

# Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



# Newsletter

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## Hullo Hunter Valley Scots Club Members,

As usual, there have been some noteworthy events in our Club over the last month or so.

**The Peter Adams Caledonian Night** was most successful with about 130 people in attendance who enjoyed: dancing to the music of the Stringfiddle Band; watching (or demonstrating ) the Scottish Country Dances; appreciating the pipes and drums of the Newcastle RSL Pipe Band (and joining in to Strip the Willow); noting the energy and skills of the Highland Dancers to the music of the Club Piper Adam Harvey; partaking of a delicious supper and generally socialising with friends (old and new).

Photos on Facebook



**Scholarships** were awarded to two young men this year to assist them to further their music skills in pipe bands – Bodie Chadban, Mineworkers Pipe Band, and Edward Horner, Maitland Pipe Band. We wish them well for the future and hope they maintain their enthusiasm for, and involvement in, Scottish music.



Last year's scholarship winner, **Enya Price-Magennis**, has just returned from another successful tour of Scotland. She gained quite a number of places at the following Highland Games – Luss, Monifieth, Newton Stewart, Inverary, Taynult. Also places in the City of Inverness Championship Swords and National Dances. (a total of 21 places !). When not in competitions she attended dance classes and private tutors. Her highlight was attending dance class with World Champion Ellis Hayes.

Now she is back (to the real world) of local competitions, teaching dance classes, and examinations

There were only a small number of members at the recent **August Social Night** which featured the Mineworkers Pipe Band but it was a pleasant evening with plenty of opportunity to hear the band present some of the music they will play at the Maitland Tattoo in August, and The Gathering of the Celts in November. We met Bodie, the scholarship winner who was drumming, and over supper there was the chance to get to know the band members a little more, and as the evening wore on, some of them in groups of two or three even shared some impromptu relaxed style of music for us to enjoy.

Now as Spring approaches and the weather warms, we have the Club's AGM.

## Annual General Meeting

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 4pm Teralba Hall followed by a BBQ**

Come along and hear the reports of the successful 2018-2019 year.

As usual there will also be elections of the Committee for 2019-2020.

General Business – Membership Fees for 2020-2021, Life Membership nominations, other notice of motions received by the Secretary

***Please give serious consideration to joining the Committee.*** We really need some younger Committee members with fresh ideas and energy. Three members of the Committee have left the area during the year and they are sorely missed.



## ***Note: Coming HVSC Activities***

15 September - AGM and BBQ 4pm Teralba Hall

9 October – Social night 7pm Teralba Hall

1 December – St Andrew's Day Service

11 December – Christmas Social night 7pm Teralba Hall

## **Other Celtic Activities in 2019**

Maitland Tattoo 31<sup>st</sup> August 6pm

Clans on the Coast Nelson Bay, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019

Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, ANZ Stadium Sydney, 17-19<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Central Coast Scottish Spectacular 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Gathering of the Celts, Wallsend Diggers, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

**If you attended Bundanoon, Berry, Glen Innes, Wingham or any other activity, and could give us a short report it would be great to share it through this newsletter with others who were not able to attend. Thank you**

## **Other Activities of Interest**

Folk Club's Bush Dance – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 7.30 Teralba hall. All welcome.

Hunter Welsh Dancers Daffodil Day Dance – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 7.30pm  
Anglican hall, Cromwell St, New Lambton

Hunter Multicultural Centre coffee shop has re-opened

Hunter Multicultural Centre Community Gardens Spring Market day – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>  
September 8am-2pm Stalls, Café, Sausage Sizzle, Live Music

**Aberdeen Highland Gathering** – as reported by Robert Findley (thank you Robert)

The competition was very fierce, and the Mine Workers Pipe Band won the Trophy for the best band, the lovely highland dancers were a great delight especially the young ones. I urge them to keep going and maybe one day we will have again a world champion. Other winners were also given prizes. The youngsters who took part in the tug of war were also a feature of the day, The great men who took part in heavy events were of great delight for us all. We hope to see them again next year. Don't forget the Central Coast Scottish Spectacular on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Entertainment grounds at Gosford.

Robert also sent multiple photos of the Clans and their displays. Rather than clog your In Box, if you would like a copy of a particular clan or two just let us know and we will send on to you

## Bits and Pieces

**Graham Adams, Piper and one of our Life Members** recently donated to the Club a beautifully crafted gavel and block in its box, for use at meetings. Thank you Graham for the kind gift of your fine workmanship

**Vale Douglas Hay** – Douglas died recently. He was an enthusiastic member of the Club until 2002.

**Highland Clans and Scottish History online course** – we have been advised of this course which may be of interest.

[www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-highland-clans?hsamp](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-highland-clans?hsamp)

**The Scottish Banner** who support our events has a comprehensive Mail Catalogue of their items available in 2019 (Ideas for Christmas which is not far away?)

[www.scottishbanner.com/shop](http://www.scottishbanner.com/shop)

- Books
- Music CDs
- DVDs
- Scottish tea towel range eg The wit and wisdom of Scots, Scotland mapped out , Keep Calm and Pipe On And many more
- Scottish bags, canvas and jute with Scottish emblem eg Scottie dog, thistle and an internal key/coin purse,
- Harris Tweed collection of bags
- Hats
- Touch of Tartan – towels, scarves, board game

**Joke of the week** (appropriate for our weather at the moment)

A thoughtful Scotsman is heading out to the pub. He turns to his wife before leaving and says:

“Maggie, put your hat and coat on, lassie”

She says “Awe Jock, that’s nice, are you taking me tae the pub with you?”

“Nae”, Jock replies. “I’m switching the heater off while I’m out”