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NEWSLETTER OF THE DUNEDIN BURNS CLUB
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1. *St Andrews Day celebrations: Kirkin' of the Tartan Service at Knox Church, (Cnr George and Pitt Streets):*

A Kirkin' of the Tartan service will be held at Knox Church at 10 am on Sunday 22 November with the service being led by Margaret Garland

10am Sunday 22nd November,

Bring/ wear your tartan for the Blessing.

Guest Minister: Rev Margaret Garland.

www.knoxchurch.net

All are welcome. Those carrying banners and those accompanying them will gather at the foot of the steps on George Street at 0945

2. *St Andrews Day celebrations in the Octagon, Dunedin.*

Celebrate St Andrew's Day

10am - 2pm Sunday 29th November

Scottish music, dance, food, drink, games.

Come and join the fun.

The programme will involve the usual activities including Clan stalls, strong man heavy stone carrying, haggis ceremony, porridge eating, music including with Mike Moroney and Anna Bowen, games for children, piping, and highland dancing.

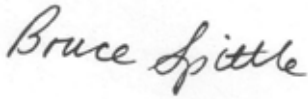
3. *St Andrews Day celebrations: The Taieri Scottish Society St Andrews Day luncheon.* This will be held at the Rope and Twine at 11.30 am on Monday 30 November 2020. Tickets are available from the Scottish Shop. All are welcome.

4. *Burns Supper 25 January 2021:* The theme for the Burns Dinner to be held at Toitu Otago Settlers Museum on 25 January 2021 will be Burns+Ireland. It was planned that Peter Ryan, the Irish ambassador to NZ, will give the toast to the Immortal Memory and Professor Sonja Tiernan,

Co-Director of the Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies, University of Otago, the toast to the lassies. Merv Gilkinson, District Grand Master for the Scottish Constitution of the Masonic Lodge, will address the haggis. He Waka Kotuia, the Kapa Haka group from Kings and Queens High Schools will perform versions of Burns songs in Te Reo. It is hoped that John Newton, 2020 Robert Burns Fellow will attend and hand over the baton to the 2021 Fellow Becky Manawatu, if she is able to attend. Scott Bezett will sing accompanied by Frances Brodie. If available the winners of the UNESCO Dunedin City of Literature Robert Burns Poetry Competition will read their poems. The Dunedin Scottish Fiddle Orchestra will be play at the Dinner and Bernadette Berry will call again at the ceilidh after the meal. It is hoped that there will be two tables for members of the Otago Scottish Heritage Council and the Dunedin Burns Club.

The attendance will be restricted to 150 tickets. Tickets will become available at some stage in the coming weeks.

5. *UNESCO Dunedin City of Literature Robert Burns Poetry Competition*: A function will be held at the Dunedin City Library from 1730–1830 to present the prizes to the winners and for them to read their poems. All welcome. Free admission.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Spittle". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Bruce Spittle
Secretary-Treasurer.