

Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



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Greetings Hunter Valley Scots Club Members,

Well, another Burns night has come and gone and was enjoyed by about 110 people plus the Pipe Band and the Highland Dancers at Club Macquarie. If you were not able to get there this year, put 31st January, 2021 in your diary now.

Hunter Valley Scots Club Burns Night

Our thanks go to those people who put much energy into organising and providing the night for us – M.C. Grahame Pricter, Angus McGregor and Ros McKie for calling the dances, Andrew MacPherson and the Mineworkers Pipe Band, Flora and the Highland Dancers, Club Macquarie staff who are always flexible and accommodating and particularly Craig the chef who with a change of tradition made the haggis for the evening (and a very nice one it was too), Lynne Pricter for being the runner, to those who sold tickets, and to all of you who attended and contributed to the evening.

Photos were not plentiful but thanks to Kim Nolan for facebook photos.



This blurry photo is not one of Kim's but it does show the haggis ceremony with Angus and the toast to the Haggis, Bodie, one of the scholarship winners in 2019, Ron Swan sword bearer, and Adam Harvey, HVSC Piper.

Next activity **Maitland Pipe Band, and other items**

Social Night Wednesday 25th March, Teralba Hall, 7pm.

Anyone welcome. A relaxed evening with the chance for a chat with friends over supper

Clans on the Coast, Nelson Bay.

Thank you to Diane Soper for this item.

The Clans on the Coast Celtic Festival was envisioned by Ron Swan who has a strong passion for Scottish culture and is proud of his heritage. Wherever Ron goes he spreads the Scottish heritage message about which he is so passionate. He devotes his life to opening the community's eyes to their Scottish backgrounds and has helped many people recognise their Scottish heritage, awakening a passion for their Celtic heritage in the hearts of many people in the Port Stephens area. Ron's vision was to create an annual festival celebrating and sharing the cultural contribution of the Scottish and Celtic settlers to Australia. These contributions have much historical significance.

Clans on the Coast – a Not for Profit group run by volunteers who donate to Palliative care, Cancer care and more. The festival includes Scottish Pipe Bands, Celtic bands, caber toss, tug-of-war, Highland and Irish dancers, Strongman championship and stalls. It is held on the third Saturday in September every year.

To quote a HVSC member, Graeme “ a most enjoyable day, my favourite being the tug-of-war, and of course the pipe bands and the stalls”

Gathering of the Celts at Wallsend Diggers in November.

Apparently a great night again – **if you would like to write a brief piece for this newsletter it would be gratefully received** as unfortunately I was not able to attend

Planning for 2020

Thank you to those members who took the time to give some feedback. Apparently we keep on doing what we have been doing and one member even suggested having the Christmas Carol Dance and Hogmanay events again – this might depend on the energy of the Committee members.

Year of Scotland in Australia 2020

The Year of Scotland in Australia, 2020 is a nationwide calendar of activity celebrating Scottish music, culture, food and drink. Activities include more than 35 Australian festivals, some of Scotland's finest artists taking part in regional and remote Australian touring, and on the YOSA website notices of Burns Night Suppers, St Andrew's Day events, Highland Games and Clan Gatherings, Hogmanay.

According to the 2016 Census 119,416 Australian residents were born in Scotland while 2,023,474 claimed Scottish ancestry. It is hoped that YOSA 2020 “will give those with Scottish heritage a taste of home while satisfying renewed interest in Scottish culture generated by productions such as *Outlander* and *Mary, Queen of Scots*”

See the YOSA website for notices of up and coming events -
yearofscotlandaustralia2020.com

URGENTLY NEEDED

A Secretary on the Committee and a Newsletter editor. Please put your hand up if you feel you would like to do one of these roles

Programme 2020 Put these dates in your diary

Committee Meetings *-anyone welcome*

4 February 3 March 7 April 5 May 2 June
7 July 4 August 1 September 6 October 3 November 1 December

CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

25 March Social Night Maitland Pipe Band with scholarship winner Edward, Teralba
25 April Anzac Day 8am Teralba Park followed by breakfast at Teralba Bowling Club
3 May Soup and Damper lunch
10 June Social Night Teralba Hall
18 July Caledonian Night Club Macquarie
13 September AGM and BBQ Teralba Hall
14 Oct Social Night Teralba hall quintet bands
29 November St Andrew's Day service
9 December Christmas Social Night

Applications for Scholarships close 31 March 2020. See further details at end of this newsletter. Contact HVSC (contacts on front page of this newsletter) for Application Forms.

OTHER CELTIC ACTIVITIES 2020

Liverpool Plains Military Tattoo Saturday 7 March 2020
Sydney Highland Gathering, Scots College, Bellevue Hill, Sunday 15th March 2020
Bundanoon Highland Gathering 4 April 2020
Easter at Maclean Scottish Festival 10,11th April 2020
Australian Celtic Festival Glen Innes 30 April- 3 May 2020
Lovedale Long Lunch, 15,16 May 2020
Berry Celtic Festival 23 May 2020
Bonnie Wingham 24-31 May 2020
Aberdeen Highland Gathering 4 July 2020
Scottish Week 26-30 June 2020
Maitland Tattoo 25 July 2020
Hunter Valley Highland Games, Saltire Winery, 8 August 2020
Clans on the Coast, Nelson Bay 19 September 2020
Scottish Night Wallsend Diggers November 2020

Central Coast Spectacular?? YOSA events ??



Scholarships

The Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc has as its primary aim, the promotion of all forms of Scottish Culture

It will from time to time, offer financial assistance to persons wishing to undertake studies in or, to participate in events of a Scottish Cultural nature.

Conditions attached to these grants are:

1. Grants may be awarded to applicants resident in the Hunter Region of NSW who wish to advance their knowledge and skills in their chosen field eg Highland Dancing, Country Dancing, Piping, Drumming, Music, other
2. Grants made by the Club are intended to augment the applicant's own resources
3. Grants may be awarded for studies and events locally, interstate or overseas
4. Although no age limit is set, preference will be given to applicants in the younger age bracket who fulfil the other conditions
5. Applicants must provide information on the course of study or event in which they propose to participate
6. The grantee must provide Hunter Valley Scots Club with regular reports during the period of the grant where this exceeds one month
7. The grantee must undertake to pass on the advanced knowledge gained to others in the same sphere of interest over a period of six months after the completion of the course
8. Applications for a grant must be submitted on the appropriate form and arrangements made for two Referees to send reports directly to the above address
9. Announcements of the award of grants will be made within a month of the closing date
10. Closing date for Applications and Statements from Referees 30 April 2020