

## Scottish Gaelic National Spring School

In 2009, we will conduct our 10<sup>th</sup> Gaelic school (one, two or three day teaching events) since Alasdair Taylor pioneered this format for Scots Gaelic in Sydney in 1996.

To mark this milestone, CCA has invited Gaelic groups around Australia to join with us to create a truly national learning event. These groups include the Gaelic Society of Victoria, Gaelic Society of WA, Coisir Ghàidhlig Astràilianach, Brisbane Gaels, Southerly Gaels, Eilean Mor and the ACT, South Australian and Tasmanian learner groups.

The Sgoil-Earraich Nàiseanta (Scottish Gaelic National Spring School) will be held at the University House, Australian National University, Canberra, from Friday evening 4 September to Sunday afternoon 6 September 2009.

### Familiar format for learning

This Sgoil will follow the tried and tested formula that we've applied over the years, with an emphasis on practical spoken Gaelic. We will be led by experienced language teachers including native speakers and fully fluent learners of the language.

### Classes at your own level

As in previous years, each person attending the Sgoil will be assigned to an appropriate class according to his or her level of fluency. Classes will cover the spectrum of skills – reading, writing, conversation and comprehension, from complete beginners up to the advanced class conducted 's a' Ghàidhlig for those who are fluent or advanced learners.

### Teaching through the medium of song

This Sgoil will provide a unique teaching approach with the use of Gaelic song to introduce learners to the sounds and rhythms of Gaelic. Classes will be led by an experienced Gaelic singer and facilitator who has competed at the highest level in Gaelic singing.

## Immerse yourself in Gaelic

Making the most of the residential format, there will be constant opportunities for using Gaelic in your daily activities – meals, chores, washing etc. The Sgoil leaders will facilitate this with word guides and useful phrases provided for your use. We hope that you'll go away with language that you can use in your daily lives long after the Sgoil has ended.

### Extra activities

Outside of class times, and especially in the evenings, there will be opportunities to socialise and learn more about Gaelic while enjoying music, poetry and culture. Evenings include activities such as a ceilidh featuring visiting and local musical groups, or a trivia quiz with a Gaelic theme.

### Bring your instruments

All participants are encouraged to take a turn at the traditional ceilidh, so bring your musical instruments, favourite songs or poems, or dancing shoes – whatever your talent is, we'd like you to share it.

### Beautiful surroundings

University House is set in garden surroundings in a lovely location a short walk from the Canberra CBD and the bus and coach terminal.

### Contribute to the Gaelic community

CCA will be holding its AGM at the Sgoil, which provides an opportunity for you to join in the development of Gaelic in Australia.

# Comunn Gàidhlig Astràilia

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2009



Friday 4 to Sunday 6 September 2009

University House,  
Australian National University,  
Canberra

Suas leis a' Ghàidhlig

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### Accommodation

Accommodation is provided at University House, ANU, cnr Balmain Cres. & Liversedge St, Acton, ACT

### Cost

The cost of tuition, including lunch, morning and afternoon teas and entertainment, is \$230. Twin share accommodation including breakfast for two nights is available at \$150 per person, and it is recommended that participants live-in if possible, since much of the learning happens informally outside class time.

If you pay in full before 5 August there is an early bird discount. The small surcharge for non members gives you a year's membership of CGA at a discount.

|               | Member    |            | Non-member |            |
|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
|               | Full Rate | Early Bird | Full Rate  | Early Bird |
| Tuition       | 230       | 200        | 255        | 225        |
| Accommodation | 150       | 140        | 150        | 140        |

If you are unable to afford the fee, there is a single scholarship place available for one Gaelic learner and application can be made to the committee at our address below.

### Booking

To book a place, please fill in the form at right and return it using one of the options on the bottom of the form.

Your form must be accompanied by either:

- o a cheque or money order (payable to Comunn Gàidhlig Astrailia)  
or
- o confirmation that you have made an electronic transfer of your payment to the Comunn Gàidhlig bank account:

**Account name:** Comunn Gàidhlig Astrailia  
**Bank:** St George  
**BSB:** 112-879  
**Account number:** 105366228

In the payment text field, please put the word 'Sgoil' and identify yourself clearly, eg 'Sgoil R McInnes'.

For further information about any aspects of the Sgoil, please contact the committee at :  
[fios@ozgaelic.org](mailto:fios@ozgaelic.org)  
or Rod McInnes on 0404 822 314

### Do Chlàradh / Booking

*Ainm-baistidh* Given Name .....

*Sloinneadh* Surname.....

*Seòladh* Address.....

*Aireamh fòn* Phone number .....

*Post Dealain* Email .....

Do you have a preferred Gaelic version of your name? .....

Do you have any special dietary requirements, eg vegetarian?.....

Which of these best describes your Gaelic now?

- Absolute beginner
- A few words or phrases
- Can read, understand and speak a bit
- Fairly advanced learner
- Almost fluent
- Fluent speaker

Would you like to mention anything else that might help us decide which class to place you in? .....

Do we have your permission to give your contact details to other participants in the Sgoil?

yes no (please circle one)

Where did you hear about the Sgoil? .....

Are you paying a:

- payment in full (eg. member @ \$380 or if paid by 5 August a discount applies); or
- deposit (\$100 – balance to be paid on arrival); or
- tuition-only payment (eg. member @ \$230 or if paid by 5 August a discount applies)

by:

- cheque enclosed, or
- deposited to bank account, or
- payment via ozgaelic website.

Please return the completed form to:

**Sgoil-Earraich Nàiseanta  
Comunn Gàidhlig Astrailia**

**Scan and e-mail:** [fios@ozgaelic.org](mailto:fios@ozgaelic.org)

**Fax:** 0280 808 149

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