

## Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Friday 23 May	Meet & Greet our Rose
Sunday 25 May	Pot Luck Dinner
Sunday 29 June	AGM & Pot Dinner

### GREETING CARDS

One of our longest-serving, and Life, members, Dick Ives turned 90 recently. An outstanding achievement, and we wish him all the very best for the years ahead.

Our latest dancing sensation has spent the past 4 months travelling the globe and dancing competitively. The highlight has to have been her 15<sup>th</sup> place in the World Championships - making her the highest ranked Kiwi Female dancer since Aislinn Ryan. Well done Charlotte!

Best wishes to Veronica Ryan as she recovers from a fall.

And John O'Toole turned 50 - see <https://flic.kr/p/nhkZLY>

### ON A MUSICAL NOTE ...

If you're interested in trying something new, different, and challenging, see if you can track down a CD called "Record" by Dubliner Dylan Tighe.

An actor, writer and theatre producer, Tighe wrote and recorded these heartfelt and tumultuous songs over a period of four years as a very personal account of his experiences with mental health issues.

Consequently, it isn't the kind of CD to put on in the car. According to reviewer Alan Corr, "At just over half an hour long, *Record* is an uncomfortable and demanding listen. Not so much soul-baring as soul-tearing, it is a deeply personal and deeply moving piece of work."

Have a look at <http://dylantighe.bandcamp.com/>

### 2016 TRIP

Remember that a group of HVIS members are already working on plans for a trip to Ireland in 2016. It will, of course coincide with the centenary of the 1916 Easter Uprising, and we expect there will be lots on in Ireland at that time.

The plan is, loosely, to have a period in Dublin as well as to spend time travelling as a group. Additionally, it is intended that we will have time when each person will be free to make their own arrangements.

Fund-raising and saving is underway already, but if you're interested in either finding out more, or joining the group, please email [trip@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:trip@huttirish.org.nz)

### NATIONAL FINAL OF THE ROSE OF TRALEE

Have you thought about planning a trip to Christchurch yet? Remember that the team in Christchurch are working towards May 31 for the Final. If you are thinking of going south, you should start looking at travel arrangements soon.

### YOUR LOCAL GAA CLUB

The Wellington GAA is a growing and active group drawing members from the whole region. Check them out at [www.wellingtongaa.com](http://www.wellingtongaa.com) or email them at [wellingtongaa@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtongaa@gmail.com) or telephone Daithi on +64211861099 or Kav on +64210658659.

### 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 2329962 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 your Newsletter by email, write to [info@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:info@huttirish.org.nz)

And the Club now has it's own WEB-SITE:  
<http://www.huttirish.org.nz>

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 on Sundays 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.



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# Hutt Valley Irish Society

The Irish Press



Is glás iad na cnoic i  
bhfad ainnm.

(Distant hills look green)

## THE LOCAL ROSE OF TRALEE

This year we were all disappointed that we weren't able to find more contestants keen to have a chance at winning a trip to Ireland and the International Rose Festival.

But, then we discovered what a gem *had* entered!

Those fortunate enough to have already met our new Rose were delighted our judges were able to confirm **LISA BAZALO** as the Hutt Valley Rose of Tralee for 2014.

Her family have been members of the Society for many years, and Lisa was a dancer with the Kildunne school for much of her teenage years.

Lisa is 24 and works as a Lawyer for Buddle Findlay. She went to school at St Marys College in Wellington, and then studied Surveying and Law at Otago University.

Her Irish connections are through Clare (her grandfather) and Galway (her grandmother's family). Her Grandfather Mick Talty was a stalwart of our card school for longer than I care to remember.



*Our 2013 Rose, Elizabeth Whelan and her excited successor, Lisa Bazalo*

As we didn't get a chance to hold a selection evening, we are instead holding a 'meet and greet' session at the Club on Friday 23 May. It's a 'normal' Friday, with a couple of tweaks! The card school will operate, our usual musicians will be noodling about, there'll be a bit of supper, and you'll have a chance to meet and have a chat with Lisa and wish her luck.

And because time is so short, be sure to bring some spare cash along! Representing us in Christchurch doesn't come cheap, what with the need for clothes, et al. So

we'll be looking for everyone to have long arms and short pockets!

## ST PATRICK'S DAY AT HVIS

Once again, HVIS was *THE* place to be on St Patrick's Day. In a week or two I hope to have finished processing some video footage I took during the evening. I'll let you know where you can find them, and then it'll be up to you to spot yourself!

## GAA HURLING IN UPPER HUTT

Wellington/Hutt Valley GAA recently played teams from Christchurch in invitational Camogie and Hurling matches at Awa Kairangi Park in Upper Hutt. I was lucky enough to watch both games, in the company of the very knowledgeable and long-time Club member Tom Ryan. He assured me there was real talent on both sides and some very skilful play. He was very impressed with the standard.

He also shared some very funny stories about games at Melrose Park in the early days. Which was appropriate because, as it transpired, the matches were to celebrate the Centenary of the original Wellington Hurling club!

The results were mixed - the Canterbury women's team managed to just scrape ahead of the HV-Wgtn team, but the men were clear winners.



There are a few photos at <https://flic.kr/s/aHsjY1YVQf>

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

It's that time of year again - the end of March has come and gone, and that means our Membership year has run out.

And THAT means you should have paid your membership subscription. For a ridiculously small price you get to receive these newsletters, a superior Members' Card which proclaims to the world that you belong to the Irish Society, and entry to Society events. What could be better?

Make payments by **DIRECT CREDIT** to account number **06-0529-0416815-00** or by sending a cheque PO Box 31-469, Lower Hutt. NB: If you pay by Direct Credit please make sure you use your family name as the reference (or your phone number if you have to use numbers).

## POT LUCK DINNERS

Next time you're in the Club, please take a moment to put your name on the roster for coordinating the food. We've still got a couple of gaps late in the year.

These popular events rely for their success on the willingness of everyone to help out - oh, and of course to bring along superb food!

## HVIS LIBRARY

The Club has a growing collection of books about Ireland and as members you are welcome to borrow them. Just remember that you may **BORROW** them - they have to be returned! Make a point of checking it out.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the AGM will be held on Sunday 29 June, at the Club.

As is customary (& required) the Agenda will be largely standard -

- Apologies,
- Minutes of the previous AGM,
- Financial Report,
- President's Report,
- Election of Officers, and
- General Business.

Under General Business there is a proposal from the Committee that we have a joint or common membership with Wellington Irish Society.

If any current member wishes to bring any motion before the AGM you need to give written notice of the motion to the Secretary 14 days before the meeting - ie. by 15 June.

Nominations for the Committee need to be received by the Secretary in writing not less than two days prior to the AGM - ie. by Friday 27 June.