secretary T. J. ALLEN; Treasurer, E. SMART.<sup>24</sup>

Hugh NELSON, president, during this time was also the Premier of Queensland. Born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, 31 December 1835, he arrived in the colony in 1853.<sup>25</sup> By 1899, he was Sir Hugh NELSON.

Members met on 30 September 1907 for purpose of changing the association to a Burns Club. Given several other societies on the Darling Downs, renaming to the Toowoomba Caledonian Society and Burns Club was ratified on 12 January 1911.<sup>26</sup> New Year's Day 1923 saw the recommencement of the highland gatherings after nearly a twenty year absence.<sup>27</sup>

Over time some of the tutors of highland dancing associated with the association included W. HILLOCKS (a past president), Miss Cynthia MARSON, Dawn HILLOCKS, Ailsa OGILVIE, Beth NUGENT, Leah WAIN, Mrs. MURRY and Elizabeth BROWNE.<sup>28</sup>

Today (2002) in Toowoomba there is the Toowoomba Caledonian Society and Burns Club. The one storey brick hall with wooden floor at 61 Neil Street, opened on 24 October 1957, was sold in 2000. They are great supporters and fund various Scottish activities in the area.

### Warwick Caledonian Society 1871–present

District residents of Scottish birth or ancestry met on 04 January 1871, soon afterwards culminating in a public meeting on 21 January 1871 where the Warwick Caledonian Society was formed.

Their first gathering was Boxing Day, 26 December 1873, and concluded in 1974.

The Warwick Caledonian Society 1959 revised rules stated:

Admission of members: Any person connected with Scotland by birth or descent, being proposed and seconded by members of the Society at a meeting, and elected to membership at the following meeting.

Privilege of membership – free admission for self and children under 12 to annual Highland Gathering of Society.<sup>29</sup>

The Society still exists today, principally running an annual debutantes ball. They have a marvellous archive of minutes and display books.

### **Caledonian Association of Queensland (Maryborough) 1871–**

The association was first listed in *Pugh's 1872*, with office bearers as:

President – A. W. MELVILLE. Vice-presidents – Robert CRAN, A. H. WILSON. Hon. Treasurer – Robert GARDEN. Hon. Secretary – Jas. GRAHAM. Committee – J. BROWNE, J. ROBERTSON, G. HORSBURGH, M. MCGREGOR, W. SIM, J. DUNCAN, R. HART, J. MURRAY, G. ROSS.

### **Ipswich Caledonian Society 1872– Ipswich and West Moreton Caledonian Association 1873–**

The Objects of the Society are to assist Scotchmen by information or advice, to assist Members who are in distressed circumstances, and to keep up the Games, Music, and Ancient Dress of Scotland; and the Qualifications for Membership are—Scotchmen, Children of Scotchmen, or one whose Parents being Scotch shall be Qualified for Admission by Ballot.<sup>30</sup>

On 01 April 1872, Easter Monday being an observed public holiday, members of the Ipswich Caledonian Society visited Brisbane.<sup>31</sup> Listed in 1873 in *Pugh's*, only the secretary D. STEWART was given. By April 1873, Ipswich had also held their own sports day.

An annual meeting of the Ipswich and West Moreton Caledonian Association was held on 30 June 1873 financially holding £50 with property valued for some £35, where:

[t]he election of office bearers then took place, and resulted as follows:– President, Hon. A. MACALISTER; vice-president, James Leith HAY, Esq.; secretary, Mr. Duncan STEWART; treasurer, Mr. David BRODIE; committee, Messrs. Alex. MACGREGOR, John SCOTT, Wm. Adam SMITH, George PHILLIPS, James BAINS, Robert WATSON and John MACGREGOR. Auditors: Robert J. SCOTT and John DRYSDALE.<sup>32</sup>

George PHILLIPS was still secretary at the 1879 annual general meeting, where the balance of the society was £29 9s 7d.<sup>33</sup>

The annual meetings were held at the end of June, and gatherings on Easter Monday. Reunions were also held in July.

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### **Stanthorpe society [1874]**

In the 1874 annual general meeting report of Darling Downs Caledonian Society, it gave thanks to its 'sister societies in Brisbane, Warwick, Ipswich, and Stanthorpe' for their attendance and support of the Society. No other reference to date has been found for this area.

### **Caledonian and Hibernian Society of the Peak Mountain [Jun 1880]**

Harrisville is about thirty kilometres south of Ipswich on the road to Warwick. Nearby prominent features are Mount Welcome and Flinders Peak.

Following an inaugural meeting on 12 June 1880 at the Peak Mountain Hotel via Harrisville, the 'Caledonian and Hibernian Society of the Peak Mountain' was formed with honorary secretary Jonathon SKINNER. Other foundation members were Patrick KINNANE and a Mr POWER of Harrisville.

The meeting was in every way a success, and there is no doubt but a very powerful society will be formed.<sup>34</sup>

And no more was heard.

### Allora Caledonian Society [1883]

President was Mr W. MILES, MLA, in 1883, with secretary D. McMaster CAMERON and vice chairman Ewen McMILLAN. Wording of the newspaper of the time tended to suggest this was also the year of their first gathering, and 'the future of the Allora Caledonian Association is assured'.<sup>35</sup>

No Scottish association presence was detected by 1889. The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### Mackay Caledonian Association c. Jun 1884– Mackay and District Caledonian Society [1950]

A grand banquet was held at the School of Arts on 13 June 1884 to celebrate the formation of Caledonian Association, with entry for a couple set at one guinea, or 15 shillings for a single person.<sup>36</sup> Honorary secretary was N. McARTHUR. Over 120 ladies and gentlemen sat down to eat. A monthly 're-union' was also held.

The association sent congratulations to the Queensland Scottish Association when the latter were holding their first annual games in November 1884.

By 1890, the committee stood as:

CALEDONIAN ASSOCIATION–President–A. Roy MacGREGOR. Hon. Sec.–N. McARTHUR.<sup>37</sup>

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### Queensland Scottish Association c. 1884–c. 1895

Their first annual Highland Gathering and Games was held on 10 November 1884 at the Brisbane Exhibition grounds. It was estimated that over 10 000 persons were present for the afternoon events.<sup>38</sup> The 1885 executive was:

SCOTTISH SOCIETY. – President – Sir Thomas M'ILWRAITH, K.C.M.G. Vice-Presidents – T. MACDONALD-PATERSON, M.L.A; Robert W. WILSON, John M'MASTER. Treasurer – James MITCHELL. Committee – J. T. WALKER, Dr. CAMPBELL, J. M. BRYDON, W. AITCHISON, G. D. IZATT, Robert FRASER, J. L. M'KELLAR, W. DRUMMOND, J. KING, W. McFARLANE, W. K. ROSE, John WILSON. Secretary – John ANDERSON.<sup>39</sup>

By 1891, the Association had rooms listed at Kent's Building, Adelaide-street.<sup>40</sup> Contrary to PRENTIS's 1983 book, this organisation was not superseded by the Brisbane Caledonian Society and Burns Club which was formed in 1892.<sup>41</sup> QSA was still listed in *Pugh's* 1896, hence it was present in 1895 although this was the last year recording their existence. In the final year the Society's rooms were changed, with a minimal directory entry:

President, Hon. Sir Thomas McILWRAITH, KCMG, Secretary, Lewis MACDONALD. Rooms, Queen street.<sup>42</sup>

### Townsville Caledonian Association Sep 1885–[1916]

The objects of this Association shall comprise–

1. Assisting those connected with Scotland, by birth or descent, with information and advice.
2. Affording pecuniary or other assistance to members, and to those in distressed circumstances connected with Scotland.
3. Encouraging Scottish Immigration.
4. Assisting in cultivating a taste for Scottish literature and art, and in developing a knowledge of the national character and history, as exemplified in the antiquities, music, games, and ancient dress of Scotland.
5. Encouraging the cause of education in Queensland, by initiating courses of lectures, and founding bursaries and scholarships.
6. Promoting good fellowship, by holding gatherings, celebrations, concerts, &c.
7. Encouraging the cause of philanthropy in Queensland, by donation to public charities, &c.
8. Founding a Scottish Institute and Museum.

All candidates for admission into the Association must be Scotch-men or the sons of Scotchmen, and must be proposed by one member and seconded by another.

That at all outdoor meetings of the Association, members shall be obliged to wear the distinguishing badge of the Association, viz., a tartan rosette on the left breast, and it is desirable that members should appear in Highland costume.<sup>43</sup>

First listed in *Pugh's 1887*, the executive was:

Patrons, Robert PHILP, Esq., M.L.A., James GORDON. — Cluden ; President, W. P. WALKER; Vice-Presidents, J. A. WALLACE, A. P. McKENZIE; Treasurer, D. C. BROMLEY; Secretary, G. D. McCULLOCH; Committee: A. B. THOMSON, J. W. CRAN, G. THOMSON, A. McKENZIE, A. FERGUSON, J. MACINTOSH, D. McG. DUFF, D. J. BRAND, James BELL; Auditors, D. W. HASTINGS and J. S. CUNNINGHAM.

Executives of the Association, per *Pugh's*, were:

1899	President J. S. RUSSELL, secretary W. RITCHIE, treasurer C. J. SMITH <sup>44</sup>
1905	President J. S. RUSSELL, secretary A. M'ALLISTER
1906	Honorary secretary P. KELLY
1910	President D. BAXTER, secretary P. KELLY
1916	President D. BAXTER, secretary P. KELLY

The reference to Cluden is unknown, or whether to indicate that GORDON was from the now-suburb of Cluden. The Association was still listed in *Pugh's 1917*.

Annual general meetings were in September, with a half-yearly meeting in March. Caledonian Hall at Kent and Tippett Streets, Gulliver.

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### Charters Towers Caledonian Society <1885–[1900]

While the society was listed in the post office directory for over fifteen years, there was very little evidence of the society's existence in the *Times* newspaper. The committee held various positions within the town including sharebroker, agent, auctioneer, blacksmith, bootmaker, miner and cordial maker.

From 1885 to 1889, Ed DRUMMOND was the honorary secretary. By 1890, the committee stood as:

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY—President—R. RUSSELL. Vice-presidents—K. McLEAN, L. McLEAN. Treasurer—J. FRASER. Committee—P. STRANG, W. REDDIE, W. STEPHEN, W. SMITH, A. BEVERIDGE, S. FRASER, D. GUTHRIE, J. PHAIR, L. BROWN. Secretary—W. T. RUSSELL.<sup>45</sup>

Perusal of the newspapers circa 1890 did not indicate any active Scottish activities, but by the same accord, nor were there any reports about the Hibernians (of four pages and seven columns, only five columns on one page were devoted to the comings and goings of the town. Most of the paper concerned mining news, unions, ore quality, and stock exchange information). There was a Caledonian House in Gill Street. No reference to Burns nights, Hallowe'en, St Andrew's or Hogmanay were found, with Boxing Day sports looked after by the Temperance League, and New Year's Day sports by the Athletics Association. No dancing events were present in the St Patrick's Day Sports. Dancing itself was not foreign to Charters Towers with quadrille dancing and a maypole being performed.<sup>46</sup>

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### Bundaberg Caledonian Association <1886– Bundaberg–Musgrave Caledonian Association <1903–[1916]

First observed listed in *Pugh's 1886*.<sup>47</sup> The secretary for 1898 was listed as T. [Thomas] GARLAND. By 1903 the president was J. RATTRAY and secretary G. LEASK (at the AGM, LEASK however was listed as president).<sup>48</sup> The 1903 patron was the Honorable Angus GIBSON, MLC. LEASK was still listed as the secretary by the 1916 edition (J. LEASK was vice president in 1897, an insurance and general commission agent of Quay-street).

Regular dances/socials were held in 1897, including a Hallowe'en concert and dance.

At the March 1903 annual general meeting...

the Bundaberg-Musgrave Caledonian Association... had not been so successful financially as during the last few years, still considering the bad season, there was no reason to complain, as much good work had been done, and the objects of the Association satisfactorily fulfilled, many cases of distress having been considered and relieved. ... Balance £26 4s. Receipts £293, expenditure £309 17s 5d, remain £11 6s 7d.<sup>49</sup>

The Association also held an annual sports gathering on New Year's Day and an Annual Scotch Gathering for Hallowe'en (1903, 1904). Annual general meetings were held between March and April.

The Caledonian Hall today is in Victoria Street, East Bundaberg.

### Central Queensland Caledonian Society [1887]

Later a premier of Queensland, Mr KIDSTON wrote a poem as part of his address on a Burns Night in 1887 to this Society.<sup>50</sup>

### Wide Bay Caledonian Society [1890]

A MEETING of the Wide Bay Caledonian Society was held on Tuesday night, Mr. W. MITCHELL in the chair. Accounts in connection with the recent social were dealt with, and it was resolved to hold a general meeting on Wednesday, 7th May [1890], when arrangements will be made for holding a series of pleasant evenings during the winter months. The hope was expressed that every member would attend and assist in making the Association more attractive than hitherto.<sup>51</sup>

### Brisbane Caledonian Society and Burns Club 1892–?1994

The Society by 1928 had three objects:

- the objects of the Society shall be the social and intellectual improvement of its members;
- the culture of Scottish literature and music, more especially the songs and poems of Scotland's national bard, and the games of Scotland; and
- the assistance of persons (especially of those lately arrived in the State) by affording them information and helping them to obtain assistance.

All Scottish born, or Scottish descent, are eligible for and invited to become members of the association, where they owned their meeting rooms at 42 Elizabeth Street (telephone 2224!).<sup>52</sup>

*Pugh's 1895* listed the Brisbane society as separate to the Queensland Scottish Association, each having quite different executive membership:

President, Hon. John DONALDSON; Vice-Presidents, Thos. MYLNE, R. Lee BRYCE, D. R. McCONNEL, M.A., D. P. MILNE; Hon. Secretary, Alexander WOOD; Hon. Treasurer, John FRASER; Committee, Messrs. Jas. McKENZIE, Jas. WEBSTER, J. RAMSAY, A. McDONALD, T. C. JUST, D. HAMILTON, J. STEWART, J. M. FRASER, G. T. CRUICKSHANK, Jas. WILSON, A. RANKINE, R. W. CRUICKSHANK. Club Room, Colonial Mutual Chambers [43 Queen street], Queensland.

By 1905, the Society has some high profile members:

Patron, his Excellency the Governor, Lord CHELMSFORD; president, Mr. J. CAMERON, M.L.A. (re-elected); vice-presidents, Hon. W. KIDSTON, Hon. J. W. BLAIR, Hon. Robert PHILP, M.M.L.A., ... hon. piper, Pipe-major H. M'KENZIE.<sup>53</sup>

Annual general meetings about this time were about a week after New Year's Day. By 1928 they were towards the end of March. Burns Night celebrations c. 25 January were also a regular feature.

The association's demise was c. 1994 given as due to bankruptcy.

### Barcaldine Caledonian Association <1905-->1910

The Association commissioned its first gathering in November 1905 as a sports day, with £10 donated for prizes for the Scottish events.<sup>54</sup> Prior to this a St Andrew's Day banquet had held the place. By 1910, the gathering had moved to a New Year's Day event – it has yet to be established whether the move was to allow Longreach (108 kilometres to the north-west) to hold their's on St Andrew's Day.

Secretary in 1905 and 1910 was Thomas A. GRAHAM ('energetic' chemist, and justice of the peace sitting in the police court) with past secretary A. L. SUTHERLAND (whose wife worked as a teller for the Bank NSW). 1905 cheftain was D. C. CAMERON. Past chieftains were W. R. CLARKE<sup>55</sup>, and A. M. FERGUSON (in 1910 he was Chairman of the Barcaldine Shire Council and patron of the Association), and sub-chieftain B. McKAY (who moved with his family in 1905 to Rockhampton). The sports secretary was W. J. P. CHAMBERS (a local real estate agent, secretary of the School of Arts, and also local secretary for the Trinity College of Music, London). Robert SHAW was the 'bard' of the Barcaldine Association.<sup>56</sup> The Duke of Montrose was patron of the association, and was presented a gold-mounted ring-gidya walking stick in 1905.<sup>57</sup> Several members could also do highland dancing.

1905 saw a New Year's celebration evening. A Burns' Night was held in 1910. The Association also held dances at the Shire Hall in June and July 1910, 2s for gents, 1s for ladies, with piano music by Miss Mona AFFOO.<sup>58</sup>

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### Longreach Caledonian Association <1910

The Association's annual highland gathering was held at the end of November as part of St Andrew's Day (1910). No reference was made to the Longreach association by the Barcaldine association in 1905.

Secretary in 1910 was A. F. MUSGRAVE then A. L. SUTHERLAND. Another member was T. McMASTER.

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### Queensland Scottish Union <1909–[1912]

The origins of the Queensland Scottish Union are not clear, except to note that the possibly sister body of the Victorian Scottish Union was established in 1905. However, its genesis may have formed after the 1907 St Andrew's dinner by the Brisbane Caledonian Society and Burns Club following their Highland Gathering:

Mr. De CONLAY, in responding on behalf of the Caledonian Society of Warwick, congratulated the society on the success of the sports, and suggested that it would be advantageous if they had a union or affiliation of the different Caledonian Societies of Queensland.

Mr. MACGREGOR, speaking for the Ipswich Caledonian Society, alluded to the evidences of prosperity he saw in Brisbane... With Mr. De CONLAY he thought it would be a splendid thing if they had a union of different Caledonian societies.<sup>59</sup>

Its purpose was for societies to keep in touch with current Scottish affairs, such as information from Scotland, coordination for Highland Gatherings, and current rules of dancing, Society rules, and so on.<sup>60</sup>

By 1909, the secretary was W. J. G. YATES, and past president J. de CONLAY (of Warwick).<sup>61</sup> In 1912 the president was the Honorable J. W. BLAIR.<sup>62</sup>

By January 1912, the secretary YATES...

stated that St. Andrew's Society, Maryborough, had joined the Scottish Union only last Saturday, and three other societies had joined within the last month. The Scottish Union was sending circulars setting forth its aims and objects, and they were being given to all emigrants from Scotland for Queensland. (Hear, hear.) He regarded Bundaberg as the premier society, and wished it every success. (Applause.)<sup>63</sup>

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### Ayr and Lower Burdekin Caledonian Association Inc. Apr 1910–present

The aim of the Association was the keeping up the National Dress, Games, Music and Dancing of Scotland.<sup>64</sup> Formed in late April, early May 1910 in the Coffee Room of the Delta Hotel (owned by the first chief) there were twenty-two foundation members, with appointments including an honorary piper and fiddler.<sup>65</sup> Meetings were to be held on the Saturday evening nearest a full moon. This way when travelling by horse or in a horse-drawn sulky, pot holes, ruts, and miles of country roads could be negotiated.

The Association in the 1940s ran an annual New Year's Day highland gathering. Annual general meetings were held around 01 July, and the president was known as the Chief. The Caledonian Hall in Ayr during the 1940s was widely used for many activities such as lectures by other organisations, balls held by the Ayr Surf Club, St Francis' School, and so on. Social dances were held regularly by the Society in the hall, probably at least once every two months – see Ayr's *The Advocate* for this period – one very popular entertainer seemed to be the Delta Dance Band. During August or September was also the Grand Caledonian Ball. The hall was also the home of the Gloria Young School of Dancing which did tap and operatic dance.<sup>66</sup>

Reunions were held mid-July, with the thirty-fourth one held in 1944. Turnouts numbered between two hundred and fifty to three hundred persons. Most nights ended with the singing of 'A Wee Deoch and Doris'. Regularly interspersed with the various speeches were exhibitions of highland dancing such as the Fling and Swords, usually by the Kilties.<sup>67</sup> One particular dance was regularly performed in the second part of the 1940s:

Miss Joyce LANDRIGAN and Fay ARCHER with Messrs Harry HUNTER jnr and Blair STEWART, presented the ever popular Broad Swords.<sup>68</sup>

Also present in Ayr in 1949 probably as part of the Society were the Scottish Youth Association, Scottish Girl's Association, and the Scottish Youth Soccer Club. The town also supported the Ayr Pipe Band. Unfortunately the *Advocate* was regular on indicating forthcoming events but failed to provide any results

post-event. November 1949's special meeting of the Scottish Youth Association had 'to discuss exceptionally important affairs. All members must be in attendance' – without any further explanation.

As the principal highland studio, the Association elected a teacher each year:

Miss Marjorie AITCHISON (1938 to 1946)

Miss Joan BYERS (1948, 1949, 1950)

The Caledonian Hall in Ayr was on the corner of Edwards and Graham Streets (built 1926), and is now on Queen Street at the southern end near the golf course (formerly the Hornets' Football Clubhouse).

Annual meeting held within first three weeks of July.

See McCLUSKEY's reminiscences for history and insights: 'So this work is nothing more than the recollections of a man now in his sunset years, who must hurry lest the nightfall comes suddenly'.<sup>69</sup>

### **Rockhampton Scottish Association <1912–[1935]** **Rockhampton Caledonian Society [1950]**

Held a Burns Night in 1912. Existed also by 1935 when held a concert.

In 1950, reference was also made to a Rockhampton Caledonian Society.

No reference to Burns Nights or socials could be found in 1967. The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### **Scottish Ladies' Club (Brisbane) <1939–[2002]**

The Scottish Ladies' Club was in existence by 1939, when a musical luncheon was held in July to raise funds for furnishing their club room. Sashes of the Macfarlane tartan were worn, and guests were received by the president Mrs Jenny McFARLANE.<sup>70</sup> By August money was also being forwarded for a 'Good Cheer' fund.<sup>71</sup>

In 1969 there were only three or four competitions annually and the SLC was instrumental in bringing more competitions for dancers in the Brisbane area. A Highland Dancing Social Association was formed at the Scottish Ladies' Room in Brisbane (above a fruit shop in Roma Street, opposite the railway station).<sup>72</sup>

### **St. Andrew's Society, Maryborough <1912–**

First reference to this society was by W. G. J. YATES, secretary of the Queensland Scottish Union in 1912 at the Bundaberg New Year's Day Gathering.

### **Border Caledonian Society <1912–[1913]**

Name not confirmed – with or without an 'S'? Was reported incorrectly occasionally in the newspapers as 'Goondiwindi Caledonian Society'. Honorary secretary in 1913 was John S. HALL with members in 1914 D. McINTYRE and McKENZIE.

Their first gathering and evening concert was hosted in 1912. By 1913, the association had 200 members, which is quite impressive for the area.<sup>73</sup>

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### **Home Hill Caledonian Association c. 1917–[1949]**

Mr C. CARCARY (Ayr Caledonians) expressed pleasure at being present and to note the great progress being made. He remembered coming to Home Hill 6 or 7 years ago to form a branch here and could say the Association was a credit to Home Hill members, and Ayr members would need to push along or they would get left.

*Home Hill Observer*, 05 Jul. 1923 (Thu.), p. 6.

Malpass's Hall were a favourite location of the Home Hill Caledonian Association's benefit socials and dances, c. 1923 – in fact it appears to be the only hall at this time (Mr and Miss DUPONT also provided the dance music at the time to most events in the area)! It was also in 1923 that there moves afoot to start a Hibernian Society in Home Hill.<sup>74</sup>

In 1935 monthly meetings of the Association were held in the Farmer's Hall, and 1936 at the School of Arts.

The Association held a reunion in mid-July including in 1944, the first being held in July 1923.<sup>75</sup>

There appears to have been a Home Hill society in 1949 also.

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established. McCLUSKEY reported:

But then the slide came and Dave [RENNIE] was ill and ageing. When he died, the Home Hill Caledonian Association died with him. / I have never known a greater Caledonian.<sup>76</sup>

#### **Kingaroy Caledonian Society c. 1916**

No other information available.

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

#### **Atherton Tableland Caledonian Society #1 <1912–1914**

The association was a very big promoter of social activities on the Tableland, such as:

##### ATHERTON TABLELAND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

A GRAND  
Plain and Fancy Dress  
BALL  
Will take place in Williams Hall  
YUNGABURRA  
Friday, 10th July [1914].  
THE BALL OF THE SEASON  
Special Prizes for Fancy Dresses.  
Keep in mind the date –10th JULY.  
Tickets –  
DOUBLE 7s 6d. SINGLE 5s.

E. S. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary Ball Committee.<sup>77</sup>

Also in 1914 was a Caledonian Ball in July and their third gathering/Sports on Boxing Day.

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established, but it appears that World War I had a significant impact as no association events could be located during the war time, and there is no evidence of re-establishment after 1918. A society by the same name was commenced in 1928.

#### **Cairns Caledonian Association <1920–[1950]**

Not in existence by 1905. The Association met on a Monday night in 1920, with discussions on BRUCE, WALLACE, BURNS, or SCOTT. In 1950, they were still holding a Burns Anniversary Banquet, and in 1959, attending Atherton's Burns Night. Secretary in 1959 was Mrs F. CAIRNCROSS.

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established (before 1960?). Today Cairns has a pipe band but no association.

#### **Babinda Caledonian Association and Burns Club [1920]**

Babinda is a sugar cane growing area, 57 kilometres south of Cairns.

In July 1920 at the local venue, Beattie's Hall (Jno. BEATTIE was the local picture theatre owner), the Association held a concert and dance, where it was noted 'the club is [now] fully established and it has come to stay. Considering that the function was a first attempt, great praise is due to those who made it so successful'.<sup>78</sup> But no highland dancing.

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

#### **Caledonian Society of Gordonvale [1920]**

Gordonvale is a sugar cane growing area, 24 kilometres south of Cairns.

Meetings were held monthly in 1920. The association was only recently formed but had a large membership.<sup>79</sup>

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### Columboola Caledonian Society <1923–[1924]

This association held a pipe band competition in Easter 1923, with an annual banquet held close to St Patrick's Day (17 March) in 1924. Unlike Toowoomba in 1923, a pipe band existed under the auspices of the association. At this time, the chief was A. K. YORKSTON (living on the milking shorthorn cattle property of 'Forest Glen' with his wife and two daughters Mittie and Peggy), and members William JOHNSTON and A. YOUNG.

### Dalby Caledonian Society [1924]

The association strongly contributed to the Dalby township's one hundredth birthday in 1924, organising a Caledonian gathering. Their chieftain at this time was Angus McDONALD.

### Atherton Tableland Caledonian Society #2 May 1928–present

The Objects of the SOCIETY are to UNITE Scotsmen and their Descendants and Friends for mutual improvement, assistance and social engagement. To foster a love for the cultivation of the music, literature and poetry of Scotland and to welcome Scotsmen and Friends to the TABLELAND.<sup>80</sup>

Formed prior to May 1928,<sup>81</sup> the grand opening dance by the Society on 02 June was held with vocals, solos and...

Exhibitions of FANCY DANCING by Miss Lottie GAULT of CAIRNS; Miss McFARLANE of ATHERTON, and Miss Violet DAWSON of PEERAMON.

A FULL PIPE BAND assisted by Members of the CAIRNS and GORDONVALE CALEDONIAN SOCIETIES will march through the Main Street to SHARPLES HALL, Atherton, at 7.45 p.m. on SATURDAY NIGHT.<sup>82</sup>

Due to several factors, only one of the pipe bands made it and only after midnight, at about the same time as the...

minions of the law exercised their authority, and caused a shut down much to the disgust of the dancers who were enjoying themselves to their hearts' content, and annoyance of the organisers who were compelled to cut out the programme a number of items by well known local and visiting artists.<sup>83</sup>

Very enthusiastically and under the patronage of the Cairns and Gordonvale Caledonian Societies, many 'grand social and dances' were held across the Tableland, e.g.

at MINBUN  
Saturday, 29th June, 1929  
VOCAL and other First-class Turns in the intervals.  
Old Time and New Dances, also Scottish Dances, Reels, &c.  
FIRST CLASS ARTISTS IN ATTENDANCE.  
GOOD MUSIC .. .. GOOD FLOOR  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED. Splendid Catering.

NOTE THE DATE AND KEEP IT CLEAR  
Saturday Night, 29th June  
at MINBUN  
Admission–GENTS 4/4, LADIES 2/5

New Members so desiring may be enrolled on Night of Function

A. J. BRODIE, Chief of Society  
D. [Don] MacISAAC, Secretary

Box 71, Malanda.<sup>84</sup>

These places also included Atherton, Butcher's Creek, East Barron, Glen Allyn, Kairi, Malanda, Mareeba, Millaa Millaa, Peeramon, Tarzali, and Tolga.<sup>85</sup>

The Boxing Day 1930 dance saw 'Gordonvale and Cairns Societies were well represented at the gathering, visitors were present from all parts of the Tablelands...'.<sup>86</sup>

While highland dancing was demonstrated at the socials, no evidence of competitions was found. The Sports run at the Malanda show grounds on Boxing Day 1928 and in August 1929 had woodchopping, foot races, but no dancing.<sup>87</sup> Burns Nights, St Andrews and Hogmanay were generally not celebrated either at this time. St Patrick's Day sports at this time also had no dancing.

Was still holding Burns Nights in 1960. Annual general meetings were held in early April (c. 1929). The United Tableland Pipe Band, formed circa March 1959, still continues today.

Today there is the Atherton Tableland Caledonian Society in Malanda – still holding Burns Night with 130 members. Does have the minute books. There is also the United Tableland Pipe Band in Atherton, at the pipe band hold, an old State school.

### **Union of Scottish Societies <1932–[1937]**

Doctor David HORN, had been unanimously elected as chief of the body and that the first conference was to be held in Warwick in December 1932.<sup>88</sup> Also in 1932, the Union of Scottish Societies proposed a 'Standard for Highland Dancing in Queensland'.<sup>89</sup> Following the success of the first, the next conference was set for Easter 1933 in Toowoomba although it did not eventuate until 12 August 1933.<sup>90</sup> The now annual conference of the Union of Scottish Societies was to be held in Brisbane on 11 August 1934.<sup>91</sup>

On Saturday 22 August 1936, the USS held their first annual Mod in the Albert Hall Brisbane, opened by HORN. A song festival, the object was to cultivate a taste for Scottish songs and Scottish stories.<sup>92</sup>

An annual general meeting was held on Saturday 17 October 1936:

The annual meeting of the Union of Scottish Societies, held at Booval, decided by seven votes to five to take no further action regarding the formation of a Scottish kilted regiment in Queensland.

The president (Mr. A. B. EWING) said the carrying of the motion would not prevent individuals taking further action.

Mr. N. S. McKAY (Scottish Orpheus Choir) asked the meeting unofficially to receive the resignation of the Orpheus Choir from the union.

The following officers were appointed: Chieftain, Dr. David HORNE (Toowoomba); president, Mr. T. SHARP; secretary, Mr. J. WEIR; treasurer, Mr. R. ADAMSON; vice-presidents, Messrs. I. LONIE, J. DEWAR, – de CONLAY, and Mrs. McPHERSON; auditors, Messrs. KEMP and J. COUTTS.<sup>93</sup>

Another conference was to be held at Ipswich on Monday, 01 February 1937.<sup>94</sup>

Note that a kilted regiment, the Queensland Highland Regiment was formed within a year. There was a fund raising Scottish concert at City Hall in October 1937,<sup>95</sup> and a highland ball at the Brisbane City Hall on 15 July 1939:

Many of the members of the newly formed Queensland Highland Regiment will be present, colorful figures in regimental kilts and many of the fair sex metropolitan smart dressers are arranging to incorporate touches of tartan in their evening attire for this function.<sup>96</sup>

With its own ladies' social committee, there may have been a second highland regiment, the Cameron Highlanders (for Brisbane rather than Queensland), by November 1937:

It is expected that Brisbane will soon have its own regiment of Kilties, and that our streets will witness the march of the Cameron men, led by the martial music of the bagpipes and the tattoo of drums.

... In a drab and trousered age the kilties remind us of a time when men's dress was a work of art and more in consonance with biological instincts.<sup>97</sup>

The date and reason of the demise of the association has not been established.

### **Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Queensland) Limited 1947–present**

Formed in Brisbane in 1947 and is affiliated to the St Andrew Society, Edinburgh. Membership requires person to be of Scottish descent. Branches in Bundaberg and Sunshine Coast in 1990. There are also branches on the Gold Coast and Toowoomba.

The three principal objects of the Society are:

- to encourage, maintain and foster loyalty to God, the Sovereign and the Commonwealth of Nations;
- to initiate, maintain, advance and/or support all approved activities and institutions of a Scottish character; and
- to promote and foster the interests of all things Scottish and the consideration and full discussion of all matters, questions and things relating to or affecting the interests of the Society.

The Society is affiliated with 'The St Andrew Society' in Edinburgh.<sup>98</sup>

### **Tully Caledonian Association [1959]**

In 1959, members of the committee included Messieurs R. LAUDER (chairman), H. RODGER (hon. secretary), G. RODGER, H. MacMAHON, J. DUMBLETON, Mrs G. RODGER, Mrs. P. DYER, and Mrs. T. M. LAUDER. Burns Night was also celebrated which had an unusual requirement... 'attendance by invitation only'. There was also a ladies' Highland dancing committee.

### **Mareeba Caledonian Society [1959]**

Members of the Society attended the Atherton Tableland Caledonian Society's Burns Night in 1959.

### **Scottish Organisation of Queensland [1959]**

A request from the combined Scottish Organisation of Queensland invited representation from Toowoomba... to attend their combined Burns Dinner to celebrate the Centenary of Queensland during the year of festivities.<sup>99</sup>

It has yet to be established whether the association was formed just for Queensland's centenary 1859–1959, similar to the 1995 Scottish Week committee (see the Australian Scottish Community entry).

### **Australian Scottish Community (Queensland) Inc. ('Aussie-Scots') Nov. 1994–present**

Although postponed, Scottish Week was to be held in Brisbane in June 1995. The founding committee however saw the formation of the Australian Scottish Community of Queensland by May 1994. By November, it inherited its present title.

It has four aims and objectives:

- to promote the involvement of those with Scottish heritage in the development of Australia;
- to promote and maintain Scots culture and heritage in Australia;
- to organise and promote festivals of a Scottish nature for the benefit of the entire community; and
- to raise funds for the benefit of the Scottish community and associated organisations.

The Community meets once a month. Aussie-Scots celebrated its sixth international Tartan Day on 30 June 2002 at South Bank Parklands. Highland dancing was represented by displays by three studios.

### **Since 1995**

Since 1995 the following associations have believed to be formed:

- Redland Scottish and Celtic Society Inc. This association conducts Burns Nights, Hallowe'ens and Hogmanays, usually in concert with the Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band and the Jill DOBBS School of Dancing. Formed to promote and preserve the music, traditions and customs of Scottish and Celtic heritage and to maintain a pipe band in the Redland Shire.
- Scottish Clans' Congress of Queensland, comprising of many member societies such as Clan Davidson, Clan Donnachaidh Society, and MacNicol Clan of Moreton.
- Innisfail Caledonian XX, formed about 2002, and going through incorporation.

## **Personalities**

The following biographical précises are provided to give an insight into some of the Scottish influencers within Queensland (who were known to be involved in Caledonian organisations). It has also been difficult to locate this information. Without more specific addresses and dates the full identity of some individuals cannot be determined, e.g. were William PETTIGREW and John PETTIGREW (of Ipswich), who formed the Provisional Committee of the Caledonian Association in 1862 the same members of the Legislative Council 1877 to 1894, and the Legislative Assembly 1873 to 1878 respectively?

### **BLAIR, Sir James William (16 May 1871–18 Dec 1944)**

Represented Ipswich (Ministerialist party) from 11 March 1902 to 22 May 1915. Served as Attorney-General for Queensland.

**KIDSTON, William (27 Aug 1849–25 Oct 1919)**

Initially represented Rockhampton from 1896 to 1911 (Australian Labor Party). Premier 1906 to 1907, and 1908 to 1911. His wife died on 24 July 1910 following a medical operation at 57 years of age in Brisbane, but was conveyed to Rockhampton to be interred with her only daughter.<sup>100</sup>

**MACALISTER, Arthur (1818–23 Mar 1883)**

Initially represented Ipswich from 1860 to 1868. Premier of Queensland from 1866 to 1876.

**MacDONALD-PATERSON, Thomas (09 May 1844–21 Mar 1906)**

Initially represented Rockhampton from 1878 to 1883 (Ministerialist party). Later member of the Federal House of Representatives for Brisbane 1901 to 1903.

**McILWRAITH, Sir Thomas (17 May 1835–17 Jul 1900)**

Initially represented Warrego in 1870 (Ministerialist party). Premier 1879 to 1882. In 1879, the premier married Miss MOSSMAN, whose brother-in-law was the Honorable A. H. PALMER.<sup>101</sup>

**NELSON, Sir Hugh Muir (31 Dec 1835–01 Jan 1906)**

Born in Kilmarnock, Scotland on 31 December 1835, Sir Hugh Muir NELSON died at his residence *Gabbinbar* at Toowoomba by 10.00 am on Monday 01 January 1906, as the Lieutenant-Governor of Queensland and President of the Legislative Council. His awards included the KCMG, PC (Privy Council, London), and DCL of Oxford. He left a wife, two sons and three daughters.

Educated at Edinburgh University under some notable scholars, he was a son of the Reverend Doctor NELSON who attended to many persons in the fledgling colony, arriving in 1853 settling at Ipswich:

a stalwart youth 18 years of age, a splendid specimen of his race, endowed with a fine physique and robust health.<sup>102</sup>

Marrying a daughter of Duncan McINTYRE in 1870, MUIR took up management of Loudon sheep station six miles from Dalby until taking the political seat of Murilla c. 1887. After the Legislative Assembly, he became president of the Legislative Council, and received a knighthood in 1896. As Lieutenant-Governor, his role was to step in for the State's governor when the governor was absent.

The news of the death of Sir Hugh NELSON caused sincere regret throughout the city, and many will feel that the whole district has lost an ever helpful friend. At the Caledonian Society's concert in the evening the pipers played 'Lord Lovatt's Lament,' the audience standing silent as a mark of grief at the death of the society's patron.<sup>103</sup>

The passing of Sir Hugh NELSON removes a notable and familiar presence from our midst, and creates a gap amongst our leading men that will not be easy to fill. ... The story of the life of Sir Hugh NELSON runs parallel with the history of the development of Queensland during the last half-century, and the facts, called up by the mention of various incidents in his careers, are reminiscent of what might be called the heroic days of Queensland settlement. ... The part taken by Sir Hugh in the political life of Queensland has been distinguished and honourable. his temperament may not have been of the strenuous character of his former colleague Sir Thomas McILWRAITH, and his distinction not that of the brilliancy of the more youthful and ever to be regretted T. J. BYRNES, but Sir Hugh earned his place in the admiration and respect of his fellow countrymen by his quiet determination and dignified and skilful handling of the matters entrusted to his charge.

*Brisbane Courier*, 02 Jan. 1906 (Tue.), p. 4

**PHILP, Sir Robert (28 Dec 1851–17 Jun 1922)**

Initially represented Musgrave in 1886 (Ministerialist party). Premier 1899 to 1901.

**YATES, W. J. G.**

Also known as 'Rab Scott'.<sup>104</sup>

**Notes**

- 1 One arm (NICOL) of the author's genealogy of 1909 gave all the family addresses as North Britain, e.g. Aboyne, N.B.
- 2 *Brisbane Courier*, 01 Dec. 1909 (Wed.), p. 4. Members of the Queensland Scottish Union also present.
- 3 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1963, p. 89.

- 4 Pugh's states the Sovereign Hotel which was at Elizabeth Street, Brisbane about this time, whereas the *Courier* states it was at George M'ADAM's Hotel, which was on Queen Street, Brisbane. MACKENZIE-SMITH (1999, p. 241) indicated 'George McADAM, originally one of the Leslies' retinue, conducted the Sovereign in Queen Street before turning to storekeeping'. Therefore there may have been two Sovereign Hotels, or the stables were on Elizabeth, and the principal establishment on Queen. *Pugh's 1870* provides that the Sovereign Hotel on Elizabeth Street had a horse bazaar including stables, livery (feeding and stabling of horses for fee), and bait (feed for bullocks during a journey). *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1863, p. 169; *The Courier*, 22 Nov. 1862 (Sat.), p. 2.
- 5 *The Courier*, 'Proposed "St. Andrew's Society"', 20 Nov. 1862 (Thu.), p. 2.
- 6 *The Courier*, 'Local intelligence', 22 Nov. 1862 (Sat.), p. 2.
- 7 *The Courier*, 'Local intelligence', 06 Dec. 1862 (Sat.), p. 2.
- 8 *The Courier*, 21 Nov. 1863, p. 5. Ten shillings entry. 'No gentleman admitted unless accompanied by a lady.'
- 9 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1865, p. 94.
- 10 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1866, p. 92.
- 11 CAMPBELL arrived in Moreton Bay township with his wife in June 1853 (p. 36), and was an enthusiastic member of the Caledonian Association until his love of Australia became greater (p. 46).
- 12 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1871, p. 120. Brisbane cab fares, for vehicles drawn by two or more horses, for any distance not exceeding half a mile, the price was 9d (p. 123).
- 13 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1872, p. 116.
- 14 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1873, p. 160.
- 15 *Brisbane Courier*, 25 May 1875 (Tue.), p. 2.
- 16 *Brisbane Courier*, 09 Jul. 1875 (Fri.), p. 1; *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1876, p. 57. A check of the *Brisbane Courier* failed to elicit any articles explaining the demise of the Caledonian Society of Queensland in 1875.
- 17 DOUGLAS 1986, p. 2.
- 18 DOUGLAS 1986, p. 110.
- 19 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1871, p. 120. DOUGLAS 1986, p. 14 stated the inaugural meeting was 28 Sep. 1870, but the initial meeting would have been before this.
- 20 For example, *Darling Downs Gazette*, 15 Oct. 1873 (Wed.), p. 2.
- 21 *Darling Downs Gazette*, 04 Jan. 1871 (Wed.), p. 3; 03 Jan. 1872 (Wed.), p. 3.
- 22 *Darling Downs Gazette*, notice, 14 Oct. 1874 (Wed.), p. 2; 17 Oct. 1874 (Sat.), pp. 2, 3.
- 23 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1893, Queensland directory, p. 168.
- 24 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1894, Queensland directory, p. 170.
- 25 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1897, Men of the time, p. 554.
- 26 DOUGLAS 1986, p. 14.
- 27 DOUGLAS 1986, p. 77.
- 28 DOUGLAS 1986, p. 56.
- 29 Warwick Caledonian Society rules, 88th annual general meeting, 13 Mar. 1959.
- 30 *Queensland Times*, 01 Jul. 1879 (Tue.), p. 2.
- 31 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1873, p. 155.
- 32 *Brisbane Courier*, 05 Jul. 1873 (Sat.), p. 5.
- 33 *Queensland Times*, 01 Jul. 1879 (Tue.), p. 2.
- 34 *Queensland Times*, 08 Jun. 1880 (Tue.), p. 2; 17 Jun. 1880 (Thu.), p. 3.
- 35 *Warwick Argus*, 31 Mar. 1883 (Sat.).
- 36 *Mackay Mercury and South Kennedy Advertiser*, 11 Jun. 1884 (Wed.), p. 1.
- 37 Queensland Post Office Directory 1890.
- 38 *Brisbane Courier*, 11 Nov. 1884 (Tue.), p. 5.
- 39 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1886, p. 431.
- 40 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1891, Queensland directory, p. 7.
- 41 p. 204.
- 42 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1896, Queensland directory, p. 191A.
- 43 Townsville Caledonian Association, 1895.
- 44 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1899, Country directory, p. 1125.
- 45 Queensland Post Office Directory 1890. Robert RUSSELL was an auctioneer who lived on Ann Street, on the corner with Church Street. Peter STRANG was an engineer and blacksmith who worked on Gill Street. Blacksmith William STEPHEN worked next door to STRANG. Kenneth McLEAN was a bootmaker, living on Mosman Street, and Lachlan McLEAN a waterman on King Street. Daniel GUTHRIE was another blacksmith. Alexander BEVERIDGE was a miner and lived at Mary Street. William RUSSELL was an agent. John FRASER was a clerk, while Simon FRASER was a cordial maker at Cambridge Street. The latter possibly had two brothers, Donald and Kenneth, who were also cordial makers.
- 46 *Charters Towers Times*, c. Nov. 1890.
- 47 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1886, Country directory, p. 460.
- 48 *Pugh's Queensland Almanac*, 1904, p. 579. *Bundaberg Mail*, 27 Mar. 1903 (Fri.), p. 2.
- 49 *Bundaberg Mail*, 27 Mar. 1903 (Fri.), p. 2.