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Opening of Adelaide Highland Games

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Sir Lyell and Lady McEwin, ladies & gentlemen:

Thank you very much for inviting me to open these 15th Adelaide Highland Games.

They began in 1950 as a part of the early Adelaide Festivals but they've since grown into an institution in their own right - a blend of pageantry, sport and entertainment.

The State Government has always recognised the quite distinctive contribution they make to South Australian tourism, sport and community, ^{life} by providing a grant towards their cost, especially the expense incurred in

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bringing the bands from interstate and the country. We've done so again this year as in the previous fifteen.

The Games are a great spectacle, providing yearly a novel and highly enjoyable family outing.

They're also a reminder of the diversity of South Australian society - of the extraordinary range and richness of our cultural inheritance - and of the strength of the Caledonian and Celtic contribution to it.

I'm sure you don't want to listen to a long speech today but there is one other point

I want to make.

Sir Lyell and I differ politically - and neither he nor I would seek to minimise those differences - but I do want to pay tribute to the enormous amount of hard work, enthusiasm and imagination he has put into making this event such a success.

I'm not at all under-rating the part played by other organisers when I say that in a very real sense he personifies our Highland Games.

We've been called the Athens of the south. Sir Lyell has done his bit to get us recognised as the Edinburgh of the south as well.

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He has been a tremendous organiser and his title of Chief and Grand Marshall I can assure you is by no means just honorary. Having listened as Treasurer to his arguments for more support I well appreciate that he has his share of Caledonian determination.

I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say how much we value his contribution to the Games. I'm sure that this year they'll be just as successful and enjoyable as in the past and I have very much pleasure in officially declaring them open.

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