

MANAWATU SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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Hi there everyone!

Preparations for the Jenny Mair Highland Square Day are well under way. Save the date – Saturday 9 December - in Palmerston North's beautiful central square. We have 19 Bands registered, along with 4 Juvenile teams which will make for a great day. We will welcome two bands from Australia. One of our judges will be Bruce Hitchings, who grew up in the Manawatu before joining the British Army and rising through the ranks in that institution to positions including that of Piping tutor at Edinburgh Castle.

A hearty thank you to all who have offered to help out on our Jenny Mair Highland Square Day. If you are able to help, please phone Brent [027 289 8711] or come to the Secretary's tent on the Square. For example, we would love some help selling Christmas Hamper raffle tickets to competition spectators during the day.

Square Day this year will be the first time our new tents are used. They have been 'built' locally and it is hoped they will withstand the elements regularly thrown at us at this time of year.

Special thanks to Neil Doherty for his work fundraising and organising this project.

This year we have lost Lyn and Bill Davy. They will long be remembered for their contributions to Manawatu Scottish Society over many years. One example of their support was their home-made shortbread that sustained the workers in the Secretary's tent at Square Day for many years. Their loyal appreciation of things Celtic was always welcomed and our condolences have been extended to their daughter, Fiona.

In the New Year we will introduce a new option of Membership / 'Supportership' as follows:

Members will be invited to contribute \$20.00 per month via automatic payment to the MSS Bank Account No. 03-0726-0026867-00 and become fundraising members.

Contributions will entitle each member to a ticket in a weekly meat raffle drawn at the Celtic Inn on Friday evenings. [This venue and time may appeal to some as a quiet meeting rendezvous with fellow members].

Twelve months of contribution will entitle members to a Christmas Ham at the end of 2018.

Funds raised will be valuable in supporting the earthquake proofing of the Manawatu Scottish Society Hall. This project has moved forward to the point where detailed drawings have been commissioned. As you can imagine, the costs are eye watering! Laurie, Neil and I recently attended a PNCC meeting for CBD building owners, the subject of which was the process required and timelines anticipated for earthquake proofing. We feel confident that we have made very satisfactory progress with our responsibilities to this point. It is thought that we are ahead of many others who attended the meeting. We have been promised more advisory meetings to come – fun times ahead!!!

Meanwhile the Hall enjoys a stable and regular usage. Regulars such as the Pipe Bands, Scottish Country Dancing and the Overtones [choir] are respectful users of the facility, and several other local groups appreciate our asset for particular functions.

We shall hope to see you all at the Jenny Mair Highland Square Day this year. Please accept our best wishes for a memorable festive season and a Happy New Year.

With kind regards

Briar

Coming events for your Calendar!

9 December	Jenny Mair Highland Square Day
27 January	Turakina Highland Games
10 February	Pipes in the Park Waitangi Park Wellington
17 February	Centre Contest Weka Park Raumati Beach
9 & 10 March	National Contest Rotorua



If you have any comments or articles of interest for the Newsletter, contact Briar.

Square Day & Claymore Trust.

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