

Hutt Valley Irish Society Newsletter



August, 2013

Mark Your Diaries
NOW!

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| Wednesday 28 th August 2013 | Irish Gardens on Telly (see below) |
| Friday 31 st August 2013 | Poker Night Fundraiser for 2016 Ireland Tour Group (see below) |
| Saturday 21 st September 2013 | Save the Date "Spring Clean" |
| Saturday 29 th September 2013 | HVIS Potluck |

MESSAGES TO MEMBERS

Congratulations to those who have celebrated during the last wee while. Please make sure you let Ashley Mackenzie-White know of any notes/news for the newsletter. Email: secretary@huttirish.co.nz

SUCCESS FOR MEMBERS AT IRISH DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

Our huge congratulations to Charlotte Wright, Eleisha Foon and Shania Foon on their outstanding success at the recent North American Irish Dancing Championships. Their support for the Hutt Valley Irish Society events are second to none and it is wonderful to see the long hours of practice and fundraising paying off.



NEW COMMITTEE SELECTED

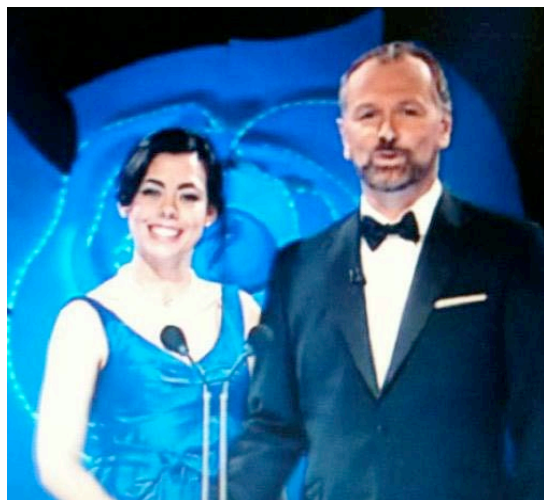
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| President | John O'Toole |
| Vice-President | Brian Gahan |
| Secretary | Ashley Mackenzie-White |
| Treasurer | Shirley Duffy |
| Memberships | Marysia Raffan |
| Bar Manager | Darren McClure |
| Bookings | Lyn O'Toole |
| Maintenance | Bryan Gahan & John O'Toole |
| Health & Safety | Sherie Wright |
| Committee | Ray Janes, Pat Kelly |

APPRECIATION NOTED FOR FORMER PRESIDENT

Shirley Duffy, our outgoing President, was recently acknowledged at the AGM. Her passion, commitment, hard work & support for the HVIS and our families has been uncompromising throughout the years. Her leadership and can do attitude has seen many successes, in particular, the unforgettable HVIS 50th Celebration and the continual success of the NZ & Hutt Valley Rose of Tralee.

NZ ROSE OF TRALEE SHINES ON THE WORLD STAGE

Our 2013 NZ & Christchurch Rose of Tralee, Judeena Carpenter, has just finished her whirlwind 12 day Rose tour. She started her trip to Ireland with a trip to the Annagassan Viking Festival in Louth (as pictured) where her Father comes from. She shone on stage with Daithi where she spoke of the work she is doing in Christchurch on the rebuild, her family and Irish connections and performed a poem on stage by Seamus Heaney (who she met while on tour.) The 2013 Rose of Tralee was won by the Texas Rose, Haley O'Sullivan, a GAA player & school teacher whose family hail from Bere Island. Watch the 2013 Rose of Tralee selection nights (Judeena is on 2nd night) on the rte player for a few more days at: http://www.rte.ie/tv/programmes/rose_of_tralee.html



'CASINO NIGHT'

Texas Hold'em, Saturday 31 August, at the Irish Club, from about 7:30pm. Book a place at a table with Brian Gahan, and pay \$25 each at the door. If you're not sure how to play, don't worry, you'll be guided and 'coached' along the way and supper is provided. (\$25 gives you a stake with which to bet on the cards you're dealt in games of Texas Hold'em.) Last time it was great craic so be sure to get along. Proceeds go to the group of members planning (& saving towards) a trip to Ireland in 2016 to coincide with the centennial celebrations of the Declaration of the Republic.

IRISH GARDENS ON NZ TELLY

Garden Gurus is the only dedicated gardening show on free to air tv in Australia and NZ. Footage that the Gurus shot in Ireland earlier this year at the BLOOM Garden Show in Ireland will go to air over the next week in NZ. The BLOOM Garden Show has a fast growing reputation for being one of the worlds best. So tune in or set record on Face TV New Zealand on Wednesday 28th August at 8.30pm to see a bit of Ireland on our telly.

SUGGESTIONS WANTED!

We are holding a spring clean for the Clubrooms on Saturday 21st September in preparation for a big membership drive the committee is planning. We will of course continue to hold our popular music evenings and pot lucks but we're looking for events to gain more members and provide attractive events for our current members. Please let us know if any ideas of events that you would like to see happening at your club.

CLUB HIRE – TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Don't forget, the HVIS is available to hire. \$100 for non-members and \$80 for members. Arrangements can be made for short/regular events. Contact Lyn O'Toole on 021 052 2239 for bookings & further details.

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