

# Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



# Newsletter

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## Committee

2022-2023

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Andrew MacPherson

### Vice President

Grahame Pricter OAM

### Secretary

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### Treasurer

Robyn Smith

### Committee

Duncan Berry  
Helen Fulton  
Graeme Hamilton  
Maureen Kiss  
Cassie McKelvie  
Kim Nolan  
Lynne Pricter  
Andrew Smith

## Hello to Hunter Valley Scots Club Members and friends,

You may be feeling that it is a while since you have heard from Hunter Valley Scots Club, and that feeling would be correct. Not only does time fly by, but the Club has been quiet during October as things have not really got back to normal – has anyone declared that the pandemic is over yet? Last I heard numbers with covid seem to be going up again with new variants etc. We do hope you, and your family and friends are keeping well.



## **St Andrew's Day** – being celebrated by Hunter Valley Scots Club -

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 9am. The Willows Church, Hillsborough Rd, Warner's Bay.**

There will be a Piper and other reminders of Scottish culture. The service will be followed by a luncheon. \$25 per head

In Scotland and other countries like Australia with Scottish connections, St Andrew's Day is marked by celebrations of Scottish culture including food and music. It is also called the Feast of Saint Andrew, the Apostle. In some places St Andrew's Day is also linked to Kirkin' o' the Tartan.

After the battle of Culloden The Duke of Cumberland had an 1746 Act of Proscription passed forbidding the wearing of tartan, playing bagpipes and other Scottish traditions. The Highlanders couldn't publicly rebel but carried small pieces of their tartan on themselves. Over the years clan chiefs lost their lands in Scotland and emigrated to other countries including Ireland, North America and Canada.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan (cont)

In 1941 to commemorate this painful time in Scotland, Reverend Dr Peter Marshall a pastor in Washington but originally from Scotland, devised a ceremony called Kirking the Tartan. Throughout the world this service has been adapted and though it remembers a turbulent time in Scotland, it celebrates the survival of the tartan and the Scot's determination to remember their heritage.

Carol Budlong from the Scottish Australian Heritage Council sent advice re three other St Andrew's Day/Kirkin of the Tartan services on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. If you are not in our area that day, maybe you will be able to attend one of the other services.

St Stephen's Uniting Church, 197 Macquarie St, Sydney 10am

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, State Circle, Canberra 9.30am

St David's Presbyterian Church, 37 Victoria Ave, Toukley 9.30am



Christmas, according to the shops etc, is just around the corner – and maybe finally we are enjoying some Spring weather which may help to convince us to start thinking about celebrating, holidays, food, presents, decorating etc.

Another Hunter Valley Scots Club activity is the **Christmas function** at Teralba Hall, 7 December, 7pm. It will be a relaxed social evening. All welcome and we are inviting groups who hire the hall to attend as well. There will be light refreshments for supper.

***Come along and catch up with HVSC friends whom you may not have seen for some time, and remind yourself of the meaning of Christmas – peace and happiness.***

## 2023

**HVSC Burns Night – 4 February 2023 - Put this date in your diary**

Tickets and more information soon



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

Over the years the Club has provided scholarships for various people and groups – primarily instrumentalists and dancers – to extend their training and experience in their form of Scottish culture. It has been a real pleasure to see these people developing their skills over the years.

This year applications closed at the end of October, and since then the scholarships have been awarded to Kurri Kurri High School students and will assist them to learn drumming and involvement in pipe bands. We look forward to hearing more from these students.

## **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

## **Of Interest?**

By chance I have just noticed that the Civic Theatre in Newcastle on 1 December 2022 has “A Celtic Christmas” – celebrate Christmas on the Emerald Isle. Sounds interesting. Maybe worth trying to fit it in during this busy time of the year?

## **Gold bangle found at Teralba Hall**

A gold bangle was found a few weeks ago at Teralba Hall. Did you lose a bangle or are you aware of someone losing a gold bangle? *Please let us know*

## **For Your Interest – The (Draft) Minutes of the AGM held in September 2022**



**HUNTER VALLEY SCOTS CLUB (Inc)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT TERALBA COMMUNITY HALL  
Sunday 18 September 2022 4pm**

**Meeting** opened 4.15pm

**Welcome:** President – Andrew MacPherson welcomed all to the Hunter Valley Scots Club (HVSC) Annual General Meeting

**Attendance:** Andrew MacPherson, Andrew Smith, Grahame Prictor OAM. JP. Lynne Prictor, Helen Fulton, Graeme Hamilton, Narelle Davies, Robyn Smith, Dr Kim Nolan, Margaret Kenning, Heather Sterland, John Paul, Alba Loreda, Cassie McKelvie, Bill Donald, Jan Leslight, Ken Leslight.

**Apologies:** Lyn Cobb, Gail Johnson, Shirley Keating, Maureen Kiss, Dr Duncan Berry, Toni McLean, Angus McGregor, Robyn Groote, Peter Tranter, Chris Rogers, Eleanor O'Donnell, Kevin Newstead, Lorraine Newstead, Vickie Dougherty, Margaret Brown, Jean Charlton.

**Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting held 5 December, 2021** tabled in HVSC Annual Report 21-22

**Adoption:** Moved: Lynne Prictor, Seconded: Kim Nolan. Agreed

**Correspondence of an Annual nature:** Nil

**President's Report:**

Report tabled in HVSC Annual Report 21-22. President Andrew MacPherson commenced by asking attendees to remember the passing of Queen Elizabeth 11, and HVSC members Gloria Thomson, Sue Donald and Nance Adams throughout the year.

He then noted as a result of the pandemic, the ongoing difficulties in holding activities such as social nights, Burns Night and the Caledonian night. Fortunately, a most successful Caledonian night was held in August 2022.

He also emphasised the need for more younger members to join the HVSC

**Adoption:** Moved: Graeme Hamilton, Seconded: Margaret Kenning Agreed

**Treasurer's Report:** Audited Financial Statements for 2021-2022 were tabled in the HVSC Annual Report 21-22. Treasurer Robyn Smith highlighted a number of matters

1. The loss in the General Account as no membership fees were charged for the year.
2. The loss in the Hall Account as the pandemic prevented many hirers from using the hall.
3. No scholarship was awarded during the year
4. The Infrastructure Grant for solar panels and air conditioning and the Volunteer Grant for a defibrillator.
5. Low rate of interest on the investment accounts.
6. Signatories on all accounts need to be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Moved Andrew Smith, Seconded: Lynne Prictor "that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted and signed copies returned to the Auditor and be included in other reports to Lake Macquarie Council and Fair Trading as required" Agreed.

**Hall Report:** Report tabled in HVSC Annual Report 21-22.

It was noted that there was a significant increase in hire hours in 2022 with relaxing of covid regulations. The President spoke briefly about the need for the HVSC to have a base for its activities and despite the approach from Lake Macquarie City Council, HVSC to aim to continue with the lease.

**Adoption** Moved; Robyn Smith Seconded: Helen Fulton Agreed

**Election of Office Bearers and Committee:**

The President vacated the Chair and Margaret Kenning accepted the role of Returning Officer.

As only two nominations had been received prior to the meeting, further nominations were taken from the floor. The following people were nominated:

President: Andrew MacPherson Moved: Grahame Prictor Seconded: Helen Fulton

Vice President: Grahame Prictor. OAM. Moved: Andrew Smith Seconded: Graeme Hamilton

Secretary: No nominations received

Treasurer: Robyn Smith Moved: Grahame Prictor Seconded: Lynne Prictor

Committee: Dr Duncan Berry                      Moved: Robyn Smith      Seconded: Grahame Pricter

Graeme Hamilton                      Moved: Margaret Kenning      Seconded: Robyn Smith

The following Committee members were elected as a block

Moved: Ken Leslight      Seconded: Jan Leslight

Helen Fulton (Welfare)

Dr Kim Nolan (Webmaster)

Lynne Pricter

Andrew Smith

Cassie McKelvie

Maureen Kiss, subject to her agreement

As there were no further nominations the Committee was declared as above noting the need of a member for the Secretary position. Under the Constitution, this position may be filled as a casual vacancy by the Committee until the next AGM.

Margaret Kenning thanked the Committee for their leadership of the HVSC over the year and into the next year.

The President then resumed the Chair.

#### **General Business**

- 1. Proposal of Auditor** for the coming year: Neil Watson, KLM Accountants,  
Moved: Grahame Pricter                      Seconded: Andrew Smith                      Agreed
- 2. Membership Fees** for 2023-2024. It was Moved: Andrew Smith, Seconded: Grahame Pricter that the fees remain the same.                      Agreed
- 3. Proposal of Patrons** for the Club for the coming year: It was proposed that John Kilpatrick and mayors of the relevant councils ie LMCC, Newcastle, Maitland, Cessnock, Port Stephens be approached to be patrons for the Club. The invitation to include details of HVSC activities in the relevant areas. Moved: Grahame Pricter      Seconded: Cassie McKelvie
- 4. Reports.** Annual Report, Asset Lists and Key Register to go to LMCC, and Annual Report to Dept Fair Trading.
- 5. Scholarship.** President Andrew MacPherson outlined the proposal for a HVSC School of Piping and Drumming for young students at Kurri Kurri High School. The scholarship would allow for the purchase of sticks and drumming pads.
- 6. Future events** will include Burns Dinner 4 February 2023, St Andrew's Day Service 27 November 202 and a Christmas function in December. All members are welcome to attend committee meetings.

Close of Meeting: 5.30 pm

Those present then enjoyed a light meal and the opportunity to socialise

**Note: We still have an urgent need for a Secretary and a Newsletter Editor**