Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



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<u>Committee</u> 2019-2020

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Sue Donald
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Kim Nolan
Lynne Pricter
Andrew Smith
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Vacant Vacant

Warm greetings to Hunter Valley Scots Club Members,

Hasn't the weather been beautiful and now this weekend some rain (hopefully not too much) to help the gardens along? Gardens seem to be blooming extra well this year or maybe it is just we have more time to stop, look and appreciate them.

Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we have had to defer the AGM for a couple of months but with easing of restrictions we can proceed with this important event.

When: Sunday 29th November 3pm.

Where: Teralba Hall

Agenda: Report on 2019-2020

Election of Management Committee for 2020-2021

General Business

It is *absolutely vital* that we have some new members on Committee. We need fresh ideas, fresh energy. It would be disastrous if the Club could not continue due to a lack of a Committee.

To celebrate the possibility of a happier, healthier more socially active year ahead it has been decided that the AGM will be followed by



When: Sunday 29th November 3pm after AGM

Where: Teralba Hall

Activity: BBQ ++ Food will be provided (as per covid guidelines)

BYO drinks, glasses (No drinks will be provided)

RSVP – this email andrew_robyn@bigpond.com or 0428618313

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Programme 2021 Put these dates in your diary ?!

HVS CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Dates pending.

Do you keep up to date with Scottish activity in Australia? Two good sources are **The Scottish Banner** monthly paper, and Facebook **Scots in Australia**. Worth checking on these two, plus our own website & facebook of course.

Scottish Australian Heritage Council newsletter

The newsletter noted the following dates for events.
6 March Liverpool Plains Military Tattoo, Quirindi
2-3 April (Easter) Maclean Highland Gathering, MacLean
7 April Bundanoon Highland Gathering, Bundanoon
29 April-2 May Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes.

Nance Adams OAM Many of you will be aware of the sad passing of Nance Adams OAM. Nance had been an extremely active community member for many years. We understand she has been involved in 37 groups over the years. These have included Girl Guides, Scouts, Probus, Lions Club, Germania Club, Hunter Welsh Society, Little Nippers at Redhead (involved in setting up this group), and was a St John's Ambulance officer.

She has been a member of the Hunter Valley Scots Club since 1982, being a committee member for many years and our representative on Hunter Multicultural Communities.

She will be greatly missed.

String Loaded

This Irish and Celtic band Jenny, Livi, Gabi and Ray Blissett were awarded a scholarship by Hunter Valley Scots Club some years back. This scholarship assisted them to go to Scotland for further experience and skill development.

This year in May they dominated the Australian Celtic Music Awards (held on line of course) winning the major award, artist of the year, plus best instrumental and group for their album *Continuous Line*. Congratulations to them all.

PIPE BANDS

In the August edition of Scottish Banner there were a number of articles on Pipe Bands. Sean Cairney in his editorial said "Pipe bands are of course a symbol of Scotland and Scottish culture, but they are truly a global cultural movement. ...Pipe bands are a constant part of the community for so many. We count on pipe bands at parades, services, celebrations and whether it be a lone busker or massed bands, the pipes and drums stir something inside so many people.... This is the power of pipe bands"

In 2019 HVSC was pleased **to award scholarships to two young men** to allow them to further their pipe band skills. Hopefully when restrictions lift, we may be able to catch up with them. **Belmont Pipe Band**Did you note in the Newcastle Weekly (August 20th) that Belmont Pipe Band celebrated 75 years on VP Day? About 8 started the band because the war had finished, reported Val. She is now the only surviving original member and played the bagpipes and bass drum.

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Annual Elections of Office Bearers & Management Committee Nominations Form

	Date
I	(Proposer) wish to nominate
	(Nominee) of
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	Post Code
(Full Address)	
Phone	being a member of HUNTER VALLEY SCOTS CLUB (Inc.) for
the position of	
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Signature of Nominee	
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Stop Press -KILTS

We have just had today, an offer of three kilts/skirts as lady loathe to send them to a clothing bin. A contact number is available if you wish to speak to her. Contact us as per RSVP front page. There are still two male kilts in the HVSC office available as well.

A Scotsman (wearing his kilt) walks into offices of Coutts & Co in the Strand, London (Bankers to the Royal family since 1820) and asks to speak to the manager.

He informs him that he is going abroad on business for two weeks and needs to borrow £5,000. The manager tells him the Coutts & Co would be delighted to meet his requirements, but that he should understand that since he is not a client of the bank, it would need some modest security for the loan. So the Scotsman opens his sporran, takes out the keys and documents of a brand new Ferrari parked in front of the bank and hands them to the manager saying "Will this do?" He also produces the car log book and after a phone call everything checks out fine. The manager agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan; the cashier hands out £5,000 while the bank's porter drives the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage for safe keeping.

Over lunch the manager tells his colleagues the amusing little story of how a simple minded Scot from the North of the Border secured a loan for £5,000 offering a £120,000 Ferrari as collateral and they all enjoy a good chuckle as they sip their port.

Two weeks later, the Scotsman returns, repays the loan and the interest of £15.41. The manager says "Sir, we have been more than happy to have your business and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are just a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are in fact a wealthy property investor. What puzzles us is why you would bother to borrow 5,000 from us?"

The Scots man replies "Where else in London can I park my Ferrari for two weeks for only £15.41 and expect it to be still there when I return?"

(thank you Duncan Berry)

Annual Fees 2020 - 2021

Annual Fees for the Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc. are due by 1st July 2020 Please complete the form below and return with remittance to the Treasurer. If you choose to pay by direct deposit, it would be appreciated if you could still return this form to ensure that your details are correct on our records. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope for receipt.

The Treasurer, Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc. PO Box 34 KOTARA 2289

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