

# Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



# Newsletter

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## Christmas Greetings to Hunter Valley Scots Club Members and Friends,



It is that time of the year again when it is so busy that we feel like we are running around in circles but in fact we should aim to take the time to reflect on the happy, and maybe not so happy memories, of 2022 and years prior.

In our reflecting may we think of those not so fortunate such as those suffering in war zones, those without adequate food and shelter, those experiencing relationship breakdowns among friends and family.

However, may the special happy memories in your lives be found in the **peace, love, joy and hope** experienced with friends and family, near and far, and carry through into 2023.



## **St Andrew's Day Service 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

This service was reasonably well attended and the lunch enjoyed by members with the congregation at The Willows, Warners Bay. Thank you to Grahame Pricter for leading the service.

There was a minor hiccup in that a number of people came down with covid later that week – we wish those people well and hope they have cleared the symptoms by now.

## **Hunter Valley Scots Club Christmas Social. 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Unfortunately this evening was limited in numbers largely due to the presence of covid in our area at the moment but for those able to attend it was a fun night where we had a feast of entertainment provided by some of the groups who hire Teralba Hall – the Lakeside Folk Circle members Alan and Kristie started and concluded the evening with some music, singing and poetry (we all joined in at the end with a couple of Christmas songs); Kathy Langlade talked some of us into a brief art class which was quite interesting in style of art produced; three Highland Dancers, Grace, Eleni entertained us with dance and story telling based on the stories behind some of the dances; Fellowship of First Fleeters told us a little of the activities of their group; Vickie Dougherty explained the Biala Service for people with a disability; Margaret Kenning and Elizabeth Lewin led us in some simple Celtic and bush dancing; and Bills Ballroom Australian Championship dancers, Zane and Keely, performed a couple of dances for us. The evening concluded with quite a sumptuous supper.

If you have the opportunity view HVSC Facebook for the real effect of these dancers





The dancers and singers had fun and so did the audience.

### **Hunter Valley Scots Club Scholarship**

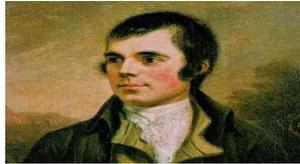
Students of Kurri Primary school are the benefactors of the HVSC Scholarship fund this year. Under the tutelage of a member of the Mineworkers Pipe Band some of the students have been introduced to drumming and have been provided with instruments in order to practice during the holidays.

We will look forward to hearing how they are progressing throughout 2023.

# 2023

**HVSC Burns Night – 4 February 2023 - purchase your tickets now**

Attached to this newsletter is a poster with the details of how to get tickets



**Other Scottish activities in 2023 - put these in your 2023 diary now**

1 April 2023 - Brigadoon, Bundanoon Highland Gathering

4-7 May 2023 – Australian Celtic Festival – Glen Innes

27 May 2023 – Berry Celtic Festival

2 June 2023 – Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival

1 July 2023 – Aberdeen Highland Games

1 July -International Tartan Day - marks the anniversary of the repeal of the Act of Proscription that banned the wearing of tartan

Please let us know if you are aware of other relevant activities

## Teralba Hall

Since 1989 Hunter Valley Scots Club has leased Teralba Hall from Lake Macquarie City Council to use for HVSC activities, meetings, storage etc.

HVSC then sublets the hall to other community groups basically providing a community service for these groups and the Teralba area as it is a not for profit activity for the Scots Club.

It is a reasonably onerous task to maintain the hall, take bookings for the hall etc. As a result there are moves afoot to consider handing the lease back to LMCC. This would then result in the need for HVSC to hire other facilities for activities, storage of Scottish goods etc at a cost to the club, of course.

The Management Committee would appreciate feedback from HVSC members regarding this matter including such considerations as:

Does HVSC need a base to operate from? Where could Scottish paraphernalia be stored? How would we fund the additional cost to hire facilities for activities such as social nights, meetings etc?

**Your feedback will be greatly appreciated**

