

# Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



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## **Greetings to Hunter Valley Scots Club Members and**

**friends.** Hope you were able to attend our Burns Night at Club Macquarie. What a great event it was attended by around 120 or so people!

There are so many people to thank for the role they played in making the evening such a success.

**Club Macquarie** – the staff work hard and are always so accommodating in all aspects (just a pity they couldn't get that microphone to be a bit clearer!)

**Fiddle Tunes band** – the evening just wouldn't have been as enjoyable without their music for the company dancing and

**Scotia Highland Dancers** – we were able to watch these dancers ranging from those who are very skilled and those who are younger and with great enthusiasm enjoy the involvement. Thank you Jacki and Enya - it was special that Enya was able to share briefly of her trip to the UK.



**Mineworkers Pipe Band** – so often they entertain us with their Scottish music and did you notice the enthusiastic young drummer, Lachlan King, who is learning to drum as a result of the financial assistance given by the Scots Club to students interested in learning more music skills by association with the Pipe Band. His sister and his dad are both also involved. It would be remiss too, not to thank the **Scots Club Piper, Adam Harvey**, for his contribution to the Pipe Band and all the extras he does eg the formal entry of VIP's, the music for the Highland Dancers etc

**M.C. Grahame Pricter and his runner Lynne Pricter** – lots of energy expended in these roles

**John Cordiner** who stood in for Ron Swan as Sword Bearer when Ron could not attend as a result of covid.

**Poosie Nancy, Address to the Haggis, Toast Proposers etc** – Enya Price-Magennis, Angus McGregor, Andrew MacPherson, Robert Findley, Linda and William Baer, HVSC Committee members

**I am sure to have missed someone who contributed greatly to the evening** – and for this, I apologise, but please note that person in your own memory.

**Members and other attendees** – the evening could not have happened with out you. **THANK YOU** for your attendance.



As usual the photographer (me) did not do such a good job, but it was important to see a bit of the happenings and in particular the young people involved – our Pipe Band student and the enthusiastic young dancers (such a pity I didn't get any of the other girls)

## **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

**25<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 4pm Club Macquarie.**

***This meeting is probably the most significant for the Club ever held.***

You will recall that at the AGM in 2023 the Hunter Valley Scots Club was unable to form a Committee and the outcome was that a steering committee carried the operation of the Club until this time.

It is **vital** that members attend this meeting and nominate people for the executive positions on the Committee, ie President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and at least 6 other Committee Members.

The HVSC has a long successful history and **MUST** keep going but without these nominations it will be compelled to cease functioning ie no Burns Night, no Caledonian Night, no events like Soup and Damper lunch, and Christmas celebrations, no catching up with friends with the common interest of promotion of Scottish culture. **COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB**

## Other items of interest –

- 1. In storage now are** all HVSC files,  
a large photocopier and whiteboard,  
memorabilia including various books, records, photos of club activities from years ago,  
posters of Robbie Burns & Scottish clans etc, a model of Burns Cottage  
audiovisual equipment,  
flags, banners,  
decorative items such as the wooden shields used for Burns Night.

Below is a rough sample of shields in storage – if you would like any of this gear or other items you may remember which I haven't mentioned please let us know – *it will be better for you to enjoy them rather than being stored away or being taken to the tip.*



- 2. *City of Newcastle RSL Pipe Band.*** Will celebrate 100 years in 2024 – keep Saturday 16 March 2024 free to celebrate with them at a Ceilidh at Club Macquarie.
- 3. *MacLean Highland Gathering*** 29-30 March 2024
- 4. *Brigadoon at Bundanoon*** 6 April 2024
- 5. *Australian Celtic Festival Glen Innes*** 2 – 5 May 2024
- 6. *Berry Celtic Festival*** 25 May 2024
- 7. *Bonnie Wingham*** 1 June 2024
- 8. *SAHC Scottish Week*** 28 June – 2 July 2024
- 9. *Aberdeen Scottish Festival*** 6 July 2024

And there are other events slightly further away. Hope you can attend some (or all!) and enjoy the Scottish culture and activities.