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Greetings Hunter Valley Scots Club Members,

Well, who would have thought when I wrote the last newsletter in February, that we would be in the situation we are in now? What a year of turmoil it has been – bushfires, floods and now the Corona virus or covid 19.

Our major concern is that all members keep well and manage to survive the physical isolation requirements.

What has it meant for you? Change of work arrangements or working from home; times of self isolation at home; change of holiday plans; lack of contact with family and friends; unable to be involved in your usual activities – social, sporting, community groups etc; shows cancelled; no longer able to eat out at restaurants and clubs.

For the Hunter Valley Scots Club it has involved cancellation of upcoming events until further notice. This has included activities such as social nights, Soup and Damper lunch and the Caledonian Night. Anything more than that we cannot predict. Let's hope the AGM and BBQ in September can be a celebration that the Corona virus is contained and we are all back to normal living, and the Hunter Valley Scots Club can look to a more interesting last few months of 2020 and into 2021

Programme 2020 **Put these dates in your diary**

Committee Meetings -anyone welcome

2 June	7 July	4 August	
1 September	6 October	3 November	1 December

CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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. Contact HVSC (contacts on front page of this newsletter) for Application Forms.

Note: I assume some of these events have been cancelled but have not received advice regarding this

OTHER CELTIC ACTIVITIES 2020

Australian Celtic Festival Glen Innes 30 April- 3 May 2020

Lovedale Long Lunch, 15,16 May 2020

Bonnie Wingham 24-31 May 2020

Aberdeen Highland Gathering 4 July 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 ??

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Have you seen this on Facebook or somewhere

Tae a virus (in Rabbie Burns style)

Twa months ago, we didna ken,
yer name or ocht about ye
But lots of things have changed since then,
I really must salute ye

Yer spreading rate is quite intense,
yer feeding like a gannet
Disruption caused, is so immense,
ye've shaken oor wee planet.

Corona used tae be a beer,
they garnished it wae limes
But now it's filled us awe wae fear
These days, are scary times.

Nae shakin hawns, or peckin lips,
It's whit they awe advise
But scrub them weel, richt tae the tips,
That's how we'll awe survive

Just stay inside, the hoose, ye bide
Nae sneakin oot for strolls
Just check the lavvy every hoor
And stock-take, your, loo rolls

Our holidays have been pit aff
Noo that's the Jet2 patter
Pit oan yer thermals, have a laugh
And paddle 'doon the waater'

Canary isles, no for a while
Nae need for suntan cream
And awe because o this wee bug
We ken tae be ...19

The boredom surely will set in,
But have a read, or doodle
Or plan yer menu for the month
Wi 95 pot noodles

When these run oot, just look about
A change, it would be nice
We've beans and pasta by the ton
And twenty stane o rice

So dinny think yell wipe us oot
Aye true, a few have died
Bubonic, bird flu, and TB
They came, they left, they tried

Ye might be gallus noo ma freen
As ye jump fae cup tae cup
But we we get oor vaccine made
Yer number will be up

According to Google - Author Willie Sinclair, Kilwinning, Ayrshire.
Couldn't find copyright limitation so hope it is ok by Willie for this to be circulated through our newsletter

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Another interesting one:

Google Cdc.gov 'I Gotta Wash My Hands' based on the Beatles song

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Another one.

By Laura Kelly Fanucci, a Minnesota resident who writes a syndicated column 'Faith at Home' published in Catholic newspapers nationwide and has published six books.

"When this is over, may we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.
When this ends
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way – better
for each other
because of the worst."

Ref: Caller – Times caller.com

Final thought: This poem is a gift – literally. Think about it. Fanucci's syndicated columns and books don't come free. But this poem is being copied, pasted and shared electronically at no cost to those sharing and reading. Its rewards – to Fanucci and the rest of us – are not material. They are spiritual.