

# Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



# Newsletter

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Hullo to Scots Club Members,

March was a quietish month for our Scots Club but April had a number of activities for Hunter Valley Scots Club – April Social night and Anzac Day – brief reports later in newsletter.

Have you been able to get to some of the other Scottish activities such as the Bundanoon Highland Gathering early April and Easter at Maclean? As we have not being able to get to either of these events it would be good to hear from other people who were able to attend. Your report could then be passed on to other Scots Club members via this newsletter.

As we are lacking an Editor for this newsletter (yes, please indicate if you would like to be Editor) any items/reports etc relevant to Scottish culture are very welcome. Just email to our address or send to our PO box

## ***Coming events for Hunter Valley Scots Club***

### **Soup and Damper lunch**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 12md 2019 Teralba hall. As well as enjoying great fellowship over soups, damper and desserts, the theme will be Scottish music.

Attached is a flyer. [NOW is the time to RSVP so we have an idea of numbers attending. Payment on the day.](#)

### **Social Night**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 7pm. Teralba hall

### **Peter Adams Caledonian Night**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Club Macquarie 7.00pm.

Bob McInnes band and lots of dancing.

Tickets will be available at the Soup and Damper lunch

**Put these dates into your diary now and plan to be there**

And of course there will be further activities later in the year

14 August – Social night 7pm

15 September AGM and bbq 4pm

9 October – Social night 7pm

1 December – St Andrew's Day Service

11 December – Christmas Social night 7pm

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

As a means of encouraging the promotion of Scottish culture the Club offers a scholarship each year. The call for applications has gone out with the closing date of 30 April 2019. **Have you put an application in yet?** Applications will be considered at the next Committee meeting 6 May 2019.

## **COMMITTEE**

Hunter Valley Scots Club committee urgently needs some additional members as three members have moved to Queensland. Please give consideration as to how you could assist, and nominate yourself. Your nomination will be gratefully received.

## **White Heather**

Were you aware that White Heather, that great supplier of Scottish merchandise, has moved to Belmont? Now at 1/527 Pacific Highway, Belmont 4952 6533

## **Name Badges**

If you would like a Scots Club name badge please let us know and we will organise one for you.

## **Other Celtic Activities in 2019**

Australian Celtic Festival Glen Innes, 2-5 May 2019

Berry Celtic Festival, 25 May 2019

Bonnie Wingham, 26 May – 2 June 2019

Scottish Week, 14-18 June 2019

Aberdeen Highland Gathering, 6 July 2019

Clans on the Coast Nelson Bay, 21 September 2019

Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, ANZ Stadium Sydney, 17-19 October 2019

Gathering of the Celts, Wallsend Diggers, 2 November 2019

**Recent activities** – if you weren't able to get there, you missed some good times, - try to get there next time!

### April Social night

Attendees enjoyed an evening of entertainment by Maitland Pipe Band led by Ian Innes and an impressive young Drum Major, followed by supper and chat.



It was interesting to hear a history of the band given by Greg Queenan. A brief version of his report was:

Band formed 4 September 1947, called Maitland District Pipe Band. 14 pipers 6 drummers taught by John Perry, Pipe Major of Cessnock Pipe Band (pipers) and Jack Ray (drummers). The Clan McKenzie tartan was worn. Unfortunately John Perry died suddenly a few months later.

One anecdote from Greg was:

It was reported that in July 1948 Lower Hunter Shire Council received a complaint against the Band from a resident of Bolwarra about "sleep being impossible with the barbaric drumming and the inexpert squealing of the pipes" Council did not take action.

In April 1983 permission was received from Earl of Lauderdale, Chief of the Name and Coat of Arms of Clan Maitland for the band to wear the Maitland Clan Tartan and Coat of Arms cap badge. In 1985 the band changed its name to The City of Maitland Pipes and Drums.

For more than 70 years the Band has provided a community service for the citizens of Maitland.

Another enjoyable evening was the **Newcastle RSL Pipe Band Ceilidh** in February. The items included – Pipe band including piping and drumming items , Ros and Shayne Kerr band, dancing by the company called by Ros, Jessie and Claire Highland dancing, Sabine (a national award winner) Irish dancing, a good haggis and later supper



Sorry about the appalling quality of the photo – one day I will get a better phone!

## ANZAC DAY

A small contingent of Scots club members attended the service at Teralba followed by breakfast at the Teralba Bowling Club. As usual the Club placed a tribute on the cenotaph. This takes the form of a donation to Teralba School library.

## UPPER HUNTER TARTAN

From our last newsletter you may recall that Upper Hunter was proposing a tartan for the area. The Tartan has been registered and it was Presented at a dinner in Aberdeen early April. As President and partner we were invited to represent Hunter Valley Scots Club at the dinner and were certainly pleased to make the trip.

***Congratulations*** Charles Cooke and Upper Hunter on taking the initiative to develop the tartan which was so well thought out in design and colour representing the area.



# ***SOUP & DAMPER LUNCH***



Theme - **Scottish Music**



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

12 noon

Teralba Hall

Members \$13.50, \$15 non members, \$5 students

All welcome

Bookings essential RSVP 0428618313

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