



## Welcome to the 2019 Winter Saltire

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### Chieftain's Chatter

It's the quiet season and a large proportion of our members appear to have migrated north in pursuit of the sun, or have gone indoors and are refusing to come out!

Your committee however, have not been idle! Behind the scenes much 'organising' has been going on, preparing for a ceilidh in August (more on that in a moment) as well as the 2019 Ball and the 2020 Burns Supper.

In addition, I am delighted to be able to announce that we have a new Constitution! While this may not mean a lot to most of you, it has been dominating the lives of several of us for several years! And I am only mildly exaggerating! With the stamp of approval from the relevant minister, we became compliant with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. The new constitution is available on our website, for anyone desperately short of light reading material!

An unfortunate event that has occurred since the last Saltire was sent out, is that our storage unit was broken into and some of the Society's property stolen. We have a unit in Osborne Park, in which we keep an assortment of flags, banners, table decorations

It would be remiss of me not to mention the passing of a high profile Perth Scot, Max Kay, who died June 4th aged 82. Max came to WA in 1967 and became one of Perth's best known entertainers. He also spent time as a Perth City councillor and was a well known champion of those with prostate cancer and also for Perth's homeless. Nine hundred people including the WA Governor packed His Majesty's Theatre for a celebration of his life.



*Max Kay (1936 - 2019)*



## **Ceilidhs**

Over the last year or two, our events have been pleasingly well attended - some even sold out. It therefore came as a bit of a shock when it became evident that we needed to cancel the Chieftain's Ceilidh due to insufficient numbers. We are still not entirely sure why!

Cancelling was frustrating for the committee that had put time into organising the event as well as for those of us looking forward to going along - and particularly for those that had booked accommodation for the night nearby.

What went wrong? The event has traditionally been held in May and this year's event was to be held a week into June, which may have made a difference. It will be back in May next year!

Bullcreek has been the ideal (and free!) location for this event for years, but being no longer available, we felt Scarborough would work - maybe it didn't! We have booked Yokine Bowling Club for next year, which is nearer the city centre. This year's event was also booked for a Friday, which doesn't suit everybody, but getting a suitable venue with catering at a suitable price in a suitable location on a Saturday night is not as simple as it may sound! We have managed to book a Saturday night for next year.

We are in the final stages of organising a survey, which we will be asking all the members and non-members on our circulation list to take part in later this month. The purpose is to help us understand what people want from the Society. Do we want to be more of a 'social club'? Or do we stick to doing what we have done best for the last 80 years - holding 'top shelf' St Andrew's Day Balls and Burns Suppers and not much else? Or do we want to be somewhere in between and if so where? The survey will be 'online' and simple so I encourage your participation.

As everyone is hopefully already aware, we are organising a Winter Ceilidh for next month. This will go some way towards replacing the Chieftain's Ceilidh, and we hope that as many folk as possible will turn-out and support us. See below for the event details.

### **Winter Ceilidh details:**

**Date:** Saturday 10th August

**Location:** Mount Hawthorn Main Hall

197 Scarborough Beach Road

Mount Hawthorn, WA 6016

**Dancing:** To the Heel n' Toe Scottish dance band.

**Cost:** Members \$15, non-members \$20

**Bookings:** through TryBooking, by clicking [HERE](#)

**BYO** food & drink

**Dress:** Informal (kilts preferred!)

**Parking:** There's lots of parking 'aroonna-back' in Berryman & Kalgoorlie Streets.

**Events for the rest of the Society's year:**

- Friday 10 August - Winter Ceilidh
- Friday 25 Oct - Dance practice
- 1 November - Dance practice
- 8 November - Dance practice
- 15 November - Dance practice
- 22 November - Dance practice
- 29 November - St Andrew's Day Ball
- 17 January - Dance practice
- 24 January - Dance practice
- 25 January - 2020 Burns Supper

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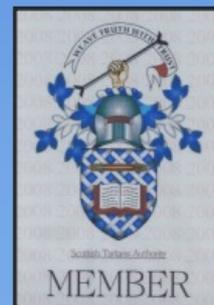
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