

Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



Newsletter

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Warm greetings to Hunter Valley Scots Club Members,

Hasn't the weather been beautiful and now this weekend some rain (hopefully not too much) to help the gardens along? Gardens seem to be blooming extra well this year or maybe it is just we have more time to stop, look and appreciate them.

Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we have had to defer the AGM for a couple of months but with easing of restrictions we can proceed with this important event.

When: Sunday 29th November 3pm.

Where: Teralba Hall

**Agenda: Report on 2019-2020
Election of Management Committee for 2020-2021
General Business**

It is *absolutely vital* that we have some new members on Committee. We need fresh ideas, fresh energy. It would be disastrous if the Club could not continue due to a lack of a Committee.

To celebrate the possibility of a happier, healthier more socially active year ahead it has been decided that the AGM will be followed by



When: Sunday 29th November 3pm after AGM

Where: Teralba Hall

**Activity: BBQ ++ Food will be provided (as per covid guidelines)
BYO drinks, glasses (No drinks will be provided)**

RSVP – this email andrew_robyn@bigpond.com or 0428618313

Programme 2021 **Put these dates in your diary ?!**

HVS CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Dates pending.

Do you keep up to date with Scottish activity in Australia? Two good sources are **The Scottish Banner** monthly paper, and Facebook **Scots in Australia** . Worth checking on these two, plus our own website & facebook of course.

Scottish Australian Heritage Council newsletter

The newsletter noted the following dates for events.

6 March **Liverpool Plains Military Tattoo**, Quirindi

2-3 April (Easter) **Maclean Highland Gathering**, MacLean

7 April **Bundanoon Highland Gathering**, Bundanoon

29 April-2 May **Australian Celtic Festival**, Glen Innes.

Nance Adams OAM Many of you will be aware of the sad passing of Nance Adams OAM. Nance had been an extremely active community member for many years. We understand she has been involved in 37 groups over the years. These have included Girl Guides, Scouts, Probus, Lions Club, Germania Club, Hunter Welsh Society, Little Nippers at Redhead (involved in setting up this group), and was a St John's Ambulance officer.

She has been a member of the Hunter Valley Scots Club since 1982, being a committee member for many years and our representative on Hunter Multicultural Communities.

She will be greatly missed.

String Loaded

This Irish and Celtic band Jenny, Livi, Gabi and Ray Blissett were awarded a scholarship by Hunter Valley Scots Club some years back. This scholarship assisted them to go to Scotland for further experience and skill development.

This year in May they dominated the Australian Celtic Music Awards (held on line of course) winning the major award, artist of the year, plus best instrumental and group for their album *Continuous Line*. Congratulations to them all.

PIPE BANDS

In the August edition of Scottish Banner there were a number of articles on Pipe Bands. Sean Cairney in his editorial said "Pipe bands are of course a symbol of Scotland and Scottish culture, but they are truly a global cultural movement. ...Pipe bands are a constant part of the community for so many. We count on pipe bands at parades, services, celebrations and whether it be a lone busker or massed bands, the pipes and drums stir something inside so many people.... This is the power of pipe bands"

In 2019 HVSC was pleased **to award scholarships to two young men** to allow them to further their pipe band skills. Hopefully when restrictions lift, we may be able to catch up with them.

Belmont Pipe Band Did you note in the Newcastle Weekly (August 20th) that Belmont Pipe Band celebrated 75 years on VP Day? About 8 started the band because the war had finished, reported Val. She is now the only surviving original member and played the bagpipes and bass drum.

