

Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



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Good morning Scots Club Members,

Or using the quote of another member “good morning to you all on this nice Scottish weather morning” – well it is winter now and we should expect a little of this cold, miserable weather. Hope you are able to find a warm spot to read this newsletter.

A group of more than 40 people gathered for our traditional **Soup and Damper** lunch on the last weekend in May. Members were glad to also welcome a few people from the Lakeside Folk Group who hire Teralba Hall and together enjoyed a range of soups, damper, and various sweet slices. As well as plenty of chat and fellowship, we enjoyed entertainment by Ros and Shayne Kerr, and singing of Scottish songs led by Shirley Keating. Thank you to soup makers, slice bakers, Ros & Shayne, and Shirley for your contribution to a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Scholarship 2019

This year the Committee resolved to award scholarships to two worthy young men who play in Hunter Valley pipe bands. These teenagers show fine attributes of enthusiasm and dedication as they work towards developing their skills. It is hoped that a little support from the Hunter Valley Scots Club will allow them to further their endeavours and we look forward to hearing more of them over the next few years.

The 2018 scholarship winner Enya Price- Magennis has demonstrated her worthiness of the scholarship as she has shared her Highland Dancing skills on a number of occasions over the last year. There is a report from her later in this newsletter.

Peter Adams Caledonian Night – 20th July, 7pm –details later

Tickets are available now and are expected to sell quickly.

Scots Club Membership is due now – form attached

Vale Tom Wallace

On Friday 25th May a service was held to celebrate Tom's life as a result of his passing. Tom had been a stalwart of the Hunter Valley Scots Club from early times and a Treasurer for many years. As a result of his dedication to the Club, he was awarded Life Membership of the Club in 2,000. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

Our sympathy also to Noel Drinkwater, family and friends on the passing of **Maureen Drinkwater**. Noel and Maureen had not long ago celebrated 60 years of marriage. Maureen was a more recent member of the Club but a regular attendee of events until her illness.

On a brighter note, we have heard that one of our members, **Daniel Hoggan** was awarded a Community Award for his work in the Community. Congratulations Daniel.

If you hear happy or sad news of any of our members, and it is appropriate to pass it on to other members, please let us know and we can share it in this newsletter. A great way of more involvement in the Hunter Valley Scots Club community.

Update from Enya (dated 14 May 2019)

On 4th May I travelled to Glen Innes to compete in the Young Australian Celtic Dance Championship (16-21 years). Choreography for my solo dance was by Flora Carter and told the story of Bonnie Prince Charlie's escape to the Isle of Skye.

On the 26th May I will be competing at the Eastern Australian Championships, then the Grand Australasian Championship at Newington College Sydney on 30th June, before returning to Scotland for 4 weeks to further my Highland Dancing with lessons and to compete in Highland Games and the City of Inverness Championship.

But the highlight of my year so far was finally commencing teaching on my own at Lambton Anglican Church on Friday 10th May. Classes are held each Friday from 4-5pm and all are welcome



We look forward to hearing more of Enya's successes

SCOTTISH WEEK

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council – Lord Lyon Australian Talking Tour – 3-13 June 2019 and Scottish Week 2019, Sydney 14-18 June 2019.

In conjunction with the Australian Heraldry Society, the Honoured Guest for Scottish Week 2019 is Dr Joseph J Morrow, CBE KStJ QC DL LLD, the Right Honourable Lord Lyon King of Arms, Scotland

See website for details of his talks and other activities for Sydney such as Kirkin' o' the Tartan, talks, luncheons etc

Closer to home, **Central Coast Scots** are also celebrating **Scottish Week**



To all Australians of Scottish/Celtic descent,

To celebrate Scottish Week on Sunday 16th June 2019 the Central Coast Scots are having a get together with a late lunch/afternoon tea with as many of the community as possible and having a demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing, City of Gosford Pipe Band, at the East Gosford Progress Hall after 1pm to 4pm if you wish.

At the afternoon tea or late lunch there will be some Scottish goodies to nibble on and the CWA will be providing lovely scones. A donation of \$10 to cover the cost of expenses and the hire of the hall would be appreciated.

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

- 14 August – Social night 7pm ,Teralba hall
- 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

- Aberdeen Highland Gathering, 6th July 2019
- Maitland Tattoo 31st August 6pm
- Clans on the Coast Nelson Bay, 21st September 2019
- Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, ANZ Stadium Sydney, 17-19th October 2019
- Central Coast Scottish Spectacular 3rd November
- Gathering of the Celts, Wallsend Diggers, 2nd 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

The Hunter Valley Scot's Club presents the
Peter Adams Caledonian Night

7 for 7:30 pm Saturday 20th July 2019
At Club Macquarie, Lake Rd Argenton

Come to the Ceilidh with music by Stringfiddle,
Scottish Highland and Country dancing displays
and the Newcastle RSL Pipe Band

Ticket price includes Supper
\$36 - Members
\$40 Non-Members
Bookings essential



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Note: Tickets also available for students \$18 and children under 12 are free

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We expect to start the evening at 7pm so the evening does not run too late.

For paying by direct deposit, note Club's bank details on Annual Fees form

