



# SCOTTISH VOICE

The newsletter of the **SCOTS OF VICTORIA COORDINATING GROUP**

**THANKS & WELCOME** to the new subscribers to **Scottish Voice** and to those of you who took the time to get back to us with your comments and support. We want to be sure we are providing you with the best possible service, so please feel free to email us at [scotsofvictoria@westnet.com.au](mailto:scotsofvictoria@westnet.com.au)

There is plenty happening over the next couple of months, so check out the calendar of events below. The next AGM for the SVCG has been set for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October and promises to be an eventful day. Check your diaries now, and come along to add your voice to the items up for discussion.

**Scottish Voice** articles this issue include an update of the Victoria Scotland Sister State Agreement, Flying the Saltire, Census Success and Awards news.

**Sister State** while many of us were delighted at the announcement of a formal link between Scotland and Victoria, the news came as a surprise during the commotion of the Commonwealth Games. SVCG have been in touch with the Premiers Department since then to find out more about the agreement and the possibilities that it opens up for the Scottish Community in Victoria. For a copy of the agreement please email [resource\\_centre@scotsofaus.org.au](mailto:resource_centre@scotsofaus.org.au)



**Flying the Flag** Another recent topic at SVCG committee meetings is the option to have the Saltire flying from public buildings on Tartan Day and St Andrews Day. We recommend that you approach your local council. If you are lucky enough to have your own flagpole – get in touch with your local flag maker so you can fly your very own Saltire to highlight Scotland's national pride.

**Census Success** It was pleasing to see that the Scottish community once again featured in the Census. Let's be sure it stays that way.

*Bev Tait, former Secretary of The Scottish Gaelic Society of Victoria seen here receiving an award for "Outstanding Voluntary Services to the Scottish Community". Bev was presented with the award by Premier of Victoria Steve Bracks at a presentation ceremony organised by the Victorian Multicultural Commission in July 2006.*



**CONGRATULATIONS BEV!**

## SCOTTISH VOICE LINKS

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To enquire about membership of SVCG call Lorna Andrikopoulos on 03 9886 4561 AH.

**AGM news** – Your organisation should by now have received all of the details of this years SVCG AGM and seminar. This is the place to come to discuss the issues close to all our hearts. The theme of this year's event is **Raising the Profile of Scots in Victoria**. For enquiries contact Lorna on 03 8802 9399 or via email to [scotsofvictoria@westnet.com.au](mailto:scotsofvictoria@westnet.com.au)

**Where are all the ceilidhs?** If you are having a ceilidh that is open to the general public, check the listings below. If we don't have it listed, please contact us with all your details.

## SCOTTISH EVENTS OCTOBER 2006

<b>27</b>	Robert Burns Club of Melbourne	<b>Hallowe'en Night (Children very welcome)</b> Masonic Hall, 42 Curzon Street, North Melbourne	8pm	<b>Bev Tait</b> 03 9743 5383 dalriada@alphalink.com.au
<b>28</b>	Scotsraig Scot C Dance Group	<b>Hallowe'en Social</b> Uniting Church, Banool Road, Balwyn	8pm	<b>Maureen Shinton</b> 03 9702 4918 tshinton@bigpond.net.au
<b>29</b>	Clan Cameron Australia	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> Herb Society Room, Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre	1pm	<b>Judith Fry</b> 03 9874 4220
	Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> Celtic Club, 316-320 Queen St, Melbourne	10am - 4pm	<b>Lorna Andrikopoulos</b> 03 9886 4561 scotsofvictoria@westnet.com.au
	Vic Scottish Dancing Members Association (Affiliated ABHDI & Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, Edinburgh)	<b>Highland Dancing Competition, Warrnambool Show</b>		<b>Gay Burnett after 7pm</b> 03 9802 2763
<b>31</b>	Brunswick Scottish Society	<b>Committee Meeting</b> Campbell Turnbull Library, Melville Road, Brunswick	8pm	<b>Esther Hurley</b> 03 9306 5247

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<b>4</b>	Vic Scottish Dancing Members Association (Affiliated ABHDI & Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, Edinburgh)	<b>Highland Dancing Competition, Whittlesea Show</b>		<b>Gay Burnett after 7pm</b> 03 9802 2763
<b>10</b>	Prahran & District Scottish Society	<b>Social: St Andrew celebration</b> Toorak UC Hall, 603 Toorak Rd, Toorak	8pm	<b>Glenn Dudley</b> 03 9437 7734
<b>11</b>	East Victorian Highland Dancing Association (Affiliated ABHDI & Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, Edinburgh)	<b>Highland Dancing Competition</b> Dandenong Showgrounds, Noble Park		<b>Chris Rankin</b> 03 9874 1317
<b>12</b>	Vic Scottish Dancing Members Association (Affiliated ABHDI & Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, Edinburgh)	<b>Highland Dancing Competition, Ballarat Show</b>		<b>Gay Burnett after 7pm</b> 03 9802 2763
<b>15</b>	Life Planning Foundation of Australia	<b>Life Activities Clubs Council meeting &amp; AGM</b> 341 Queen Street, Melbourne	10am & 1pm	<b>Doug McLaughlin</b> 03 9758 2594 banddmcl@bigpond.com
<b>19</b>	MacFie Clan Society	<b>MacFie CS annual church service</b> Scots Church, Collins/Russell Sts, Melb	11am	<b>Bernie McPhee</b> 03 9503 9907 berniepmcphree@hotmail.com
	Vic Scottish Dancing Members Association (Affiliated ABHDI & Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, Edinburgh)	<b>Highland Dancing Competition, Lilydale Show</b>		<b>Gay Burnett after 7pm</b> 03 9802 2763
<b>24</b>	Berwick & District Scot C Dance Group	<b>Social</b> Masonic Hall, 106 High St, Berwick	8pm	<b>Diane Morrow</b> 03 5942 8540 delmo@bmail.com.au
	Robert Burns Club of Melbourne	<b>Christmas Night (Free)</b> Masonic Hall, 42 Curzon Street, North Melbourne	8pm	<b>Bev Tait</b> 03 9743 5383 dalriada@alphalink.com.au
<b>25</b>	Warrnambool & District Caledonian Society	<b>St Andrew's Day social</b> Anglican Hall, Koroit Street, Warrnambool	8.30pm	<b>Jean Paton</b> 03 5562 7407 patonjj@hotmail.com
	Scottish Ancestry Group	<b>Scottish family history lecture</b> Level B1, 257 Collins Street, Melbourne	1pm	<b>John Blackwood</b> 03 9822 4152 jx64@bigpond.net.au
<b>26</b>	Clan MacLennan Association	<b>Family Barbecue/Picnic Day</b> Woodlands Park, Essendon	12 Noon	<b>Max McLennan</b> 03 9306 7948 max_mary_mclennan@msn.com.au
<b>28</b>	Scotsraig Scot C Dance Group	<b>Last Tuesday Dancing Class</b> Uniting Ch, Tooronga Rd/Constance St, Hawthorn East	8pm	<b>Maureen Shinton</b> 03 9702 4918 tshinton@bigpond.net.au
<b>30</b>	Royal Caledonian Society	<b>St Andrew's Festival Dinner</b> Ascot House, Ascot Vale		<b>David Thomson</b> 03 9524 6244 davidthomson@caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au