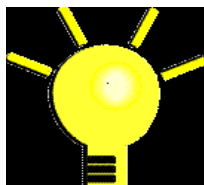


Hunter Valley Scots Club inc



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Maybe a new
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Hullo Scottish Club Members,

As we move rapidly towards the end of 2018 there are quite a number of Scottish activities both in our immediate area and some a little further afield. Take the opportunity to enjoy as many of these as you are able.

AWARD

Since the last Hunter Valley Scots Club newsletter the Club has had the honour of receiving an award from Clans on the Coast.

This award was entry on the **2018 Honour Role**, in recognition of the **Club's Preservation of Scottish Heritage**.

What great award to receive and our thanks go to Clans on the Coast for the nomination.

EVENTS COMING UP

More information on each of these events in this newsletter.

HVSC St Andrew's Day Service 25th November

HVSC Christmas Social Night 12th December

HVSC Burns Night 19th January 2019

Scottish evening Wallsend Diggers 3rd November

Central Coast Scottish Spectacular in Concert 3rd November

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Toukley Kirkin' of the Tartan 25th November



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October Social Night

Despite the damp weather Scots Club members enjoyed a most pleasant evening of Scottish music provided by **Ros and Shayne Kerr**.

They used a variety of instruments—including a fiddle modelled on the Renaissance period instrument, a recorder, a resonating metal mandolin made in South Australia, and of course Shayne's saw.

Their music included music by Niel Gow, reported to be the best Scottish fiddler of the 18th century, such as 'Lament for the Death of His Second Wife'. Other tunes included those used by Robbie Burns for 'Ye Banks and Braes', and 'The Deil's Awa Wi' the Exciseman'.

'Over the Sea to Skye' played on the saw was quite memorable.

Many of us then joined in some Scottish dancing called and encouraged by Ros.

It was also great to hear **scholarship winner Enya Price-Maggenis** give a short talk on her trip to Scotland. She really got around to many highland games being most successful in many of them. For example at the City of Inverness pre-championship she received two firsts, a second and a third, being placed first in Highland. She also received a first, second and two thirds and placing second in National. All in all a total of 24 placings and a perpetual trophy.

The trip gave her the opportunity to attend dance classes and private lessons. She also felt that she had made lifelong friends from Scotland, Canada and Ireland.

Of course she finished her presentation with the dance with which she gained first prize

She expressed her real appreciation for the assistance Hunter Valley Scots Club was able to give.

Gwen Cryer

The passing of Gwen Cryer, a real stalwart of the Welsh Society, was a sad event and some HVSC members were able to join Welsh Club members and others at her celebration of life. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

December Social Night

12th December, Teralba Hall, 7 for 7.30pm.

Groups who hire Teralba Hall have been invited to give a short presentation of their activity at the hall—there are dance groups, yoga, meditation, U3A, folk groups etc.

It should be a fun, enjoyable evening with a Christmas theme.

Come along and celebrate 2018 and the coming of Christmas with Club members and friends



ST ANDREW'S DAY SERVICE

Sunday 25th November 9am

The Willows, Warner's Bay Uniting Church, 342 Hillsborough Rd, Warner's Bay

To celebrate the patron saint of Scotland, pipers and other members of the Hunter Valley Scots Club will be involved, led by Rev Kenneth Brown.

Join in fellowship at the morning tea after the service.

GATHERING OF THE CELTS

Scottish evening Mezz Bar, Wallsend Diggers 3rd November

The Highlanders, Mineworkers Pipe Band, Irish Dancers, and others. See website for details. This is a ticketed event.

HUNTER VALLEY SCOTS CLUB BURNS NIGHT

19th January 2019, Club Macquarie

Preparations are well under way for our Burns Night. Tickets available in November. Watch for further information and Ticket Request Form coming soon.

TOUKLEY, ST ANDREW'S DAY (if you are in the area)

Kirkin' o' the Tartan.

Service and Ceilidh/Concert Sunday 25th November. St David's Presbyterian, Victoria Ave. Toukley. 9.30am. Service includes Blessing of the Tartan and is followed by morning tea

CENTRAL COAST SPECTACULAR

See attached information

Barak Obama is visiting an Edinburgh hospital. He enters a ward full of patients with no obvious sign of injury or illness, and greets one.

The patient replies:

"Fair fa your honest sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the pudding race,
Aboon them a ye take yer place,
Painch, tripe or thairm,
As lang's my airm"

Obama is confused, so he just grins and moves onto the next patient. The next patient responds:

"Some hae meat an canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat an we can eat,
So let the Lord be thankit"

Even more confused, and his grin now rictus-like, Obama moves onto the next patient, who begins to chant:

"Wee sleeikit, cowerin', timorous beasty,
O the panic in thy breasty,
Thou needna start awa sae hastie,
Wi bickering brattle"

Now seriously troubled, Obama turns to the accompanying doctor and asks "Is this a psychiatric ward?"

"No" replies the doctor, "this is the serious Burns unit"

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