

Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



Newsletter

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Halò! Céad Míle Fáilte

and from the new Committee of the Hunter Valley Scots Club
"Hello! "A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!"

Robyn & Andrew Smith, who have been at the helm and, with the help of a dedicated committee, have kept this ship afloat for many years and we can all appreciate and thank them for the hard work and dedication that they and their committee have put in to making this association still viable and good fun for all with their annual Caledonian Nights, generally mid-year, and Burns' Night Suppers in late January.

As the new President of the Hunter Valley Scots Club, I am so happy to say that most of the old committee members have stayed and, thankfully, are helping me greatly in understanding what is expected and how it all works.

Over the next few months, I am hoping to revive some of the events that were regularly held at Teralba Hall, which we now no longer use as our social and cultural venue. Instead, I will be inviting you to attend, what I like to call "soiree's", (*just a posh name for a 'gathering' or 'get-together'*), along with your families and friends, at a licensed venue to suit most and that have play areas for the children.

As our next "Caledonian Night" is scheduled for 13th July (just a few weeks away), I will announce the venue then where I hope to catch up on a more personal level with our members.

The Caledonian Night will be a little different to others, with a focus on Scottish Country Dancing and Cabaret, for which I have invited a very good friend and great traditional Scottish entertainer, John MacDonald, who came to Australia in the early seventies becoming an instant success with bookings to appear in every major club, cabaret and concert venue and television.

John's own special brand of accordion music, dynamic interpretation and great sense of fun endeared him to audiences all over the world including Hong Kong, Philippines, Arab Emirates and the South Pacific. He has supported many stars including Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Des O'Connor, Kenneth McKellar, Andy Stewart, Al Martino, Frank Ifield, & Sir Harry Secombe.



John MacDonald

A recording Artist, with many of his albums going "Gold", his 50th album has just been released and includes some of his most requested songs ranging from the Scottish (*of course!*) to Irish (*River Dance*), semi classical & French musettes!

I'm sure that John will have CD's available, so grab one while you're here and tak' a wee bit o' auld Scotland wi' ye!

On behalf of the new committee, welcome to our new newsletter which we hope you'll find interesting and informative. Cheerio the Noo!

Sincerely Toni McLean (President HVSC)

Committee meets at
Club Macquarie at 7pm
on the second Tuesday
of each month

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 25th May 2024: Berry Celtic Festival

Saturday 1st June 2024: Hunter Multicultural Community Fiesta

**Sunday 2nd June 2024: Scottish Concert at 2pm – Wingham
Presbyterian Church**

28 June – 2 July 2024: SAHC Scottish Week

Saturday 6 July 2024: Aberdeen Scottish Festival

Saturday 13th July: HVSC Caledonian Night, Club Macquarie

**24th August 2024: HV Highland Games - Saltire Estate
Lovedale Long Lunch.**

And there are other events slightly further away. Hope you can attend some (or all!) to enjoy the Scottish culture and activities. If you do attend any of these Gatherings the newsletter editor would really appreciate a report/photos for this newsletter.

HVSC Membership More Inviting

Membership renewal will be at the end of June and has been reduced to \$15 per annum for all existing and new members, plus \$20 for a badge, if required. If you know of someone who would like to become a member, membership forms are available via email, post or at the Caledonian Night. Renew now and stay informed!

On SATURDAY 1st JUNE, HVSC will be organising a Scottish stall at the HMC Multicultural Fiesta at Waratah Community Reserve, 2a Platt Street, Waratah. Volunteers are needed so, if you have a couple of hours to spare, pop in and join us for a cuppa and a chitchat!! Contact Toni McLean on 4970 5105 or send Email to info@auntymollys.com.au

All members are welcome to attend the committee meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in attending, we start at 7pm in a venue room at Club Macquarie. Before the meeting, some members have dinner in the bistro if you wish to join us you are most welcome from 5.30pm.

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PRESENTS

Caledonian Night



on **Saturday 13th July** at

Club Macquarie

458 Lake Rd, Argenton

Commencing 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Featuring Walcha Road Band

The United Mineworkers' Pipe Band

Newcastle Highland Dancers and very special guest
Scottish Entertainer & Recording Artist John MacDonald

Supper included and the cost is only

\$40 for members: **\$45** for non-members and
\$20 concession for the wee yins age 5-12years

Further enquiries can be made through the organizer on 0400 096 005

Bookings can be made through Trybooking

Link for tickets <https://www.trybooking.com/CRZFR> or use QR code

So come along, bring your
partners, your family and
your friends, have fun and
be thoroughly entertained
in true Gaelic style

