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OUR AIM: "To collaborate with other Scottish and Celtic Groups to maintain, promote and advance the Scots culture and Heritage in Australia."

The engineers responsible for the new road bridge across the river Forth say that they are confident that it can be ready by 2016. Jacobs Arup, the consultants who worked on the Channel Tunnel (built on time) and Stonecutters Bridge in Hong Kong as well as the present construction of the Upper Forth Crossing at Kincardine, say that the deadline is "ambitious" But possible. Next month the river bed is to be drilled to test the conditions for securing the bridge's three towers, located west of the present bridge. Design of the cable-stayed crossing should be finalised early next year and go to tender in 2010/2011. The five-year construction phase would get under way in 2011. The bridge deck will be wider than that of the existing bridge as there has to be space for a "public transport corridor" for light railway, trams and buses as well as two traffic lanes and a hard shoulder. The present bridge doesn't have a hard shoulder so breakdowns currently mean that traffic is down to one lane. Once the new crossing is operational (and hopefully not before) the current bridge will be closed. But it is still possible that the rusting cables on the 44-year-old suspension bridge can be replaced to allow reopening. The cost of repair could be far less than demolition.

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The latest unemployment figures show that there were 130,000 people in Scotland looking for work - 9,000 fewer than a year ago and 1,000 less than in the previous quarter. The Scottish unemployment rate of 4.9% compares with a UK rate of 5.2%. This week's figures also show total employment in Scotland stands at 2,536,000, a fall of 4,000 over the quarter but an increase of 15,000 over the year.

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A lengthy inquiry report into plan to develop 25,000 new homes, concentrated near Armadale, Broxburn and Winchburgh, (some miles west of Edinburgh) has recommended approval for the local authority's plans. These are part of a £1.5 billion planning blueprint for the area which generated 2,000 objections from local residents. The inquiry report recommended a number of amendments to the West Lothian Council's plans, but the reporter accepted overall the scale of the new housing developments.

WE WILL BE OFFERING A RAFFLE AGAIN THIS YEAR IN SUPPORT OF TARTAN DAY.

There will be only 6000 tickets at \$5 each
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4th prize — a Scottish Hamper worth \$250

For tickets please contact the secretary Margaret
on 33598195



Boats in both rotating arms

New lock between Canal Forth and Clyde. This marvel of Scottish engineering replaces 11 locks. It rotates a boat from the top as it lifts one from the bottom.. Total power needed is less than 2 kilowatts. Operation takes 15 minutes and each lobe including water and boat is about 300 tons. Must be the new wonder of the modern world.

On the 40th anniversary earlier this month of Jim Clark's death during a race at the Hockenheim circuit in Germany, a number of tributes were paid by those who knew him. The death of Clark at the age of just 32 shocked not just the motor-racing world. Sir Jackie Stewart, himself a winner of the World Drivers' Championship three times, " The Jim Clark museum at Duns still attracts thousands of visitors each year. Raised in Duns in the Borders, Clark was crowned Formula One world champion in 1963 and 1965 and won a total of 25 grand prix races as well as the Indianapolis 500.

GREAT SCOTTISH ENTERTAINERS

Moira Anderson, OBE (born 5 June 1938, Kirkintilloch, East Dunbartonshire) is a Scottish singer. After leaving school, Anderson quickly established herself at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow before getting her big break in the media after a successful audition at the BBC. She landed her first job in the media, presenting the radio programme *Can't Help Singing* where she sang with some prestigious names from the world of opera. She went on to make many appearances in the TV series *The White Heather Club* hosted by Andy Stewart.

She went on to host her own television show, the popular *Moira Anderson Sings* which ran for several years. By 1970 she had signed up with the Decca Record Company, performed at the London Palladium and was hosting yet another show *Stars On Sunday* which ran from 1969 to 1977. Anderson has gone on to create many albums and is renowned for her charity work.

In her early career Anderson made frequent appearances alongside fellow Scottish music stars, Kenneth McKellar and Andy Stewart. In the early 1980s she made a successful album of duets with Sir Harry Secombe.

Jean Redpath MBE (born 28 April 1937) is a singer of folk songs and Scottish music.

Redpath was born in Edinburgh, to musical parents. Her mother knew many Scots songs and passed them on to all four of her daughters; her father played the hammer dulcimer. She was raised in Fife, Scotland, and later returned to Edinburgh, taking medieval studies at the university. Hamish Henderson was working in the School of Scottish Studies and Redpath took a keen interest in the archive of tapes and discs of music and songs. To help pay her way through her studies, she worked as a driving instructor and undertaker's assistant. She learned about 400 songs, together with the oral folklore that went with them.

In March 1961, at the age of 24, she went to the United States. Her first performance was in San Francisco. Later she met up with Rambling Jack Elliott and Bob Dylan in Greenwich Village. The natural warmth and power of her voice brought her to perform at Gerde's Folk City. In 1963, following a concert performance, she signed up with Elektra Records. In 1975 she switched to the Philo label. From 1972 to 1976 Jean was artist-in-residence at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. She lectured in folklore and gave talks in schools.

In 1976 Redpath was embarked on a project to record all the songs of Robert Burns. Some being folk songs, some Burns' own compositions, and most a mixture of the two. Twenty-two volumes were planned, but when her collaborator, the composer Serge Hovey died after seven volumes, it came to a premature end. Hovey did the instrumental arrangements for 323 songs, and Redpath felt that no other musician could replace him. The albums won critical praise from around the world. In 1986 she recorded "Lady Nairne," a collection of songs written by Scottish women. She has sensitively reconstructed many songs that might otherwise have been lost.

TARTAN DAY

AGAIN THIS YEAR WE ARE PUTTING OUT A REQUEST THAT FOR MEMBERS WHO CAN SUPPLY PRE-WRAPPED HOME BAKING FOR OUR PERFORMERS, STALL HOLDERS AND AUSSIE-SCOTS WORKERS ON TARTAN DAY. WOULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET ON 3359 8195 (NOTE: CAKES MUST BE SLICED AND EACH PIECE WRAPPED INDIVIDUALLY AND BISCUITS ETC MUST ALSO BE WRAPPED INDIVIDUALLY.

ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE ABLE TO WORK ON ANY OF THE AUSSIE-SCOTS STANDS AT TARTAN DAY, COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET ON 3359 8195

THROUGH ILL HEALTH AND THE PASSING OF A NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS WE NOW NEED TO CALL ON OTHER MEMBERS TO HELP SPREAD THE LOAD ON TARTAN DAY. THANK YOU.

A PAIR O' NICKY TAMS

Fan I was only ten years auld
I left the parish schweel,
My faither fee'd me tae The Mains
Tae chaw his milk and meal,
First I pit on my narrow breeks
Tae hap my spinnel trams
Syne buckled aroon my knappin' knees
A pair o' nicky tams.

First I gaed on for Baillie loon
And syne gaed on for third
And syne of course I had tae get
The horseman's grip an' word,
A loaf o' breid tae be my piece
An' a bottle for drinkin' drams,
Ye could nae gang through the calf house door
Wi' oot your nicky tams.

The fairmer I am wi' eynoo
He's wealthy but he's mean.
Though corn is cheap his horse is poor.
His harness fairly deen.
He gars us load our carts ower fou,
His conscience has nae qualms,
Fan breist straps break there's naethin' like
A pair of nicky tams.

I'm courtin' bonnie Annie noo,
Rob Tamson's kitchie deem,
She is five and forty
And I am seventeen.
She clorts a muckle piece tae me
Wi' different kinds o' jams,
And tells me ilka nicht how she
Admires my nicky tams.

I startit oot ae Sunday morn
The kirkie for tae gang
My collar it was unco tight,
My breeks were nane ower lang,
I had my Bible in my pooch.
Likewise my book o' Psalms,
When Annie roared: 'Ye muckle gowk!
Tak off your nicky tams!'

Though unco sweer I took them off.
The lassie for tae please
And syne of course, my breeks
They lirkit up aroon' my knees,
A wasp gaed crawlin' up my leg
In the middle o' the psalms
Oh never again will I ride the kirk
Wi' oot my nicky tams!

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SCOTTISH BRAGGING PAGE

The Reverend Dr **Robert Stirling** (October 25, 1790 – June 6, 1878) was a Scottish clergyman, and inventor of the stirling engine.

Stirling was born at Cloag Farm near Methven, Perthshire in Scotland, the third of eight children. He inherited his father's interest in engineering^[citation needed], but studied divinity and became a minister of the Church of Scotland as second charge of the Laigh Kirk of Kilmarnock in 1816. Concerned about the danger the workers in his parish faced from steam engines, which frequently exploded because of the poor quality of the iron boilerplate available at the time, he decided to improve the design of the air engine in the hope that it would provide a safer alternative. He invented what he called the *Heat Economiser* (now generally known as the regenerator), a device for improving the thermal efficiency of a variety of processes, obtaining a patent for the economiser and an engine incorporating it in 1816. Stirling's engine could not explode, because it worked at a lower pressure, and could not cause steam burns. In 1818 he built the first practical version of his engine, used to pump water from a quarry.

In 1819 Stirling married Jean Rankin. They had seven children, including the locomotive engineers Patrick Stirling and James Stirling (engineer).

While in Kilmarnock, he collaborated with another inventor, Thomas Morton, who provided workshop facilities for Stirling's research. Both men were interested in astronomy, and having learnt from Morton how to grind lenses, Stirling invented several optical instruments.

John Adrian Shepherd-Barron (born 1925 Tain, Ross, Scotland) is a Scottish inventor.

Educated at the University of Edinburgh and University of Cambridge, Shepherd-Barron went on to work for De La Rue Instruments in the 1960s and came up with the concept of a self-service machine which would dispense paper currency with 24/7 availability. This was the Automated Teller Machine (ATM).[1] The first machine was established outside an Enfield, north London, branch of Barclays Bank in 1967,[1] when he was Managing Director of De La Rue Instruments: there are now more than a million installed world-wide. He received the OBE in the 2005 New Year's Honours list for services to banking as "inventor of the automatic cash dispenser".

James Beaumont Neilson (June 22, 1792 – January 18, 1865) is a Scottish inventor whose hot-blast process greatly increased the efficiency of smelting iron. The son of an engineer, he was born in Shettleton and worked his way up to a position as foreman of the Glasgow Gasworks in 1817, a position he would hold for 40 years.

While trying to solve a problem with a blast furnace at Wilsontown Ironworks, Neilson realized that the force of the blast could be increased by passing hot air, rather than cold air, through the red-hot vessel. This reduced the amount of coal required to make iron, and greatly increased production efficiency to meet the demands of the railway and shipbuilding industries.

Neilson conducted experiments to prove this theory, and patented his hot-blast process in 1828. After resolving some early teething troubles by 1834, the process became used widely, though Neilson had to frequently go to the courts to defend his patent and be able to license his invention.

UPCOMING Universities Rugby League World Cup HOSTED BY GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

A team from Scotland will be participating in the tournament, alongside Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Wales, Greece and France. The Scottish boys will be in Brisbane from Wednesday 2 July.

The opening match of the event kicks off on Friday 4 July, with Scotland playing their first game at Saturday 5 July against Greece. The final of the World Cup is on Saturday 19 July. An draw overview is as follows:

ROUND 1:

Griffith University,
Nathan campus
Friday 4 July
Saturday 5 July

ROUND 3:

Pizzey Park, Burleigh Heads
Langlands Park, Easts
Leagues Club, Coorparoo
Saturday 12 July

Entry to the event is free, and as it is a World Cup event the level of competition should be high. Rugby League fans, supporters, families - everyone is welcome!

If you have any members who play bagpipes or anyone who would be interested in singing the Scottish National Anthem prior to a game we'd be happy to incorporate that into our program.

ROUND 2:

Griffith University,
Nathan campus
Tuesday 8 July

ROUND 4 - Semi Finals:

Griffith University, Nathan
campus
Tuesday 15 July
Wednesday 16 July

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DIARY DATES

Saturday 17th May Pride of the Celts 2pm & 8pm QPAC Concert Hall starring Greg Moore ph Qtix 136248

Sunday 18th May Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Sausage Sizzle. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, 27 Josling St, Toowong. (Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, look for Aussie Scots Sign. 11.30am Meeting starts 12.30pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

Saturday 24th May Q I A Pipe Band Debutante Ball. Contact Rowena on 3369 4014 or Mavis on 3849 8271

Saturday 31st May Multi Cultural Festival Leslie Patrick Park Arana Hills. Aussie-Scots will be there with a stall. contact secretary for information.

Sunday 1st June Queensland Family History Fair Mt Gravatt Showgrounds Aussie-Scots and Friends of Toowong will be there. Contact secretary for information

Sunday 15th June Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Sausage Sizzle. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, 27 Josling St, Toowong. (Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, look for Aussie Scots Sign. 11.30am Meeting starts 12.30pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

Saturday, 21st June The glamour and glitz of a Highland Debutante Ball hosted by the Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band will once again be offered to the young ladies of the Redland Shire. in the air conditioned comfort of the Redlands Sporting Club (Anson Rd., Wellington Point). Tickets can be booked now through Joy on 3207 0928 or Enid on 3286 2783

Friday 27th June Echoes of Edinburgh 50th Anniversary Qld Police Pipes and Drums. with Greg Moore Brisbane City Hall 2pm and 7.30pm

Sunday 29th June The Scottish Clans' Congress of Queensland Inc. Annual Kirking o' the Tartan will be held as part of the St Paul's Presbyterian Church, 43 St Paul's Terrace Spring Hill, 9.30AM service. Enquiries 07 3300 1031 or seeker@powerup.com.au.

Sunday 29th June Ormiston House Camelia Day contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Sunday 6th July Tartan Day at South Bank Cultural Forecourt. OUR BIG DAY COME AND HAVE FUN FOR FREE

Sunday 27th July Ormiston House Rolls Royce Concours de Elegance contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Sunday 10th August Ormiston House Mercedes Benz Day contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Sunday 31st August Ormiston House Spring Garden Party contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Saturday 4th October Ormiston House Music beneath the stars contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

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Saturday, 25th Oct. Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band invites you to celebrate the Celtic tradition of Halloween in costume-(optional); dance; fun & games; treats and much more at the Thornlands Dance Palais Book now through Joy on 3207 0928 or Enid on 3286 2783. Scare you later!

Saturday 29th Nov Join us to celebrate St. Andrew's Day in the relaxed atmosphere of a concert at the Redlands Sporting Club (Anson Rd., Wellington Point). The evening will include a great flow of traditional Scottish entertainment & of course the serving of Haggis. Book now through Joy on 3207 0928 or Enid on 3286 2783

Jock was digging peat at his croft when a passing American tourist asks, "How much land do you have here?"

"About two acres" Jock replies.

"You know back home it takes me a day to drive around my ranch !" the American boasts.

"Aye", says Jock " I once had a car like

Old Tam, who had lost all his teeth, had a visit from the minister who noted that Tam had a bowl of almonds. "My brother gave me those, but I don't want them, you can have them" said Old Tam. The minister tucked into them and then said "That was a funny present to give a man with no teeth." To which Old Tam replied "Not really, they had chocolate on them..."



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