

# Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc.



# Newsletter

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

I hope life is going reasonably smoothly for you all and you haven't been washed away in this wet weather.

This will probably be a fairly short newsletter as it is primarily a reminder of dates coming up in 2023.

Our next social event is a Soup and Damper event on 7<sup>th</sup> May 12md.

**Soup and Damper** seems to have become a tradition for the Scots Club over the years. I am not sure how it originated (maybe a chat to some of the old timers in the Club would clarify the history) but it seems to have occurred each year for many years. It is a good time to get together with Scots Club friends in a relaxed atmosphere, appreciate warm soups as the weather heads towards the real wintery feel, and enjoy some entertainment.

Come and join us



## 2023 - put these dates in your diary now

### Hunter Valley Scots Club

*Soup & Damper* 7 May 2023

*Caledonian Night* 15 July 2023

*AGM* September 2023

*Christmas Social* December 2023

*Burns Night* 3 February 2024

## **Other local Scottish activities in 2023**

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

29 July 2023 – Central Coast Scots Shin-jig, The Lakeview Room, The Entertainment Grounds, 4 Racecourse Rd, West Gosford.

23 September 2023 - Clans on the Coast will run at Raymond Terrace Lakeside Sports Centre with a Ceilidh that evening at the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club

### **Members - Badges**

Have you a Scots Club member's badge? We endeavour to give all new members a name badge but at times they have been missed. Should we be organising a name badge for you? There are 5 on order at the moment but I would feel sure there might be other people who need a badge. Just let us know.

### **Long Serving Members**

I happened to be reviewing the Member's Register and was amazed to find we have quite a number of current members who were members way back in 1992-93 (the first dates recorded in the Register although the Club commenced in about 1989). For your interest these members are:

Allan Amos, Joan Elliott, Frank & Carol Graham, Gail Johnston, Angus McGregor, William Picken, Grahame Pricter. (do hope I haven't missed someone)

Grahame and Angus still play most significant roles in the Club and the loyalty and previously active roles played by the others has been appreciated over the years.

### **Scottish Country Dance Society**

I noticed some information about an introductory course in Scottish social dancing. The classes were to start 10 March for six weeks at Adamstown Uniting Church Hall. That is a few weeks ago now but if you are interested it could be worth contacting the organisers. I quote " You don't need to be super fit, have previous dance experience, wear special clothes, or have dance partner. You definitely don't have to be Scottish or of Scottish descent. You will get the opportunity to dance to exhilarating Scottish music in groups of six to eight people. The movements create flowing patterns to the music, which are very satisfying and enjoyable to dance to."

Contact via email [adamstownscd@gmail.com](mailto:adamstownscd@gmail.com)

**Note: We still have an urgent need for a Secretary and a Newsletter Editor – offers will be very gratefully received!!**



Saturday 1st April 7pm  
Uniting Church Hall  
178 Glebe Rd Merewether

Kejafi effortlessly blends the old with the new, offering a modern take on traditional Scottish and Australian folk music

