

# Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



# Newsletter

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## Meets at

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## Committee

2022-2023

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## Committee

Duncan Berry  
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Andrew Smith  
Linda Baer  
William Baer

## Greetings to Hunter Valley Scots Club Members and friends,

One of the primary reasons for this newsletter is for you to consider two matters of real importance – ***we need your thoughts regarding these matters.***

### 1. **What does the future hold for Hunter Valley Scots Club?**

As a Club it has successfully promoted Scottish culture in the area both directly through HVSC activities or in association with other Scottish or Multicultural groups in the area for at least 40 years. Unfortunately, member numbers are decreasing and the average age of members is increasing. All the executive positions on the Management Committee will be vacant at the AGM in September. Will we have a Club after the AGM?

2. Since 1989 the Club has held a lease on Teralba Hall allowing for a place for the Club to call home, use for meetings and other activities, and to store equipment etc. Lake Macquarie City Council also allows the Club to sublease the hall to other community groups such as exercise classes, yoga, dance classes, folk groups, and other social activities – the administration of the subleasing of the hall is provided by HVSC as a community service. The lease runs until February 2024. **Do we continue with this lease and the workload or decide that it is not in the best interest of the HVSC?**

## Caledonian Night

One of the many successful events over latter years has been the Caledonian Night and 15 July 2023 was no exception. A good crowd of people enjoyed the evening including quite a number of younger people – those involved with the Highland Dancing and others along with their families.

We always appreciate the generosity of Club Macquarie for allowing us to have the room free of charge, and it has been agreed that for the benefit of our members and their staff the supper will be at 8.45pm next time with perhaps a return to supper provided on platters or similar rather than individual plates. (some photos next page)



We really appreciate the involvement of the various pipe bands in our area, and the energy, enthusiasm and skills of the Highland Dancers.

### **BITS AND PIECES** (in no particular order – all important)

1. **HVSC Constitution.** A couple of weeks ago the new HVSC Constitution May 2023 was emailed out to all members with an email address. If you don't have an email but would like a copy, please let us know.
2. **Passing of members.** Sadly we have been advised lately of the passing of a number of people known to HVSC members. Flora Carter's husband, Paul Charlton, Charlie Moffat, Desma Steele, John Booth. May the special memories of these people live on.

3. **Scottish Banner.** In the latest Scottish Banner, Robert Findley had sent a photo of the Scottish Country Dancers at the Bundanoon Gathering featured in the Scot Pourri section of the paper. A few familiar faces noted.
4. **Clans on the Coast** – Raymond Terrace, Saturday 23 September see attached flyer
5. **Highland Games Season in the Hunter Valley** – Saturday, 26 August 9.30am-4pm, Saltire Estate, Lovedale. Info attached
6. **HVSC Membership due 30 June 2023.** It is that time of the year again when we need to ask for your membership fees. A 2023-24 Membership Renewal form is included in this newsletter. Membership of HVSC allows for you to easily keep up with our planning of activities such as Burns Night and Caledonian Night, Christmas social and other functions, by newsletter. There are also reduced ticket prices for members attending such social activities. Fees are essential to meet the costs of the Club eg newsletters, insurances, activity costs etc *Encourage your friends to join too – they will definitely benefit.*
7. **HVSC AGM** is coming up on **10th September 2023. 4pm** Plan on coming along to support your club and to offer suggestions on future plans – you might even like to put your hand up to be a committee member. Under the Constitution all the executive positions will be up for election as the people presently in the positions have all completed their tenure – 3 years for President, 6 years for other executives.  
It is absolutely vital that we get people to join the committee – it meets once a month. Without a committee the HVSC is going to fold up which would be most unfortunate after more than 40 years of promoting Scottish culture in the area. Nomination forms attached to this newsletter.  
*The AGM will be followed by a meal and social chat*
8. **Scholarship.** Over the years HVSC has offered a scholarship to various people or groups to assist them in their promotion of Scottish culture. In general these have assisted the person or group to further their skills in their area of skill eg music. This year the scholarship has been given to Mineworkers Pipe Band who are working with children in the Kurri school area to develop drumming skills. We look forward to hearing more from these students.
9. **Scots in the Bush.** If you have a bit of free time in the near future (16-20 August, 2023) Boondooma Homestead in Queensland is hosting Scots in the Bush for “everyone who loves the Celtic Culture” Pipe bands, ceilidh bands, dancers.
10. **City of Newcastle RSL Pipe Band.** Big celebrations in 2024 for 40 years of great music. Flyer attached
11. **HVSC Christmas Social** 2 December 2023 (note change of date to previously advertised) More details closer to the day
12. **Burns Night** 3 February 2024 – plans are already underway for this event

13. Canberra Burns Club Highland Gathering. Saturday 7 October 10-5

*Do you have photos or information about events of interest? Please share them so they can be included in these newsletters?*

## Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.

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### Annual Fees 2023 – 2024

Annual Fees for the Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc. are due by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

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 or email changes to:

hunterscots@gmail.com

Enclose a stamped addressed envelope for receipt or we can text a receipt to your phone.

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

*The information below will be used only for the Register of Members as required by the Incorporation Rules and for mailing of information to members.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ P/Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is remittance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as Annual Subscription **(No cash by mail)** OR

Remittance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ was made by Direct Deposit

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinary members \$25.00 Concession \$20.00 Junior \$10.00

Family \$45.00 (2 adults and children under 15 years)

For Direct Deposit: Hunter Valley Scots Club Working Account ANZ BSB 012571

Account No. 2045 68722

Clearly indicate your name and deposit is for membership

**Please note:** An email address allows the Club considerable savings in photocopying and mailing costs

Failure to renew membership will result in the removal of your name from the Register of Members as required under the Constitution

**It's Highland Games Season in the Hunter Valley!**

Prepare for a day of epic Scottish activities packed with pipe bands, National Highlander Championship, free wine tastings, market stalls, activities for the whole family and so much more!

We're bringing you the perfect blend of Scottish traditions and Hunter Valley goodness.

Don't keep this excitement to yourself—spread the word and bring your clan along!



If your clan would like to attend go to the website [https://www.huntervalleyhighlandgames.com.au/?utm\\_campaign=4c825a3d-4d35-4a9d-8956-5b784d420cf5&utm\\_source=so&utm\\_medium=mail&cid=a821e4b9-27ea-4306-848f-3d7d868fde4b](https://www.huntervalleyhighlandgames.com.au/?utm_campaign=4c825a3d-4d35-4a9d-8956-5b784d420cf5&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=a821e4b9-27ea-4306-848f-3d7d868fde4b)

**Clans:** Click on “Stallholders” at the top right hand side and fill out the application. Clans stalls will be free of charge. See the Terms & Conditions link on “Stallholder” page.

**Individuals and families:** can buy tickets to the event on the above link.

Carol Budlong  
Hon. Secretary/Director Publicity  
SAHC





# Clans on the Coast NEW LOCATION RAYMOND TERRACE

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2023

Lakeside Sports Complex - 8:30am - 4:30pm  
13 Leisure Way, Raymond Terrace NSW

**DISPLAYS** **STRONG MEN & WOMEN**

FESTIVITIES ALL DAY

<p>Marching Parade - 9.30am Pipe bands Scottish/Celtic Dancing / Singing Groups Medieval Fighting Guild East Coast Heavy Strongman Championships</p>	<p>Amateur 8 Men/women Tug-o-War Light Caber Toss Push Up Contest</p>
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Stall holders can book in now using the QR code. Tickets for the gate and Ceilidh go on sale from 1st July 2023 same QR.



**For more information go to [clansonthecoast.com.au](http://clansonthecoast.com.au) or call Adam on 0432 187 010**

# Celebrating our Centennial Year 2024



## Save the Date

Saturday the 2nd of March 2024

Kick starting the year with our Celebratory Ceilidh  
Club Macquarie 6.45pm for a 7pm start

Featuring Ceilidh band FIDDLE TUNES  
and

The City of Newcastle RSL Pipe Band  
Supper will be provided

Follow us on Facebook for further details  
Enquiries to: [newcastlerspipeband@gmail.com](mailto:newcastlerspipeband@gmail.com)

Sophie Wells 0403 034 418  
President

Centenary 2024  
Date

**Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.**  
**Annual Elections Nominations Form**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Proposer) wish to nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ (Nominee) of \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print Full Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

(Full Address)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ being a member of HUNTER VALLEY SCOTS CLUB (Inc.) for

the position of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Seconded)

Signature of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_