

## Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Sunday 30 August	Pot Luck Dinner
2-4 October	Australasian Games

### GREETING CARDS

It was with considerable sadness that we noted the passing of long-time member Marian Sheppard. Those with long memories will recall Marian's unflinching cheerfulness & quiet dignity.

Congratulations to Charlotte Wright who has been invited to join the cast of "*Lord of the Dance*" for their NZ performances this month. You'll need to be quick to get tickets at <http://premier.ticketek.co.nz>

### ON A MUSICAL NOTE ...

Van's (still) The Man! This time he's duetting on selected tracks from his back catalogue on an album called, prosaically, *Duets: Re-Working the Catalogue*. This is not an opportunistic way of re-cycling old material, but instead is a re-working of some relatively lesser-known gems.

He is joined by a diverse group of performers - PJ Proby (!), his daughter Shona, Clare Teal, Chris Farlowe, and Michael Bubl .

Together, they breathe new life into the songs, producing what one reviewer called a 'joyous' record.

### AUSTRALASIAN GAMES

The Hutt Wellington GAA are staging this year's Australasian Games over the weekend 2-4 October. All games will be played at Te Whiti Park in Lower Hutt, and we have offered our premises for -off-field' events.

Make the most of this chance to see the best of Hurling & Gaelic football in this part of the world.

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Have you paid your subscription this year? They are **PAST DUE!** Make payments by **DIRECT CREDIT** to account number **06-0529-0416815-00** or by sending a cheque PO Box 31-469, Lower Hutt. If you're not sure if you've paid, ask our Membership co-ordinator using [membership@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:membership@huttirish.org.nz) or call Marysia on 04 970 8882.

And don't forget that family memberships include "children under 18 years of age".

### POT LUCK DINNERS

Don't forget that Pot Luck Dinners are always on the last Sunday of the calendar month. So the next one will be at the end of August 2015. Come along, and make yourself at home!

### YOUR LOCAL GAA CLUB

The Wellington & Hutt Valley GAA is a growing and active group drawing members from the whole region. All ability levels welcome, with both social and competitive leagues played. Check them out at [www.wellingtongaa.com](http://www.wellingtongaa.com) or you can find them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/WellingtonGAA](http://www.facebook.com/WellingtonGAA).

### CARDS OR MUSIC NIGHTS


Do you enjoy a game of cards? There's one on at the Club on the first Friday each month. Call **Anne** on **232 9962** to check dates, times, and other arrangements. Or come along on the third Friday of the month for our music session. No arranging needed - just turn up!


### Notices:

If you'd like you Newsletter by email, write to [info@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:info@huttirish.org.nz)

You can find us at:

<http://www.huttirish.org.nz>

 [facebook.com/hutt-valley-irish-society](https://www.facebook.com/hutt-valley-irish-society)

 [twitter.com/huttirish](https://twitter.com/huttirish)

Remember the Hall is available for Hire. All this helps your Club financially, so recommend us to your friends.

Don't forget the Club is open every Friday 5 p.m. to 1 am, and other times by arrangement



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# Hutt Valley Irish Society

*The Irish Press*



Three of our young Orators with their trophies from 2014

## Ni thagann ciall roimh AOIS.

*(Sense does not come before age)*

## FOWLER HOMES EXCELLENCE AWARD

An innovation this year saw the addition of significant Sponsorship from Fowler Homes Ltd in the form of an "Excellence Award". A long-cherished aim of John O'Toole was to institute the recognition of the contribution of specific individuals to the life of the Society, and thereby to the promotion of Irish culture.



So the Inaugural Fowler Homes Excellence Award went to Desiree Mulligan, in recognition of the work she has done with a group of youngsters in the Club over a number of years. She has guided them in developing their public speaking skills and in poetry recitation, and thereby helped develop their self-confidence.

In accepting her Award, Desiree was quick to deflect a large part of the success achieved by the children to their own talents and to their families.

The photo on the front of this Newsletter shows the extent of the success of the children at the 2014 Feis.

## 2015 ROSE OF TRALEE



Once again, the NZ Rose of Tralee was staged and managed by the Hutt Valley Irish Society. And once again the event was an outstanding success.

HVIS is building a solid body of experience in running this event, and the team involved, ably lead by Ashley Mackenzie-White deserves the plaudits they have received.

In case you haven't yet

heard, the 2015 New Zealand Rose is Maggie Fea, a 21-year old student at Otago University. She is off to Tralee later this month, and you can wish her luck by sending her an email at [nzrose@roseoftralee.co.nz](mailto:nzrose@roseoftralee.co.nz).

While our own Rose, Esther Welsh, didn't win the national Title, I can assure you she represented the Hutt Valley with verve & distinction.



## ROSE OF TRALEE SPONSORSHIP

One of the key reasons for the success of this year's Rose of Tralee final was the sponsorship provided by Peter Baker Transport.



The Baker brothers are 'Hutt Valley boys', and Steve, especially, has a long association with the Society.

Their generosity made possible the successful staging of the event this year, and their commitment to ongoing involvement will underwrite it into the future.



They thoroughly enjoyed the Selection ball, and were delighted with the outcome.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE & AGM

Our AGM was held, as usual at the end of June. It saw some changes in membership of the Management Committee & several of the Offices.

The New Committee is:

Patron	Anne O'Carroll
President	Brian Gahan
Vice-President	Lynn O'Toole
Secretary	Ashley Mackenzie-White
Treasurer	Finbarr Murray

Committee: Darren McClure, Deirdre Rynne, Sherie Wright, Marysia Raffan, Dave Rynne, Bryan Mulligan.

Standing down from the Committee were John O'Toole, Shirley Duffy, and Ray Janes. Their contributions over a number of years and a number of roles were noted, and the meeting extended it's warm thanks to them.

Anne O'Carroll was also delighted to nominate Shirley Duffy as our newest Life Member in recognition of her enormous contribution to the Club over many years.

## 2016 TRIP

Our HVIS trippers to Ireland in 2016 have begun their bookings and we'll let you know before they leave how you will be able to follow their exploits & adventures.

## RECENTLY ADDED TO OUR WEBSITE

Added in recent times have been contact details for the new Management Committee, and photos & videos from the HVIS Showcase in Dowse Square from February, photos from St Patrick's Day and the visit by the International Rose, Maria Walsh.

And of course there are photos and video from the 2015 PBT New Zealand Rose of Tralee at [www.roseoftralee.co.nz](http://www.roseoftralee.co.nz).

## FAMILY RESEARCH

We've been contacted by someone doing family research, and you may be able to help them. Veronica O'Grady is tracking down Timothy Brosnan of Knockeenagowan, Co Kerry. According to Veronica, "Appears to have been active in Irish catholic circles in and around Dunedin. Was a subscriber of Green Ray journal. One article published in Oct 1917 described him as an Irish rebel. Tim went on subscribing to this journal while in prison. His arrest warrant described him as a 'Sinn Feiner'."

If you think you might be able to help email her at [vogrady@outlook.com](mailto:vogrady@outlook.com)

## STAY IN TOUCH

And you can find us on Facebook - just search for Hutt Valley Irish Society. Like us and stay in touch!

If you are a Twitter user already, or have been thinking about opening an account, look for @huttirish.

And our videos are on YouTube - look for huttirish.

## REFRESH

We took the opportunity after some recent water damage, to give the Club a thorough 'refresh'. See for yourself at <https://youtu.be/RQm30i25B0A>

## CAN YOU HELP?

Could you volunteer to help with the Australasian Games? See [www.wellingtonaa.com/volunteers.html](http://www.wellingtonaa.com/volunteers.html)