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## Newsletter of the Cornish Association of New South Wales

Please let us know if you think you may be coming asap .. to aid planning of events. Accommodation must be secured ASAP!

<https://www.australiancelticfestival.com>

Visitor Information office:

<http://www.gleninneshighlands.com/>

### ***Kernewek Lowender***

Program information from:

<https://www.kernewek.org>

Accommodation can be had at local hotels, motels, caravan parks, and through real estate agents, plus holiday sites, such as <https://www.countrygetaways.com.au/>

## PROGRAM

 *Zoom Keskrows* - **Seasonal Online ZOOM 'tea & cake' chats & news**

**Autumn & Jubilee – Wed 16 April (evening)**

A chance to mark our day of founding with a toast or two, and a virtual sneak unveiling of our plaque.

**Winter chills - July**

Date/Time and Zoom links will be emailed a week prior.  
[Requests for special days / times welcome]

**Jubilee 2025** - A special edition newsletter is being issued to all. It briefly cover our 50 years through time and memories A special Zoom get together on the actual foundation date - **16th April** - will allow us to mark the date by raising a glass at home and toasting Cornwall and the Association. In May, at Glen Innes during the Australian Celtic Festival, a special 50 Year coloured brass Plaque will be unveiled.

**FESTIVALS 2025** 

### **Australian Celtic Festival**

Glen Innes NSW

***The Year of Brittany, Cornwall & Wales***

**Thursday 1st – Sunday 4th May, 2025**

All Cornish people, by birth or by descent (or with other connection or interest) are invited. Our Cornish input: Opening ceremony on Friday, Street Parade (Saturday), Unveil our Jubilee Plaque (Sat). Cornish Stone Ceremony (Sun). Guests from Cornwall may be joining us, including performers.

If you are going or are interested in going, please contact Joy (so she can keep you up to date on what is on)



Copper Coast  
Cornish Festival

**KERNEWEK  
LOWENDER**

**12th - 18th**

May 2025

SAVE THE DATE

## MEMBERSHIP

Is NOW DUE ( unless you have already paid for 2025/26 or future years in advance). Still \$15 per household. Those receiving your newsletter by post (and IF recorded as DUE) will get a paper form included with this. Those by email, if recorded as DUE, will get a reminder email with a digital form. Instructions are on the forms. Thank You!

## Committee News:

Bank account balance at 10/3/25: \$6,766.71

*"I very much enjoyed getting together with all those members and guests who came to our gathering at West Ryde. Thanks for your faith in making me President, yet again. Thanks to my DPs - Del and Pamela - for your excellent work for the 50<sup>th</sup>."*

*Joy Dunkerley, President.*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Due to my ongoing ill health and medical treatment – and to get AGM / 50<sup>th</sup> happening, and a 50 Year History edition written, printed and out – this edition 414 is slimmed down (rather than cut an edition out entirely). Apologies. *Chris Dunkerley, Editor*

## NEW OFFICERS & COMMITTEE 25/26

### Elected Office Bearers:

President - Joy Dunkerley of Sawtell (0428 617 830) [joy.dunkerley@gmail.com.au](mailto:joy.dunkerley@gmail.com.au)

Secretary - Chris Dunkerley (0409 393 059; Ph 02 6699 2967) Sawtell ;

[kevrenor@ozemail.com.au](mailto:kevrenor@ozemail.com.au)  
(also + Celtic Council)

Treasurer - Joy Dunkerley (+ Celtic Council)

The other Committee members elected:

### General

- David Wilks of Teralba (0432 534 409) [davidnrose@optusnet.com.au](mailto:davidnrose@optusnet.com.au)

- Bruce Champion of Constitution Hill (029636 6880) [virdgeo@icloud.com](mailto:virdgeo@icloud.com)

- Sue Thomas of Barrington (02 6558 4132) (+ Celtic Council rep.)

Council) [thomascornwall@bigpond.com](mailto:thomascornwall@bigpond.com)

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- Cathy Olds of Mereweather (0438 613 373) [cathyolds@hotmail.com](mailto:cathyolds@hotmail.com) \*

\* To be confirmed at first Committee meeting  
Cooption of an absent nominated person – to be considered at first meeting.

Specially appointed from those Committee also elected at the AGM, to a pro-tem role to be ready to assist the President and officers, if and as needed:

*Deputy President* – Del Clinton of Elderslie / Sussex Inlet – (Email: [delclinton@hotmail.com](mailto:delclinton@hotmail.com) Ph: Elderslie: 02 4658 1925)

*Deputy President* – Pamela O'Neill of Glen Innes (0498 859 049) [pamaladh@gmail.com](mailto:pamaladh@gmail.com)

*Deputy President* – Debbie Champion of Constitution Hill (029636 6880) [virdgeo@icloud.com](mailto:virdgeo@icloud.com)

Total: 2 Officers & 10 Committee = 12 max. under Rules.

Other current Ex Officio members:

(Celtic Council reps – CANSW - Chris Dunkerley (Cornish Convenor), Joy Dunkerley, Sue Thomas [Another may be co-opted by Committee] Noel Carthew from CA of SA is also part of the 5.

For appointment at first committee meeting:

Positions of Editor, and Minutes Secretary (both currently Chris Dunkerley) under the Rules; and cooption of any Family History interest contact/s: currently Doreen Davis, email: [doreen.davis11@bigpond.com](mailto:doreen.davis11@bigpond.com)

## PREVIOUS EVENTS

January Zoom – 9 on line and 4 apologies



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

We had 24 members present, and 12 apologies, plus 4 guests, for our AGM on Saturday 8th March at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde. A full Committee was nominated/elected (see this newsletter). Thanks for your continued interest and support.

## St Pirans Recognition & 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Gathering



How wonderful to have so many (28) at our special afternoon, on 8<sup>th</sup> March, at West Ryde. Those unable to come were certainly missed. Star was one of founding members, and past Deputy Pres., Jennifer Meston, whose daughter brought her to share her story with us – which she did very well. Alas our two other founding members, Rose Williscroft and Ted Stark were unable to join us on the day. All three were acknowledged and token gift given to mark the occasion.

Lovely too to have Julie & Martin Starkie direct from Tywardreath, visiting Sydney, and joining us for the day and sharing so much, especially about their experience of St Piran's Day at home (when we also celebrated St Piran). Thanks to Del Clinton for so much work and phone calls for the day, Pamela O'Neill, esp. for the wonderful 50 year cake, John Coombs and Jacqui Belliu for music and song.



Jen Meston cutting the 50<sup>th</sup> Year cake



## **AGM REPORT EXTRACT**

### **CANSW President's Report for 2023/2024**

Thank you for the honour of being your President (my 18<sup>th</sup> year). As we come up to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next month, I note that I am just one of 14<sup>th</sup> Presidents in that time. I pay tribute to all the office bearers, committee, and many hundreds of members that have been part of that journey. An amazing feat for such a small association.

Lovely to have a small group join me at Glen Innes for the Celtic Festival, and so many members gather at Circular Quay in November for lunch.

Some personal highlights have been representing the Association at Glen Innes and the contact with some members by phone, email, zoom, and even face to face. Welcome again to our lovely new members during the year.

Thanks to Del Clinton for organising the lunch, and much of today's arrangements - indeed all her extra efforts. Thanks to my Deputy Presidents, our Secretary and members of the Committee, for their cooperation, support and friendship.

Please volunteer for your Committee or nominate someone. Keep on the lookout for new members – personal contact is the best recruiter.

Thank you. *Joy Dunkerley* 8/3/2025

## **MEMBERS MILESTONES**

**Congratulations** to all those with birthdays or anniversaries during March & April

**Please** let us know of your good news, special events, or of those who are ill.

*Chris Dunkerley* is still continuing Chemo treatment for his Cancer, with positive signs!

## QUOTE

"The Tamar is the traditional frontier of Cornwall .. even today as the CORNWALL - KERNOW signs of the bridge announces, west of the Tamar is another people, another little world " – Donald R. Rawe, A Prospect of Cornwall, 1984.



## CANSW Public & Members Web Pages:

Please take time again to have a look through all the pages on our newly upgraded hosted web site; especially the NSW 'Sites' pages developed by our own (late) Dr John Symonds. Tell your friends! Suggested updates or new content are welcome.

**Web page:** <https://cornishnsw.org>

**'Sites':** <https://cornishnsw.org/nsw/Towns%20A-C/CANSWWelcome.html>

Our web site contains much more than you may be aware of. Here are some of the direct MENU links (click, and dig down):

<https://cornishnsw.org>

The front page contains lots of links

<https://cornishnsw.org/#CO>

<https://cornishnsw.org/#AU>

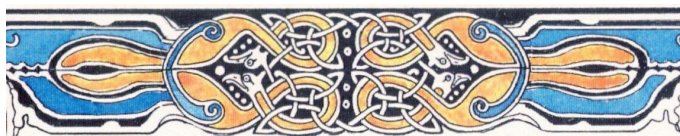
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## Sayings - Wise words on Ageing

"Middle age is when you're sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings, and you hope it isn't for you." - Ogden Nash

**Dates coming up ...** Feast days of St st En-oder 27<sup>th</sup> April, St Teath 1<sup>st</sup> May, Pastow 'Obby Oss – May, Helston Furry 8<sup>th</sup> May.

NOTE: GOVERNOR NO. 4 NEXT NEWSLETTER

## St Piran honoured in Cornwall Perranporth – At The Oratory



This year's St Piran Sovay Berriman, (below) making per presence felt among the flock!



**Editorial note:** Content of this newsletter does not necessarily reflect official views of the CANSW, but rather contributors and sources! If someone is sick let me know (get-well message), or other news please!\nSpecial newsletter – No. 415 is out along with this one - In contains "CANSW - A Taste of our 50 years - Snapshots & Memories"

*The next normal Newsletter: No 416 due for the months of , May / June 2025 - copy deadline 3 May Contributions, which may be held for future use - electronic – emailed - preferred) are welcome!*

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