



Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc. Naidheachdan

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Our Caledonia Night Generates Tributes From Scotland!!



What an honour when we hear that the Hunter Valley Scots Club network of social media attracts views and 'friends' from all over the world with our Facebook page generating interest from thousands of prospective members and new supporters.

The opening ceremony of our Caledonia Night on Saturday 7th June was a sight to behold, featuring the amazing Highlander Celtic Rock Band, the award-winning Miners' Pipe Band and the Newcastle Highland Dance Association in an exceptionally well-rehearsed and perfectly coordinated production which was received with huge accolades from the capacity audience.

The collaboration, over the past couple of years, between The Hunter Valley Scots Club, Highlander Celtic Rock Band and The Miners' Pipe Band has raised the bar in appealing to our younger generation with many families becoming embroiled in Scottish culture, Celtic traditions and country dancing.

HVSC look forward to welcoming you to our social nights and main events (see page three for details) so why not renew your membership or join us today and be sure to continue receiving our newsletters and information about all the good times to come!

It's Time to Renew your Membership

Our membership year begins on 1st July and for those who have already renewed or those who have recently joined, welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at some of the events planned for this year and in particular our next major event which is our Burns' Night Celebrations on Saturday 31st January 2026. You will find a membership renewal and/or membership application form on page four. For those renewing we do encourage you to please fill in the information to enable us to keep our records up to date. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Hunter Valley Scots Club Members' Winter Social

Soiree in June



The cold winter weather prompted us to enjoy a lunchtime get together in the warmth of the prestigious Brown Sugar Restaurant at Warners Bay. With a beautiful 90% view of Lake Macquarie and outstanding cuisine, a few members joined us for a couple of hours with good food, friendship and lots of chat!



So why not join us for our July Members Social night on Tuesday 29th at Boolaroo Sports Club from 6pm with a varied menu to suit everyone's taste and budget. Please book in with Linda on 0434 617 842.

The Miners' Pipe Band takes out the Big Prize at Aberdeen

Over the past twelve months the Miners' Pipe Band has experienced an unprecedented increase in membership, both learners and experienced players. Tutoring and integrating new members into the band's performances has been a primary goal and the Aberdeen Highland Games on July 5th presented the perfect opportunity. The performance at Aberdeen was rehearsed for numerous weeks leading up to the event, making it as stress-free as possible, particularly for the new members. The result was



the Miners' Pipe Band again taking out first place in the main event, traditional piping and drumming. This result was particularly rewarding for all members given that well recognized pipe bands from Sydney, including Sydney Thistle Pipe Band, who were also competing in the same event.

During the evening The Miners' Pipe Band also competed in the quintet competition at Aberdeen RSL, in the medley section, and again were very successful taking out second place against a very competent quintet from Moree Caledonian Pipe Band.



The Miners' Pipe Band will be participating in numerous competitive events over the next few months in preparation for the NSW State Championships in November. Congratulations!

**The Committee meets
at Club Macquarie
Argenton at 7pm on
the second Tuesday of
each month**

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Upcoming Events 2025

Tuesday 29th July

HVSC Members' Social Night to be held this month at Boolaroo Sports Club, 31 Eighth St Speers Point. Come along and enjoy the company of a few of our committee and other members for a good meal and a wee chat! Call Linda on 0434 617 842 to book in

Saturday 2nd August

White Heather Scottish Country Dancing at The Ribbonwood Centre 93-109 Princes Hwy Dapto, commencing at 2 pm with afternoon tea. Cost \$20.00. Just a short distance from the train station.

Saturday 23rd August

Saltire Estate Highland Games
113 Wilderness Road, Lovedale. Tickets available online. Come and say "hi" to our HVSC representatives. Look out for the big black gazebo with the thistle on top!!

Tuesday 26th August

HVSC Member Social Night. Venue TBA

Saturday 30th August

Newcastle & Hunter Valley Folk Club presents a traditional Australian Bush Dance with a Celtic flavour at the Community Hall, Anzac Parade, Teralba with live music by Fiddle Tunes (Roz & Shayne) 7.30-10.30pm. Tickets \$20.00 Donation, \$17.00 Concession \$15.00 Members Supper-please bring a plate to share and mug.

Saturday 27th September

The new date for the postponed Bonnie Wingham Highland Fair at Wingham Showground from 9am (See website for info)

Tuesday 30th September

HVSC Member Social Night. Venue TBA

Sunday 12th October

Hunter Valley Scots Club Annual General Meeting at Club Macquarie with afternoon tea from 3pm Meeting commencing at 4pm. Financial members only.

In Remembrance

We were saddened to learn of the passing HVSC long standing member Margaret Dunbar who, along with her late husband Alan, entertained HVSC on so many occasions with their musical talents.

Also recently, Bob Watters at the age of 92. Bob was the grandfather of deputy Drum Major and Tenor Drummer, Michelle Bailey, and father of John Watters who are both members of the Miners' Pipe Band.

And earlier this month, Michael Kenning, the youngest son of one of HVSC's most longstanding members, and past committee member, Margaret Kenning.

Our sincere condolences to the families from the President & Committee of HVSC.





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Membership Application & Renewal

The Secretary: Hunter Valley Scots Club, PO Box 34, Kotara NSW 2289

Email: huntervalleyscots@gmail.com

I, _____ (full name of applicant)

Address _____ D.O.B _____

_____ Post Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Mobile _____

Hereby apply to become a member of the Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc (HVSC). In the event of my admission as a member I agree to be bound by the Constitution and By Laws of the Association.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please note: The following is to be completed only for new members

NB: Information provided on this form will only be used for the Register of Members as required by the Incorporation Act and for mailing HVSC information to members.

I, _____ a member of Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc, nominate the Applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Proposer's Signature _____ Date _____

I, _____ a member of Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc, second the nomination of the Applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Seconder's Signature _____ Date _____

FEES: Annual Membership & Renewals for Adults **\$15.00**: Name Badge (additional) **\$20.00** (opt)

Junior Membership: 5-12 yrs **\$10.00** Family Membership (Two Adults & two Children) **\$ \$40.00**

SUMMARY: Adult Membership (\$15.00) \$.....
Junior Membership (\$20.00) \$.....
Family Membership (\$40.00) \$.....
Badge/s (\$20.00) \$.....
Total \$.....

Direct Deposit:
Hunter Valley Scots Club (ANZ)
BSB 012-571
Acc. No. 2045 68722
ID: Please use your Surname
Be sure to return your completed
form to the above address
Please do not send cash by mail

BADGE NAMES: (Please print clearly)

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