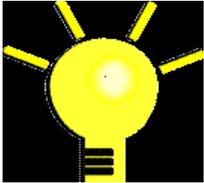


Hunter Valley Scots Club inc



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Have an idea?
Maybe a new
event or place to
go?
Then please
Tell us about it .

In this issue

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Caledonian
Night
20th August
2016

AGM and
BBQ
11th Sept
2016

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FOR THE
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www.hvsc.org.au

Hello Members

This newsletter brings reminders of two events coming up very soon, and reports on other events that have passed.

Do hope you are able to take time to read and note aspects of particular interest to you

The Peter Adams CALEDONIAN NIGHT

Saturday 20th August, 2016. 7pm. Club Macquarie

That is next Saturday!! Do you have your tickets? We need to advise the Club of numbers attending. Contact a Committee member asap—preferably the Treasurer, Peter Tranter 4955 7597 or email andrew_robyn@bigpond.com

Booking sheet attached to this newsletter

AGM

Sunday 11 September 4pm. Teralba Hall. Any person welcome

This is an important part of the Hunter Valley Scots Club year when we hear reports of what has been happening and some plans for the future year. There will also be a review of the HVSC fees for 2017-18

In particular it is the time to determine the Committee responsible for the activities of the Club. These responsibilities include not only planning social activities for members but also the management of Teralba Hall—hiring out of the facilities and maintenance of the Hall.

It is imperative that we find new members for the Committee. Some people have held roles for many years and it is time for fresh ideas, enthusiasm and energy. Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter. ***Please consider whether you could contribute to the future of the club by joining the Committee***

After the meeting there is a BBQ to celebrate and to inaugurate the new Committee

A Special General Meeting will be held after the AGM to approve a draft Constitution. Much work has gone into updating the 1994 Constitution to meet the requirements of the new Act for Associations 2009. The draft Constitution is attached for you to consider

PAST EVENTS

Aberdeen Highland Games

Were you able to get to Aberdeen on July 2nd 2016? It was an enjoyable family day, with good crowds and the weather very kind considering it was July

It commenced with the Grand Parade at 9am and continued with many activities during the day—Highland and Country dancing, Pipe Band displays, Tartan Warriors competition, Tug of War, and much more

4pm. The Closing Ceremony of massed Pipe Bands

A comment heard in passing summed it up —"plenty to do of interest to all on a beautiful day"

Maitland Tattoo

I am unable to report on this first hand, but we hear it was an excellent night. Fully booked out.

Entertainment included four Pipe Bands, Country Dancers, Irish Dancers, and much more

Obviously worthwhile to get in early for tickets next year!

The Scottish Banner

This paper is the world's largest international Scottish newspaper and is celebrating 40 years of publishing this year. Quite an achievement!

The Scottish Banner began in 1976 and is now available across Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA with a subscription service to Scotland.

As part of the 40th Anniversary celebrations the Scottish Banner has its own tartan. The tartan includes the colours of the countries it services—red and white for the flag of Canada, dark blue, white and red for the flags of Australia, New Zealand and the USA. Pantone blue and white for the Saltire flag and yellow and red for the Lion Rampant flag of Scotland. The black represents the ink used in the publication, and red, yellow and black are also their mast head colours. The four squares within the larger yellow square design represent each decade.

The colours were combined to portray a classic tartan with a modern and bold design

(Scottish Banner, Australasian Edition July 2016)

Royal Scots Dragoon Guard

Pipes and drums of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards will be playing at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle on Saturday 22 October 2016, 7.30pm



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Calendar of Events 2016

Note these dates in your diary now

August 20th—Caledonian Dance Night. 7 for 7.30

Club Macquarie

September 11th—AGM followed by BBQ to inaugurate the new Committee 4pm

October 12th —Social Night 7pm

November 27th—St Andrew’s Day Church Service

December 14th —Members Social Night 7pm

January 21st 2017—Burns Night

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

Gathering of the Clans, Norah Head: 3 September 2016

Clans on the Coast: Nelsons Bay: 17 September 2016

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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July Social Night At our July Social Night we enjoyed some traditional Scottish recipes. The following is with thanks to Joan Elliott:

Oatmeal Cakes (A 200 year old traditional recipe)

Teacup Scottish oatmeal, teacup plain flour, 1/2 teacup of milk, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, 3oz butter, level teaspoon salt, level teaspoon bicarb soda

Sieve flour, salt, bicarb soda. Add oatmeal and mix well. Cut butter into small portions and rub into mixture with fingers. Add sugar and mix well. Pour in the milk until the dough is stiff but workable.

Shake some flour on a worktop, turn the dough onto it and shake a little flour on top. Roll out until about half an inch thick (1-2cm) and prick over with a fork. Cut into rounds with a scone cutter and place onto oiled baking tray. Bake in pre-heated moderate oven for 15-20 minutes. Cool on wire cooling rack and store in airtight tin.

Oatmeal has a long history in Scottish culinary tradition because oats are better suited than wheat to the country's low temperatures and high humidity, As a result oats became the staple grain of Scotland. The ancient universities of Scotland had a holiday called 'Meal Monday' to permit students to return home and collect more oats for food. Oatmeal was described as 'the backbone of many a sturdy Scotsman'

The oatmeal was ground into 'Scottish oatmeal' (medium ground) and 'Pinhead oatmeal' (fine ground) and later the grain was rolled and called 'Scottish Porridge Oats' which became the most popular variety taken by Scottish settlers to new lands of Australia, New Zealand and America.

In Australia, oats are most popular as a breakfast cereal; an ingredient in baking biscuits, cakes and sweets; as a stuffing for poultry; and as a major component of Haggis and Highland Black Pudding.

Probably the most remembered food by older folk who spent their childhood in Scotland is 'Oatmeal Cakes'. These were cooked daily by housewives, taken to school by children as biscuits, and often used as a sort of bread roll with the evening meal of meat & vegetables. For sweets, the cakes could be split in half, buttered and spread with golden syrup.

Oatmeal Posset

A Posset is a hot drink of milk with various additions as a remedy for a cold. Whether you have a cold or not, a drink with honey and whisky has to go down well.

20 fluid ounces milk, 2 tablespoons medium oatmeal, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons clear honey, 1 tablespoon whisky, nutmeg or cinnamon to taste.

Add oatmeal and salt to milk in saucepan and bring to boil, stirring continuously. Remove from heat and stand 10 minutes. Strain liquid into clean saucepan, pressing the oatmeal to extract as much liquid as possible. Discard oatmeal. Stir in honey, whisky and nutmeg. Reheat until almost boiling. Serve immediately.

Does anyone know this poem?

We have had a request from a gentleman who is trying to find complete poem. He has verses 5 and 6. Can you help?

Verse 5

On eagle wings the years ha'e sped
Since bonnie Nance and I ha'e wed
Noo a' the bairns are up and fled
But I ha'e still my Nancy

Verse 6

Her hair is now as white as snow
Her health and strength's been ta'en awa'
But still to me she's a' in a'
My love, my life, my Nancy

Missing Records

When sorting through our records in the office, there are some missing.
Does anyone have -

Committee meeting Minutes August 2003—December 2007

Newsletters September 1990—December 1993

Newsletters September 2008—December 2010

It would be good to have complete records of the Hunter Valley Scots Club

Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.

Annual Elections Nominations Form

Date _____

I _____ (Proposer)
wish to nominate

_____ (Nominee)
(Please Print Full Name)

_____ (Full Address)

Phone _____

being a member of HUNTER VALLEY SCOTS CLUB Inc, for the position of

_____ (Signed) _____ (Seconded)

_____ (Signature of Nominee)

CALEDONIAN DANCE NIGHT

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST, CLUB MACQUARIE

7.00 FOR 7.30PM

Dance to the music of Chris Duncan, Catherine Strutt and Jennifer Strutt.

Enjoy other forms of Scottish entertainment

Light Supper provided

Mail order form to Treasurer, Hunter Valley Scots Club, PO Box 34, Kotara.
NSW 2289

Enquiries: Helen 0439 492 568

Grahame 49435849

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7.00 FOR 7.30PM

I require.....TICKETS to the Caledonian Dance Night @ \$30 each.

ENCLOSED IS..... Or

PAYMENT ofTO ANZ BSB 012571
Acc No. 204568722 (identify yourself clearly)

NAME & ADDRESS

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(enclose a stamped self addressed envelope)

I have the following dietary requirements eg gluten free, vegetarian

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