

Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



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Greetings Hunter Valley Scots Club Members,

How are you finding this wintery weather? It is said that those who have Scottish blood in their veins should be enjoying this weather but I suspect that doesn't always apply when the veins have enjoyed the Australian warmth for some years!

The most important piece of information you must take from this newsletter is that the Hunter Valley Scots Club committee feel that they can finally have an event to bring us all together again. A Celtic Concert is planned. Anyone welcome. ***A flyer is attached to this newsletter.*** So....

Put this date in your diary

HVSC Scottish Night 17 July 2021 7pm \$10

Featuring Kent Daniels and his Celtic music, Highland Dancers, small pipes, Mineworkers Pipe Band and more.

BYO nibbles and drinks, tea and coffee later in evening.



In May, Aunty Molly's show at Wyong Golf Club was "Highlands and Heather". 6 members of the HVSC attended. Much to Aunty Molly's delight, when two gentlemen appeared in kilts she nabbed them to play the role of carrying the haggis in and then she addressed the haggis. They were awarded for their role by toasting the haggis with cold tea!

Another coming event:

The Aberdeen Highland Games are on 3rd July next!!

The games will be on as usual with the following alterations for COVID,

- There will be no Ceilidh.
- There will be no Tug of War.
- There will be no ticket sales at the gate
- All tickets must be purchased online via our web site www.aberdeenhIGHLANDgames.com
- All COVID regulations, current at the time, must be adhered to.

On the good side,

- There are 14 Pipe Bands booked in.
- All stall sites are fully booked.

Please advise all your members & we trust we will see many of you on the day.

Regards,

Charles Cooke



Did you attend Bonnie Wingham and could share a report or photos for the newsletter?

SCOTTISH HERITAGE WEEK 25-28 June 2021

Details regarding this week are in The Scottish Banner and The Scottish Australian Heritage Council newsletters.

Friday 25 June – Scottish/Celtic Bards Dinner

Saturday 26 June – Inspection of Scotland Australian Cairn, Mosman. BBQ lunch, Family Ceilidh.

Sunday 27 June – Kirkin o' the Tartan, Hunter Baillie Presbyterian Church, Annandale.

Monday 28 June – Tartan Day lunch NSW Parliament House

- Evening lecture (Zoom) Dr Ben Wilkie. "Weaving the Tartan: Culture, imperialism, and Scottish identities in Australia 1788-1938"

Do you keep up to date with Scottish activity in Australia? Two good sources are **The Scottish Banner** monthly paper, **The Scottish Australian Heritage Council newsletter** . Worth checking on these, plus our own **HVSC website & HVSC Facebook** of course. There are also a few other facebook's with a Scottish flavour eg Family Fun and Memories Scottish Style

Vale Carmel Allen.

Margaret Kenning passed on the following information.

“Yesterday I received the sad news regarding the passing last week of Carmel Allen, who was the Vice President of the Welsh Society for many years right up to when the Society folded. Many of the Scots Club members will remember Carmel & Ian's daughter Bridey, who for many years when as a very young girl greeted the attendees to the St. David's Day Dinners dressed beautifully in full Welsh National Dress. Bridey also came to many of our "Celtic Cultural Experience" weekends held in the Teralba Community Hall, suitable dressed until she eventually outgrew the costume. Carmel's Funeral is being held at Pettigrews, Wallsend on Wednesday 2nd June at 10am. I feel sure that many of the Scots Club Members will remember Carmel & Bridey, so could you please let them know.”

Bill Ball is a Life Member of the HVSC. The last two newsletters sent to Bill have been returned.

Does anyone know any further news of Bill? Maybe a move into another residence ?

KILTS

The club has a number of kilts available if someone is wishing to acquire a kilt. A male Campbell kilt plus a number of female kilts – just let us know if you are interested.

One full outfit has been received from Doug Hay's (a previous member) stepson, Peter. This includes a Hay tartan kilt, formal jacket, tailored trousers, sporran, tie, scarf, socks, belts, bowtie, tweed jacket. **Thank you to Peter** for offering this outfit.



My Heart Will Always Be In Scotland

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When I hear the bagpipes play?
Why do I feel Scotland is my home
When I live so far away?
Why do I feel a sense of pride
When I see the Saltire fly?
Although it may seem strange to you
Perhaps I can tell you why.
When you are born of Scottish blood
Something strange seems to take place
As if a seed is planted within you
Which makes you fiercely proud of your race.
This Scottish patriotism never dies
And in your soul it always remains
Because Scotland is as much part of you
As the blood flowing through your veins.

(seen in facebook Family Fun and Memories -author unknown)

MEMBERS

Do you receive this newsletter by snail mail? If you have some access to an email service eg your child's, please let us know, as quite often information is sent out by email and it is either received at too short notice eg virtual Burns Night information, or is too large to copy to send eg Scottish Australian Heritage Council newsletter. It is a real pity if you miss out on great Scottish cultural activities.