

# Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



# Newsletter

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## Onwards & Upwards!

The Hunter Valley Scots Club is moving forward slowly, but surely, to a future of more recognition and support from our valuable members.

Over the past few months our presence has been noticeable at 'Fiesta' organized by the Hunter Multicultural Centre at Waratah, at the Rotary Volunteers Expo at Club Macquarie and, on 24<sup>th</sup> August, we will be represented at the Hunter Valley Highland Games, Saltire Estate, Lovedale on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August, and at Clans on the Coast at Raymond Terrace, on Saturday 21st September, displaying our brand-new unmissable marquee and flying the flags for HVSC. Why not make it a day out for you and your family and join us at one, or both, for a catch up and a chat and perhaps we can help you with some information of your Clan history.

## Renew Your Membership Now

The life blood of any organization, and at it's core, are the members without whom there would be no association. You, as a member of the Hunter Valley Scots Club, are important to it's overall existence and your input and ideas always welcome. You will also receive our monthly newsletters with updates on future events and our social calendar and, of course, as a member, you will save on the cost of the likes of our Caledonian and Burns Nights Ceilidhs. So, join us or renew today to get the most of out of your annual subscription. The cost is now only **\$15.00** per adult with Junior Memberships (5-12 yrs) **\$10.00** and Family Membership (two adults & two children) only **\$40.00**. If you would like to order a name badge, and make it look official, the fee is just \$20.00, although this is optional. So come join us now and enjoy the next 11 months of Scottish traditions, heritage and fun! You will find a membership form on page four of this newsletter, and we look forward very much to hearing from you soon.

## Caledonian Capers

Over one hundred members, families and friends enjoyed a great night of traditional Scottish entertainment on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at our usual place of enjoyment, Club Macquarie. Thanks to Jeff Laurie & Walcha Road Band, the Newcastle Highland Dancers, Maitland City Pipe Band, entertainer John MacDonald, the country dance calling of Elizabeth Lewin and the amazing raffle prizes prepared by Linda & William Baer, the night was full of non-stop entertainment and a delicious finger food supper. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the first Peter Adams Award for Excellence presented to Robyn & Andrew Smith for their many years of dedication and service to HVSC.



# A Century of Service

## The City of Newcastle RSL Pipe Band Centenary

On January 8, 1924, just over one century ago, an advertisement in the Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners Advocate read,

*“PIPERS AND DRUMMERS wanted for Newcastle Pipe Band.  
Youths wishing to learn the Bagpipe are guaranteed expert tuition.  
Band Practice every Wednesday night in Broadmeadow Mechanics’ Institute”.*

Officially formed in 1924 (under the name Newcastle Pipe Band Association), a couple of articles in local newspapers revealed that the formation was actually unfolding from July 1923 where a very small mention in The Newcastle Sun wrote of the band requesting to borrow a base drum from The Northern Caledonian Society. By November 1923 it was reported that the band now had 19 pipers and four drummers and had only been in existence for four months.

Throughout the years there has seen so many stories, street parades, fundraising fairs, sporting festivals, surf lifesaving march past events, weddings, funerals, church fetes and even a protest against the increased price of bread in December 1938.

From playing for the Duke of York (pre taking the throne) in 1930, greeting famous radio characters “Dad and Dave from Snake Gulley” at Newcastle train station, to performing on stage with Andre Rieu. The band has proudly represented the Newcastle region for the past one hundred years, from parading down Hunter Street to events across the state, with trips from Perth to New Zealand and Tasmania to Japan.



This year, a successful fundraising Ceilidh was held in March, the first function celebrating the centennial year, with an almost full house in attendance. Funds raised are being put towards the Centennial celebrations. The major event, however, is the Centennial Ball, being held in the Concert Hall at Newcastle City Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, with ticket sales available at <https://www.trybooking.com/CSWHE>

## Members’ First Social Night

Apart from our regular Caledonian Night and Burns’ Night celebrations, I am hoping to get our members together every few months for a casual social night, 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 different venues to suit most with some having play areas for the children.

The first Members Social Night planned will be at **Mr. Zhou’s Chinese Restaurant in Teralba Bowling Club from 6.30pm**. The food is excellent and the play area for children is immediately adjacent to the restaurant. For those who don’t mind travelling a little for a good feed, just letting you know that Tina & Elvit originally operated the Dragon Sky restaurant in Toronto. If you would like to join us on **TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**, please call **Toni** on **4970 5105**.

## Hunter Valley Folk Club News

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August:** Come join us for Bush/Scottish dance practice at Teralba Community Hall, Anzac Parade Teralba 2.00pm-4.00pm \$6 members, \$8 non-members. A fun class where you can learn Australian Bush Dances, Simple Scottish/Irish Ceilidh and Old Time straight up. All dances are walked through and called, and you will be up and dancing as soon as you walk in the door. No experience required, just the ability to have fun.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August:** Hunter Valley Folk Club Traditional Australian Bush dance at the Community Hall 7.30-10.30pm. \$20 Donation \$17 Conc. \$15 member, Children under 16 accompanied by an Adult FREE. A fun class where you can dance Australian Bush Dances, Simple Scottish/Irish Ceilidh and Old Time. All dances are walked through and called. Bring your own mug and a plate to share for an old fashion community supper. Bring something to share or by donation. Contact Margaret 0413 229 740. Website: [newcastlehunervalleyfolkclub.org.au](http://newcastlehunervalleyfolkclub.org.au)

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

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### Committee

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## Upcoming Events

- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August:** Bush/Scottish dance practice at the Community Hall, Anzac Parade Teralba 2-4pm. \$6 Members \$8 Non-Members
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August:** Join us at Hunter Valley Highland Games Saltire Estate, Lovedale.
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August:** Members' first social night at Teralba Bowling Club Chinese Restaurant, see page two for information.
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August:** Hunter Valley Folk Club Traditional Australian Bush dance at the Community Hall, Teralba 7.30 -10.30pm
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** Clans on the Coast, Lakeside Sports Complex, 13 Leisure Way, Raymond Terrace 8.30am to 4pm. Tickets available now online.
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** City of Newcastle Pipe Band Centennial Ball in the Concert Hall at Newcastle City Hall. (See feature on page 2)
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:** NSW Pipe Band Championships, Maitland Park
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Clan McLean Chief's Birthday Banquet at NSW Masonic Club, Sydney
- ... and there are other events slightly further away. We hope you can attend some and enjoy the Scottish culture and activities.

### HVSC Membership Due Now

Join or renew now, stay informed and enjoy our events at reduced rates! Membership renewal commenced on the 1st of July and has been reduced to \$15 per annum for all existing and new members, plus \$20 for a badge, if required. If you, or someone you know, would like to become a member, membership forms are available via email, post or at the Highland Games on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. Call 4970 5105

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 the board 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.

**Come & join in the fun with us at the Hunter Valley Highland Games, Saltire Estate, Wilderness Road, Lovedale**

**Book online [www.huntermvalleyhighlandgames.com.au](http://www.huntermvalleyhighlandgames.com.au)**

**For more information call 4058 3088**



# Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.

## Membership Application & Renewal

Accounts: HVSC, 15 Wangi Road, Fassifern 2283 NSW

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name of applicant)

of \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_ (opt)

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby apply to become a member of the Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc (HVSC). In the event of my admission as a member I agree to be bound by the Constitution and By Laws of the Association.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: The following is to be completed only for new members**

NB: Information provided on this form will only be used for the Register of Members as required by the Incorporation Act and for mailing HVSC information to members

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a member of Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc, nominate the Applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Proposer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a member of Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc, second the nomination of the Applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Seconder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES:** Annual Membership & Renewals for Adults **\$15.00**: Name Badge Fee: **\$20.00** (optional)  
Junior Membership: 5-12 yrs **\$10.00** Family Membership (Two Adults & two Children): **\$40.00**

<b>SUMMARY:</b> Adult Membership	\$.....
Junior Membership	\$.....
Family Membership	\$.....
Badge/s	\$.....
Total	\$.....

Cash enclosed or Direct Deposit:  
**Hunter Valley Scots Club ANZ BSB**  
**012-571 Acc. No. 2045 68722**

**BADGE NAMES:** (Please print clearly) .....