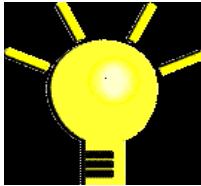




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AGM

The Club AGM was held on Sunday 11th September 2016 at the Teralba Hall. A range of items were covered during the brief meeting, with the start delayed only slightly to allow a quorum to be present.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Hall Convener delivered their respective reports for the year

Amendments to the Club Constitution were adopted, principally reflecting the need to recognise recent changes to the relevant legislation. Some minor changes were also made to bring some of the language into the 21st Century.

In a short ceremony, Honorary Life Membership was bestowed on Mr Angus MacGregor, a founder member of the Club.

The retiring Committee stepped down and the nominations received for the new Committee were accepted as follows:

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| ◆ President: | Andrew Smith; |
| ◆ Vice President: | Gary Gray; |
| ◆ Minutes Secretary: | Grahame Prieter; |
| ◆ Correspondence Secretary: | Lynne Prieter; |
| ◆ Treasurer: | Robyn Smith; |
| ◆ Committee Members: | Nance Adams; Joan Elliott; Mike Elliott; Helen Fulton; David Graham; Genevieve Graham; Kim Nolan; Peter Tranter. |

A special thanks was made to retiring Treasurer Mr Peter Tranter, in recognition of his stalwart services in that position.

Good news provided for the masses, was that the Committee had resolved to retain the Membership fees unchanged for the new year.

After the meeting, the attendees enjoyed a BBQ for supper. This time, due to an unfortunate delivery failure involving our Scots butcher in Sydney, there was no haggis or square sausage. A few muffled cheers were heard in the background when this news was announced by the retiring President. Instead, the ravenous were able to enjoy some delicious South African boerewors, obtained at short notice by our members with South African connections.

ACTION FROM CLANS ON THE COAST

What a fun event. The sun shone for most of the day, with the clouds rolling over and the wind only picking up after the massed pipe bands final march past. Plenty of tartan, piping, music, highland dancing, tug-of-war, Medieval battle re-enactments and all the other classic highland games action.



There was an opportunity for visitors to have a go at tossing the caber, well, in this case it looked more like tossing the matchstick. Then the heavyweight competitors had a shot at



the real thing—plenty of excitement for all to enjoy.





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Positions 2016-2017

President:

Andrew Smith

Vice President:

Gary Gray

Secretary:

Grahame Pricter

Minute Secretary:

Robyn Smith

Treasurer:

Robyn Smith

Committee Members

Helen Fulton

Joan Elliott

Mike Elliott

Graeme Auchterlonie

Lynne Pricter

David Graham

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Calendar of Events 2016

Note these dates in your diary now

October 12th —Member's Social Night 7pm at Teralba Hall

**November 27th—St Andrew's Day Church Service 9am
Charlestown Uniting Church**

December 14th —Member's Social Night 7pm at Teralba Hall

January 21st 2017—Burns Night at Club MacQuarie, Cockle Creek—Tickets will be on sale from 1st December

February 4th 2017—Concert for Newcastle Highland Dancers Anniversary

If transport to HVSC events is a problem for you, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will endeavour to arrange some assistance for you

OTHER SCOTTISH ACTIVITIES

If you attend an activity it would be great to have some photos and a brief report to pass on to our members in our newsletter

Royal Scots Dragoon Guards: 22 October 2016 at the Civic Theatre, Newcastle

The above event promises to be a real cracker, with highland dancers lined up to perform with one of the most famous Pipe Bands in the world.

For Information on these and other Scottish events see the HVSC web page and follow the "What's On" link to "Other Scottish Events."



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Members Social Night – 12 October 2016, 7 for 7.30pm, Teralba Hall

Come along and enjoy this relaxed night—bring a friend, it's open to anyone!

Shayne and Roz Kerr will be performing, with some lively Celtic music, and there will be other musical performances and some cultural items to savour.

At supper afterwards there will be plenty opportunity to mix and blether.

Reports / News from our Connections:

Highland Dancers:

A group of girls from the Scotia Highland Dancers performed at the Clans on the Coast at Nelson Bay, along with other dancers from Newcastle and Nelson Bay.

The next local competition will be held at Teralba Hall on Sunday 23rd October 2016—come along and support this colourful event in your own hall, from around 9am.

Country Dancers:

The country dancers performed recently at the Norah Head Gathering, but it seems that they overexerted themselves and couldn't make it to Clans on the Coast. On the first weekend in November they're off to Riverwood Downs near Dungog to run a course for the whole weekend.

Coming soon—the Association's St Andrews Night Dance on Saturday 26th November at the Adamstown Church Hall. If you know the steps, join in, otherwise just sit and enjoy the music of Chris Duncan's Band. A night not to be missed.

All through January, they will be out on Warner's Bay Foreshore from around 7pm on Tuesday nights, going through their steps—these evenings are open to all, beginners included. What a good way to get back into shape after Christmas.

Pipe Bands:

No news yet as your Editor is still working on this one.

Other News and Intimations:

STUFF

There will be a hall cleaning / working bee on Saturday afternoon 15th October, at 1.30pm. One of the aims is to identify all the disused materials cluttering up the storage areas under the stage and in the store. Costumes, tea urns, stuff. We hope to provide a detailed list in the next Newsletter and if you have an interest in any items you may have to move fast to claim them before they are disposed of.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

We are in the process of updating our e-mail address list—please let us know of any changes. Note that the Committee has indicated that the posting out of paper copies will soon most likely require those preferring this option to incur a postal charge. It's all the rage these days, but let your Committee Members know if this may cause difficulty.

CONSTITUTION

Recent changes made to the Model Constitution provided by the Office of Fair Trading effectively mean that the Club's newly revised Constitution is already out of date, although it appears that the additional changes required will apply anyhow. The Committee propose that no further revisions will be made until next year. Note that your Editor