



**CLAN DONNACHAIDH SOCIETY
NEW SOUTH WALES INC.
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July 2022 Newsletter.

Dear fellow clan members,

After a number of years of disruption due to covid, things are starting to return to some sort of normality.

I was able to attend **The Kirkin' o' the Tartan** at Hunter Baillie Presbyterian Church, Annandale as part of Scottish Week. The clans with their banners were well represented as we were piped into and out of the service. The Rev Conrad Nixon preached an inspiring sermon on Christian discipleship and Malcolm Murray, the 14th Earl of Dunmore, led the Kirkin' Prayer. Afterwards, we all enjoyed a hearty morning tea.

After a lapse of 3 years due to covid, the **Aberdeen Highland Games** were held once again at Aberdeen, on July 2. At first, the weather looked somewhat dismal but apart from a couple of showers, the weather held out and even began to warm up. We had a very enjoyable day watching the massed bands and the Scottish strongmen as well as visiting all the stalls. We were presented with a banner in Robertson tartan (second from left) which had been used to decorate the halls where the Hurstville Scottish Association did Scottish dancing.



From the left: Richard Harvey, David Harvey, Ray Robertson, George Robertson-Dryden

We had our AGM at Aberdeen and the following were elected:

President: Ray Robertson.

Vice-President: George Robertson-Dryden.

Secretary/Treasurer/Public Officer: Richard Harvey.

Committee members: Gordon Robertson.

Honorary positions: Clan Chaplain: vacant.

Clan piper: John Coombs.

The AGM voted to thank Gordon for his many years of dedicated service to the clan. Libby Harvey will be designing a welcome kit for new members. Incoming Treasurer Richard updated the AGM on our finances. Our total cash balance is \$3096.90 with a further \$1000 worth of non-current assets.

The massed bands at Aberdeen:



Bonnie Wingham was meant to have taken place on Saturday, June 4 but the ground was so waterlogged that it has been shifted to Saturday, August 27. We are the Clan of Honour this year so it is very important that we have a big turnout. Please put in every effort to be there.

Other events coming up are:

1. Central Coast Scots Ceilidh on July 31 at The Entertainment Grounds, Gosford Racecourse. Go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BVFTZ>
2. Bundanoon Highland Gathering on August 6.
3. Hunter Valley Scots Caledonian Night on August 20. Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/CAATD>
4. Clans on the Coast, Nelson Bay on September 17.

A final word on **Membership**. Now that things are starting to recover, it would be a good time to renew your membership. If you renew now at the existing rates, the AGM voted to extend your membership to December 2023. What a bargain! I am enclosing a renewal form with every newsletter and would encourage you to check whether you need to renew your membership. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either by mobile or email (below).

If you have received this letter by email, would you mind sending me an email confirming that the email address is correct. If you received this letter by post but would be happy to receive it by email, please also let me know.

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