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Instruments: Keyboard, Accordion, Percussion and
Vocals

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TARTAN DAY 2015



Well, Tartan Day went well and though we were busy in the tents it was more talking than selling. Food stall did good business though. Kathleen was at her best as always. Many thanks to Warwick for his hard work on the day and Bruce and Jim were up to their usual standard. Beril and her helper and the dogs did a great job and the public loved them. A very long day for us Aussie Scots and bed was a welcome place that night. Many thanks to all the hardworking volunteers whose job was very trying on the day due to lack of bodies.

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SCOTLAND IN THE PARK at Greenbank

Another very early wake up call and a venture out to a place I last saw in August 1959 in very cold uncomfortable circumstances. Still cold and windy. However we did very well with our craft sales.

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WULL YOU READ THIS TAE ME AND TELL ME IF AH PASSED MA ENGLISH EXAM OR NO'....?



Around again, mister Hopkins, but this time with a little less joie de vivre...



Beginners Scottish Gaelic Class 2015

Location:

Brisbane Square Library

266 George Street

Brisbane 4000

Community Meeting Room (Ground Level).

There are tea/coffee making facilities in the community room, just bring along a tea/coffee bag. Some people find the parking expensive.

To cut down on expense, some drive to a suitable train station and then catch the train to Central Station and walk up the Mall to the library.

Contact: Diane Lingard (07) 3269 1761/0407 158 781

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The classes are designed for people with no exposure to the Gaelic who would like to be able to use some Gaelic phrases and make a little conversation in the language.

This is an initiative of the Scottish Gaelic Association of Australia

SEE DATES AND TIMES BELOW

(4th Sunday of month)	Beginners: 10:30am - 12noon
2PM	Continuing: 12:30pm - 2:00pm
26 July, 2015	<u>Tiered Theatre</u>
23 August, 2015	<u>Sundays: 10.00am – 2.00pm</u>
27 September, 2015	22 February, 2015
22 November, 2015	19 April, 2015
20 December, 2015	28 June, 2015 18 October, 2015

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A wee bit of Auld Scottish humour



John McDougal heard about a doctor who charged ten pounds for the first consultation but only three pounds for every subsequent visit. So he walked into the doctor's surgery and announced, 'Here I am again, doctor.'
'Just keep up the treatment I prescribed last time,' said the doctor, who was also a Scotsman.

'Listen to this lads', said the man to his mates in the pub. 'Last night when ah wis in here a burglar broke in tae ma hoose.'
'Did he get anything?'
'Aye, a broken nose and two teeth knocked oot. The wife thought it wis me commin in drunk!'

It was a bitterly cold day on the golf course and the caddy was expecting a large tip from his rich Scottish client. As they neared the clubhouse, the caddy heard the words he was longing to hear, 'This is for a hot glass of whisky.' He held out his hand and a sugar cube was placed in it.

This one has been around for a while but time for an airing.

The average Englishman, in his home he calls his castle, puts on his national costume - A shabby Raincoat patented by Charles MacIntosh of Glasgow, Scotland.

He drives a car fitted with pneumatic tyres invented (1846) by Robert William Thomson 1822-1873 of Stonehaven Scotland. At the office he receives his mail with adhesive stamps which, although they bear the queen of England's head, were invented by John Chambers of Dundee, Scotland.

Still at the office he uses a fountain pen invented by Robert William Thomson in 1851.

During the day he uses the telephone, Invented by Alexander Graham Bell of Edinburgh, Scotland.

At home in the evening he watches his daughter ride her bicycle, invented by Kilpatrick MacMillan, A Blacksmith from Dumfries, Scotland.

He watches the news on television which was invented by John Logie Baird of Helensborough Scotland and hears an item about the U.S. Navy founded by John Paul Jones of Kirkbean, Scotland.

He has now been reminded too much of Scotland, and in desperation picks up the Bible, only to find that the first man mentioned in the good book is a Scot - King James VI - who authorised it's translation.

Nowhere can an Englishman turn to escape the ingenuity of the Scots, he could take to drink, but the Scots make the finest in the world, he could take a rifle, and end it all but the breech-loading rifle was invented by Captain Patrick Ferguson of Pitfours, Scotland.

If he escaped death, he could find himself on an operating table, being injected with Penicillin, discovered by Alexander Fleming of Darvel, Scotland, and given an anesthetic, discovered by Sir James Young Simpson of Bathgate, Scotland.

Out of the anesthetic he would find no comfort in learning that he was as safe as the Bank Of England which was founded by William Patterson of Dumfries, Scotland. Perhaps his only hope would be to get a transfusion of good SCOTTISH blood.

Re Robert William Thomson, his achievements are listed below. Perhaps Scotland's most prolific inventor.

Patents and developments[

Pneumatic tyre US Patent 5104

- **Writing and drawing instruments (the self-filling pen known as the fountain pen)**
- **Improvements in obtaining and applying motive power**
- **Dividing hard substances such as rock stone and coal**
- **Steam boilers**
- **Improvements in steam gauges**
- **Steam omnibuses**
- **Applying steam power in cultivating land**
- **Elastic wheel tyres**
- **Road steamers**
- **Guiding road steamers on street tramways**
- **Elastic belts, seats and other supports or cushions.**
- **Thomson was also the originator of:**
- **The washing mangle with reversible mangles**
- **The ribbon saw**
- **Elliptical rotary engine**
- **Use of electricity to detonate explosive charges**
- **Machinery for sugar manufacturing**
- **The portable steam crane and Hydraulic dry dock**



INVERARAY CASTLE AND BRIDGE



DOLLAR, CASTLE CAMPBELL





DIARY DATES 2015

Fourth Sunday 23rd August 2015 Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 12 mid-day BYO lunch. Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary 0435 326 206

Sunday 20th September 2015 Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 12 mid-day BYO lunch. Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary 0435 326 206

Sunday 18th October 2015 Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 12 mid-day BYO lunch. Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary 0435 326 206

Sunday 15th November 2015 AGM Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 12 mid-day BYO lunch. Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary 0435 326 206



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