

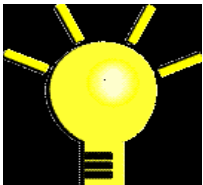
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Have an idea?  
Maybe a new  
event or place to  
go?  
Then please  
Tell us about it .

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*Have a safe and Happy Christmas and a Guid New Year*

LANG MAY YER LUM REEK!



### Why didn't the Scots get a Public Holiday for Christmas until 1958 ?

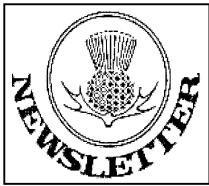
Prior to the Reformation of 1560, Christmas in Scotland, then called Yule , was celebrated in a similar fashion to the rest of Catholic Europe. Calderwood recorded that in 1545, a few months before his murder, Cardinal Beaton had "passed over the Christ-masse dayes with games and feasting".<sup>1</sup> However, the Reformation transformed attitudes to traditional Christian feasting days, including Christmas, and led in practice to the abolition of festival days and other church holidays the Kirk and the state being closely linked in Scotland during the Late Middle Ages and the Early Modern period.

**A 1640 Act of the Parliament of Scotland abolished the "Yule vacation and all observation thereof in time coming".**

Christmas in Scotland was traditionally observed very quietly, because the Church of Scotland – a Presbyterian church – for various reasons never placed much emphasis on the Christmas festival.

Christmas Day only became a public holiday in 1958, and Boxing Day in 1974. The New Year's Eve festivity, Hogmanay, was by far the largest celebration in Scotland. The gift-giving, public holidays and feasting associated with mid-winter were traditionally held between the 11th of December and 6 January. However, since the 1980s, the fading of the Church's influence and the increased influences from the rest of the UK and elsewhere, Christmas and its related festivities are now nearly on a par with Hogmanay and "Ne'erday". The capital city of Edinburgh now has a traditional German Christmas market from late November until Christmas Eve.

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# Calendar of Events 2015

**Please note these dates in your diary now**

**December—Hogmanay... 31st December 2015**  
**The Highlanders & Pumpkin Juice at Salas**  
(see next page for details)

**Burns Night**  
Sat 23 January Club Macquarie 6.30 for 7.00 pm

**The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo,**  
Melbourne, 11-14 February, 2016



*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*

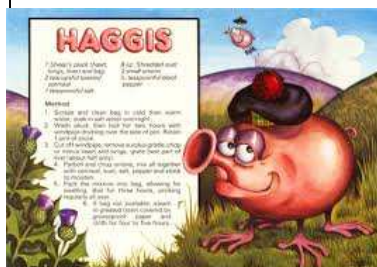
**For information on these and other Scottish events see the HVSC web page and follow the "What's On" link to "Other Scottish Events."**

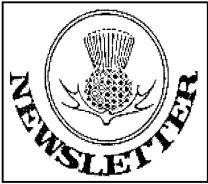
## Burns Night 2016

Looks like its going to be a beauty Chris Duncan and Jennifer are lined up to entertain us as well as the Mineworkers Pipe band . There will be the traditional toasts and speeches and of course it's a night to get up and dance.

Traditional Burns suppers are quiet staid and strict in following the traditions.

We try to blend some of these traditions with good old Scottish fun See the last page for the booking form. Tickets are going quickly last count was 80 gone already. So don't delay





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### OTHER SCOTTISH ACTIVITIES

*If you attend an activity it would be great to have some photos and a brief report to pass on to our members in our newsletter*

Watch out for more dates as the Committee works on new ideas and activities.

Sorry in advance



Christmas Cracker-  
Jokes



What did one highland  
cow say to the other?  
Och, aye the moo!

Did you hear about the  
man who gave up making  
haggis?  
He didn't have the guts  
for it anymore.

### Constitution Review

Your committee is currently looking at reforms to the clubs constitution . The reforms are required to bring our club into alignment with the changes made to the incorporation of Clubs and societies.

It is expected that there will be a draft document available soon which can be released for members comments .after this process completes, there will need to be a vote taken before the document can be registered with the appropriate body.

We have no choice in doing this it is a simple fact that we must comply with the changes.  
If you would like to contribute to the process please contact the committee and I am sure your assistance will be welcomed.



### December Social Evening

**A Hot wet and thundery evening, brought many screams when the thunder hit. Attendance was excellent for the Christmas and last social for the year.**

**We were treated to some beautiful renditions of our favorite carols , poetry and lots of jokes. As usual there was a magnificent supper at the end of the evening .**

**It was great to see friends coming together at this most special time of the year. Thank you to those who organized it and Merry Christmas.**

### HVSC Club Name or Pin badge

**We are trying to find out if there is still anyone out there who doesn't have a Club lapel badge or a club name badge ?  
If you would like a replacement or a new badge please Contact our Vice President Grahame for further details**

### Hogmanay

The club has not organized anything this year but a group of members are attending the Highlander rock show at Sala's in Warners Bay (old Germania club)  
\$79 PP includes dinner and show.

Book at the Venue on 0249546136 Ask to be seated with the HVSC table  
Further details from

**Hunter Valley Scots Club**

*Burns Night*

**Club Macquarie, Argenton**

**Saturday 23rd January 2016 6.30pm for 7.00pm**

**Cost \$40.00 per head. members \$45 for non members Bookings close 8th Jan 2016  
Please book early—limited tickets available**



Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ members tickets \$40 each.....sub to-  
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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ NON members tickets \$45 each.....sub to-  
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**Enclosed is M/Order/Cheque for \_\$\_\_\_\_\_(Payable to Hunter Valley Scots Club)  
and a stamped self addressed envelope for return of tickets.**

**Payment by bank transfer please ring Peter Tranter 02 49 557597 to get your alloca-  
tion number before making payment. This number MUST appear in the transaction ref-  
erence with**

**your initial and surname please.**

**Bsb: 012571, Account Number: 204568722**

**Your Details..**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_**

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**P/Code \_\_\_\_\_**

**Special Diet if required \_\_\_\_\_**

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