

Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



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Greetings to Hunter Valley Scots Club Members and friends,

Yet again this will be a brief newsletter but it has some happy times in it eg reports from Enya Price-Magennis and Margaret Kenning. **See over**

BITS AND PIECES (in no particular order – all important)

1. HVSC AGM. This was a pleasant evening with a good number of people in attendance but sadly we were unable to form a Management Committee as per the requirements of the Constitution. The outcome was that the present Committee is staying as a Steering Committee until February 2024 and then the future of the Club will need to be determined at a Special General Meeting.

On 13 September the AGM 2023 Minutes were sent to members for your information re matters raised.

The other major matter discussed at the AGM was the present lease on Teralba Hall. It was resolved that the lease would be terminated preferably on 31 December 2023, or in February 2024 (the final date on the present lease). Action regarding this has begun with Lake Macquarie City Council and it is quite possible that the lease will cease from 31 December 2023.

Meanwhile many decisions have to be made. There are quite a number of regular hirers of the hall with wide ranging activities from ballroom dance, line dance, yoga, exercises, folk groups, Zumba, U3A dance and music groups, mother's support group, sewing, Orchid Society. Due consideration **must** be given to them in any plans made. These hirers have been very reliable over the years and are extremely pleasant to work with and provide vital activities for the community.

Other decisions include where do HVSC meetings and activities happen in the future; what about storage of HVSC records and equipment etc. Of course these decisions will depend on the decision regarding the future continuation of HVSC. **The Committee will welcome any input from members regarding these matters**

2. **City of Newcastle RSL Pipe Band.** Big celebrations 2 March 2024 for 100 years of great music. Flyer was attached to the last newsletter and will be in the next newsletter
3. **HVSC Christmas Social** - please note this event has been deferred to a date to be determined
4. **Burns Night** 3 February 2024 – plans are already underway for this event. Bands booked, Club Macquarie and meal organised. In the near future tickets will be available through Trybooking. Tickets members \$80, non members \$90, students \$40, children under 12years free.
5. **Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.** It is reported that Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is returning to cinemas with a brand new show, a musical journey entitles ‘Stories’. Event cinemas 14,15 October. **I have not been able to find a cinema in our area showing this but if you have done so, please let me know and I will send an email to members**
6. **Scottish Weekender.** A Burns Supper and Ceilidh is to be held 19-21 January 2024 in the Glenworth Valley. Further information and bookings www.scottishweekender.com

The good news has been kept to last

Margaret Kenning – received the NSW Volunteer of the Year Award for the Senior Division. This is reported in the Hunter Multicultural Centre(HMC) newsletter and it notes that the award was for decades of volunteering with HMC and her excellent job keeping their community garden alive and thriving for 9 years.

Our knowledge of Margaret Kenning is her involvement for many years with Hunter Valley Scots Club (our records show that she has been a member since 2003) and the Newcastle and Hunter Valley Folk Club (you can see her at their activities or on the second Sunday of the month with a dance group at Teralba Hall) **Congratulations Margaret – well deserved**

Enya Price – Magennis, well known to us with her teaching of the skilled and delightful Highland Dancers we see frequently at HVSC events, has just spent some time overseas and she has sent us a brief report.

“In August 2023, I travelled to Scotland to compete at Cowal World Highland Dancing Championship in Dunoon. During the 6 weeks I was in Scotland, and prior to dancing at Cowal, I competed at the following competitions: British Overseas and Bute Championships, Perth, Glenisla, Galashiels, Crieff and Oban Highland Games, and Grampian Festival. I received a variety of placings during my time in Scotland and was also fortunate enough to have highland dance lessons with Shendl Russell.”

I am sure that there is so much more that Enya could tell us about her trip and we look forward to chatting to her face to face to hear about her experiences, awards, and skills she feel she has gained

The Cowal Gathering, n Dunoon, has been well written up in the latest Scottish Banner and certainly worth a read. As well as Pipe Band championships it is the biggest Highland Dancing competition in the world.

Well done Enya. We continue to look forward to seeing you and your dancers display your skills in future events

