

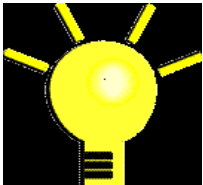
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Tell us about it .

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**WHAT'S ON**

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[www.hvsc.org.au](http://www.hvsc.org.au)

I hear that John MacDonald's Butcher in Edgeworth is a place to get haggis and other tasty Scottish-style products. Watch here for a full quality report, just as soon as I get out there myself to sample some of his finest. Burns Night is much too far away to wait for my next feast of haggis.

## Members Night - October

Shayne and Roz Kerr provided two wonderful sessions of Irish, Scottish and Bluegrass numbers on the fiddle and mandolin, well supported with background stories, plus some history of their remarkably long musical careers. Shayne and Roz have been prominent in the local Celtic fiddling scene for decades, having played in numerous bands. A few hearts stopped when Shayne produced a large saw from his bag, with fears that he may have had plans to escape by cutting a big hole in our lovely new floor. Instead, we were treated to some truly haunting music, as he played a couple of tunes on the specially imported American-made saw with his bow.

Shirley Keating sang beautifully, with a couple of songs, superbly supported on the piano by Jenny Scott, fresh from her own recent success at the Welsh Choir Competition in Canberra.

Grahame kept us on our toes with a Scottish Trivia Quiz . A few cried foul at the way the team selection left two of the three natural born Scots present in the same side. Of course Gary and Florence won hands down, but even they struggled with a few of Grahame's tricky questions. How many golf courses in Scotland? Well, I've played on a handful of them, said your Newsletter Editor, but even if I'd played them all I would have lost count. 550 was the correct answer.

Paul Ross and Gary Gray then played a bunch of songs with Border Pipes, Guitar and vocal, before Paul led all those present through to the supper room like the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

A big thanks to Graeme for his efforts in organising the evening.

**Next Up—St Andrews Church Service:  
9am - 21st November 2016,  
St Andrews Uniting Church, Charlestown.**

Graham Pricter will lead the service. A big Scottish turnout is anticipated with a piper to pipe us in. There will also be a reading of the 23rd Psalm in 'Braid Scots'. Come along, don't be shy, there'll be plenty other non-regulars there.

## ACTION FROM THE LAST MONTH

Pictures from the October Club Night (check out our Facebook page for more)



**Left:** Shayne and Roz in full flight with some very well rehearsed (and very danceable) Scottish, Irish, Shetland and Appalachian tunes.

**Centre:** Shayne decides he's had enough and produces a saw to escape through the floor. But first he produces some truly mesmerising sounds with the bow, sending us all into a trance.

**Right:** Shirley Keating in mid-song, but wary of the big hole in the floor through which Shayne has just vanished.

**Below:** Happy face from October's Highland Dance Competition at Teralba Hall. Having missed most of the year's practice while away galivanting, (I mean studying hard at UNE in Armidale), Cara Gray shocked them all by winning the *big* trophy for the Restricted Premier Class, edging out one or two of the more fancied dancers. Even her teacher, former World Champion Flora Carter, suspects that she must have been getting secret lessons in between her studies. What's the secret Cara, everybody wants to know!



**Right:** Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. This event was sold out, and a few members were red faced at leaving their ticket purchase to the last minute. Those who made it went home deaf, I mean deafened by the banter between the two Band Announcers, one Scots and one English. If you didn't go along, tough luck, you missed an excellent evening, you don't get many pipe bands better than the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.



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# Calendar of Events 2016

**Note these dates in your diary now**

**November 27th—St Andrew's Day Church Service 9am  
Charlestown Uniting Church**

**December 14th —Member's Social Night 7pm at Teralba Hall**

**January 21st 2017—Burns Night at Club MacQuarie, Cockle  
Creek—Tickets will be on sale from 1st December**

**March 5th 2017—Newcastle Highland Dancers 50th  
Anniversary Ceilidh**

***If transport to HVSC events is a problem for you, please don't  
hesitate to contact us and we will endeavour to arrange some  
assistance for you***

## OTHER SCOTTISH ACTIVITIES

Greetings from your Newsletter Editor, let me know your suggestions for articles to write up on, photos to include, what's on in your area. Anything with a Scottish connection, however tentative.

**Newcastle Highland Dancers** are celebrating 50 years in March 2017 with an International Highland Dance Competition at the McQuarie Performing Arts Centre in Warner's Bay. The programme will include a ceilidh on the Sunday night (5th March). Watch this space for more details as they unfold.

**For information on these and other Scottish events see the HVSC web page and follow the ["What's On"](#) link to ["Other Scottish Events."](#)**



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## **Members Social Night –14 December 2016, 7 for 7.30pm, Teralba Hall**

Come along and enjoy this relaxed night—bring a friend, it's open to anyone!

We're still working on a programme for this one, but keep your diary free. At supper afterwards there will be plenty opportunity to mix and blether.

### **Reports / News from our Connections:**

#### **Highland Dancers:**

The Newcastle spring competition was held at Teralba Hall on Sunday 23rd October, with a good turnout of dancers from around the state taking part at various levels for the trophies on offer. See the Photo page for one of our local champions.

It's exam time for many of the dancers, so there's not much happening on the competition front between now and Christmas.

#### **Country Dancers:**

Coming soon—the Hunter Valley Branch are having their St Andrews Night Ceilidh on Saturday 26th November at the Adamstown Church Hall. If you know the steps, join in, otherwise just sit and enjoy the music of Chris Duncan's Band. 7pm for a 7.30 start—a night not to be missed. The flier says \$10 at the door, bring a small plate for supper, but it might be a good idea to call first just to make sure you get a seat (Allyn Douglass at hvscds@gmail.com or phone 0422 747 7965)

All through January, they will be out on Warner's Bay Foreshore from around 7pm on Tuesday nights, going through their steps—these evening s are open to all, beginners included. What a good way to get back into shape after Christmas.

#### **Pipe Bands:**

No news yet as your Editor is still working on this one.

### **Other News and Intimations:**

#### **STUFF**

A heroic group of members undertook a hall cleaning / working bee on Saturday afternoon 15th October. There's now room to move in the back office and genuine storage space under the stage. Lots of stuff went out, old costumes were claimed. Nessie found a new home, and a lot of old paper records were recycled.

Maybe another one effort to sort out the remaining items, we'll let you know when your help is needed on the next work party.

#### **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

We are progressing the review of our e-mail address list—please let us know of any changes. Rather than impose a charge on those preferring a paper copy, we are now looking for a sponsor to help cover the ever increasing cost of postage.

# Hunter Valley Scots Club

## Burns Night

Club Macquarie, Argenton

Saturday 21st January 2017 6.30pm for 7pm

Music for the evening by *Chris Duncan's group, Mineworkers Pipe Band & others.*

This is certain to be a wonderful evening of Scottish entertainment to celebrate the birthday of our famous bard  
*Robert Burns.*

Full dinner of traditional Scottish Fare.

The Address to the Haggis

Poetry and Songs

Piping and Highland Dancing

Fun Dances for the Company

Humour and good entertainment



Cost \$45.00 per head, \$40 for members Bookings are essential and close 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

**DON'T RISK MISSING OUT – BOOK EARLY**

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ member tickets @ \$40 ea \_\_\_\_\_ non member tickets @ \$45 ea

Enclosed is Mail Order/Cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Hunter Valley Scots Club)

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Payment of \_\_\_\_\_ made by bank transfer. Please indicate clearly the details on the transaction.

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*A stamped self-addressed envelope is required for return of tickets.*

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