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## What's Happening!



Welcome to this month's edition of the Australian Square Dance Review.

This month we have lots of reports from the Australian Callers' Federation, Round Dance Council, Australian Clogging Association, National Square Dance Society and Solo Dancers.

As Coordinating Editor I receive exchange copies of overseas square dance magazines. I was very interested in some articles in the July edition of American Square Dance magazine which I have taken the opportunity to share with you with permission from the Editor. One of the regular features also featured in this magazine are



cartoons by Corben Geis, an American Square Dance Caller. I hope you enjoy Corben's cartoon in this issue.

Don't forget this is your magazine and we rely on you sending your state editor lots of information so we can share what is happening in square dancing in Australia.  
Till next time.

Rosalind

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## **BEHIND THE MIKE**

Gary Petersen – A.C.F. Public Relations

Hello Everyone, well another National Convention has come and gone and what a great convention it was. On the Friday of a National Convention the ACF hold three meetings. The first is the ACF Board meeting where the board try to finalise any outstanding projects etc. ready for the second meeting which is the National Callers' meeting at which we hear all the yearly reports and elect the Board positions for the year and finish with an informative seminar. The third meeting is the second board meeting where more issues are discussed and other portfolios may be given out to willing members.

The New ACF Board for 2012 / 2013 are;

Chairman:- Steve Turner;

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ACF Board members are expected to be active during their term on the board and the minimum requirement is to attend at least 2 out of 3 board meetings (ie Nationals). It is also incumbent of board members to take part in any discussions throughout the year by way of email to voice their or their state bodies opinion on relevant matters and take part in all Board Discussions. The ACF's highlights from the previous year are the 'Caller Conference' in Hobart and the 'Behind the Mike' session in Hobart. We have a great team again, we welcome Jim and Matthew and the coming year promises to be very productive.

Bye for Now !!!

## Australian Clogging Association Inc. Report

Bringing a smile to the faces of visitors at various venues, including Respite Centres, as they enjoy the performances of Clogging groups and Dance Teams makes the day extra worthwhile, especially when there is voluntary audience participation. Audience response at both Bribie Island and Wynnum-Manly to earlier club performances by the Get Rhythm Dance Team and other entertainers saw another invitation issued to the Team to 'strut their stuff' at both venues.

As with other forms of dancing, cloggers can continue their chosen activity through a network of clubs both in Australia and overseas as they travel here, there and everywhere, enjoying life and keeping active. Our best wishes to you all for a safe and happy journey.

Another form of 'networking' is the way current dancers invite friends and family members to 'Give Clogging a Go.' The level of success speaks for itself.

Additionally, members of the ACA continue to enjoy a vast array of music and information.

Music is the talk of Angels- Clogging just adds to the conversation.

Best Wishes,

Frances

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## Solo Dancers



The 53rd National Convention held in Hobart was good fun, especially on the Monday night when many TV characters (past & present) were evident on the floor, many with look-alikes. The weather was good, well it was much better than what was expected, so no complaints. Many Solo Dancers were wearing the Smiley Badge and enjoying the dancing. A Solo Dancers' Dress-set was arranged. Many thanks go to Daniele and Rhonda for organising the dancers.

A special "thank you" goes to the Solo Dancers for participating. They looked good in their yellow and black outfits.

A highlight for many dancers was the invitation to attend a reception at Government House and to meet the Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency the Honourable Peter Underwood AC and Mrs Underwood.

A Solo "meeting" was held on the Friday afternoon. Thank you to those who attended. The National Square Dance Society of Australia has given all the remaining Smiley badges to the Solo Dancers' Group and advised no more will be made. The Solo Dancers' Group will sell the badges to dancers and more badges will be purchased from the profits. If you would like to purchase a Smiley Badge please phone or text Eileen on 0409457342, or see me at a square dance, as I will be taking them with me wherever I go. Keep the Smile Alive.

I attended the "Behind the Mike" session, which was organised by the Australian Callers Federation. The workshop was fantastic, not just for up and coming callers but also for dancers. I didn't realise how much work is involved with calling. There is the planning and preparation, working out routines, music, sound and microphones (getting the right one to suit the individual's voice). If you ever spot Steve Turner waiting at an airport don't be surprised if he's playing with his "dolls" working out dance routines. Hopefully there will be more of these sessions at National and State Conventions so more dancers can see what goes on "Behind the Mike".

Keep Smiling -  
Eileen Boyd (Tamworth Cloverleaf Dancers)



## **Australian Round Dance Association**

Another National has come and gone and although numbers were down we still had a great time. It is hard not to be taken back by the grandeur of the Hobart Old Town Hall and the grace of the "newer" Hobart City Hall. I don't think there are two venues of this calibre anywhere else in Australia.

Some decisions regarding the National List: No changes will be made this year (apart from the Showcase voting) and the dancers choice nominations will stand on the list for two years before being voted upon.

Changes to the ARDA executive include Sylvia Deakin as Secretary, Chris Heyworth as Minutes Secretary and Warwick Armstrong as the Vice- President. Bev McLachlan remains as ARDA president. Thanks to Carol Simondson as the outgoing Secretary and Barbara Legge as outgoing Vice-President for the work and effort given over the years.

The success though for ARDA was the running of our first formal Education Seminar running for three days leading up to the National. And again numbers were not important. What was important was the fact we have now completed our first proper learning event and have gained much from it. Presented topics included, cuesheet writing, stage presentation, dance rhythm exploration and understanding and music editing techniques amongst others. The practical sessions on the last day were well received and offered tuition open to dancers and teachers alike. A big thank you for those who also attended the ARDA Learn to Foxtrot session in the Old Town Hall.

Keep in mind that ARDA will be hosting a Roundalab MiniLab leading into the National in 2013. This will be a fantastic educational opportunity not to be missed! Roundalab have appointed John and Karen Herr as our presenting clinicians. John & Karen have been Round Dancing since 1985 and 1975 respectively, and have been teaching since 1987. They currently run a year-round set of classes, and four clubs: Phase II-III, Phase II-VI, Phase III-V, and Phase IV-VI. They teach all phase levels with emphasis on body-mechanics, and having fun. They cue at over 10 square dance clubs in the Denver area. They are one of six Certified Clinicians for Roundalab, who teach the 20-hour Mini-Lab curriculum across the world. They also run a 40-hour curriculum travelling Round Dance Leaders College. Together they will share their wealth of experience with our leaders, teachers and dancers next year in Gosford.

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## TUESDAY

HOBART - "Casino City" (Mainstream/Plus fortnightly)  
Caller John Weatherburn (03) 6244 2144

## WEDNESDAY:

KINDRED - "Tassie Twirlers" (Mainstream)  
Caller Graeme Whiteley (03) 6428 3134  
NEWSTEAD "Launceston" (Mainstream) Caller Glenn MacLaren  
Contact: John Cooper Phone 0408139121

## FRIDAY

HOBART "Tassie Hoedawners" (Mainstream)  
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## News from Tasmania

"Tassie Twirlers" Graeme Whiteley

Club celebrated its 45th. Birthday during May. It was a great night with dancers from Hobart & Launceston along with some dancers from the Big Island. Maureen & Arthur were missing, holidaying. The raffle prizes included some interesting items. Graeme & Shirley will be away until September.

"Launceston Square Dance Club" - Glenn MacLaren & Di Ashton

We enjoyed the company of some interstate dancers touring prior to the Convention. Congratulations to all involved in putting together and running the 53rd. Wow!! What a weekend. So many people complaining of sore feet at the end of each session, but they were willing to be there for the start of the next roundup. Our new beginners course started on 13th. didn't arouse much interest. We celebrated our 61st. birthday on 16th. June. A great night with visiting callers joining Glenn, Di & Paul keeping the Club's dancers and the post Convention visitors on their toes. July 'theme' is an 'Op Shop Ball' and in August comes an amateur caller's night. Shirley has her head down hoping to balance the books before the AGM in August.

Shirley.



## Web Coordinator's Report

A big thank you goes to Neville Jarvis for all his help updating the NSW National web pages over the past year. Neville is now relocating to Victoria and has contributed many hours of diligent work to maintain a very high standard of information on the NSW web pages. Robyn & Don Craine have kindly stepped back into this role and I look forward to working again with them along the other state representative assisting me as listed below for each of the states.

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There are still many clubs yet to post nice photos of their caller or banner for inclusion on the National web pages - [www.squaredance.org.au](http://www.squaredance.org.au) Please recheck phone numbers, times and of course email addresses for your state and update your state representative with details as soon as your can.

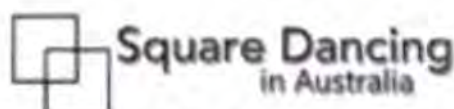
Many thanks to all those who have assisted us in the past to help make our web pages so accurate and full of vital information.

If you have any helpful and relevant web links to add to our list of web pages, please email them to me so I may consider adding them to this list for the benefit of all. [www.squaredance.org.au/Links](http://www.squaredance.org.au/Links)

Best wishes to all.

Steve Longwood

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<b>TUESDAY</b>	BEECROFT	Hillbillies	MS/PLUS	Steve & Vickie Dean Meg	9773 7597
	BEVERLY HILLS	Wandering Stars	MS	David Gibbs	9798 9374
	ENGADINE	Top Cats	MS/LEARNERS	Brett Gill	9528 4693
	GREYSTANES (2nd)	50/50 Dance	MS/ROUNDS	Ashley Shore/Anne Glazier	0409 938 345
	WARRIEWOOD	Newport Ocean Waves	MS/PLUS	CDS	Doug 9402 0842
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	REGENTVILLE (Penrith)	Panther Squares	MS	Maree Huffadine	9610 2523 / 4735 2041
	SANS SOUCI	Red Barons	A1/A2	Barry Wanson	4229 4059
	FRENCHS FOREST	Forest Frolickers	Easy MS	CDS	Helen 9451 8777
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<b>MONDAY</b>	ARMIDALE 9am	Kent House Hoedowners	M/S	(Tapes) Tony	6778 5004
	BATEMANS BAY	Southern Ocean Waves	MS/PLUS/Rounds	(Tapes) Marika/ John	4472 4562/ 44729137
	W'GONG/CANISTON	The Red Barons	MS	Barry Wanson	4229 4059
<b>TUESDAY</b>	COFFS HARBOUR	Square Dancers	MS/PLUS	Lionel Herring	6652 4837/ 6652 6434
	WINGHAM	Wingham SD Club	MS	Tapes	0428 652965
	Daytime- WOONONA B/C	Guys & Dolls	MS	Tedda Brooks	4283 5685
2nd & 4th	BULLI RSL CLUB				
	WANDANDIAN	Sussex/Shoalhaven	PLUS	Jan Johnson	4443 4436
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	ARMIDALE	Amidale Eights	MS	David Williams	6775 1707
	CASINO	Willi Whirlers	MS/PLUS	Wilma Flannery	6662 6647
	CORRIMAL	Guys & Dolls	MS/Plus	Tedda Brooks	4283 5685
		Uniting Church Hall, Cnr	Russell & Underwood Streets		
	GLEN INNES	Glen Squares	MS/Plus	Barry & Val Knight	6732 1735
	MERIMBULA	Sapphire Squares	MS/PLUS	George Pitt	6495 2734

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## N.S.W. President's Report

While you are all reading this, I will be on holidays in Alaska, not a lot of relaxing but I intend to see lots of the countryside and as many BEARS as I can. Will tell you all about it when I return.

The "Meet the Society" dance was well attended by the Northern region dancers, thanks to the Northern NSW Square Dance Society for the organization. Several committee members from Sydney attended and the 'face' of the Society is becoming more well known than previously. I would like to publicly thank them for giving their time to go to Coffs Harbour and meet the dancers from there.

Manning Promenaders are celebrating 25 years of continuous dancing this year and a Certificate of Achievement was presented to Don McElligott at their weekend dance. Congratulations and well done, Don, it takes a lot of commitment and dedication to run a club for so long. We hope you will continue for many more years to come.

The State Convention had its windup meeting at the end of June and a handy profit was made which was donated to the Square Dance Society of NSW Inc.

Next month a contingent of Square Dancers from Australia with the majority from NSW will be going to China and dancing at the Luoyang International Culture Tourism Festival. This should be a really exciting experience and the tour with it sounds great. We also hope to dance at the record club in Beijing and we will take some brochures for the National Convention along there too. Maybe some of them might like to come to Australia and attend our Convention here in the Central Coast of NSW.

Once again the SUPERWORM is bringing in lots of early registrations which enables the committee to start paying for necessities like printing and venue hire etc. The Early Bird price now applies for those who missed out on the SUPERWORM.

Keep smiling and happy dancing.

*Roslyn*



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<b>WEDNESDAY CONT.</b>					
	NEWCASTLE TAMWORTH	Tartan Promenaders Cloverleaf Dancers	MS/PLUS Beg/MS	Keith Howard Neil Bryan	Diane 0405 115163 Lyn 6760 3378 Max 6765 8499
	TAREE TOUKLEY	Manning Promenaders B-Bar-H	MS MS	Don McElligott Brian Hotchkies	6585 5364 4392 0336
<b>THURSDAY</b>	LISMORE TOUKLEY TUGGERAH WANDANDIAN WOY WOY	Northern Waves B-Bar-H Carpenter & Co Sussex/Shoalhaven Pelican Promenaders	Beg/MS A1 Beg/MS MS/PLUS MS	Francis Hickson Brian Hotchkies Gary Carpenter Jan Johnson Lorraine Long	6624 1885 4396 6593/4392 0336 4362 1275/4352 1060 4443 4436 4344 4939
<b>FRIDAY</b>	ARMIDALE ALSTONVILLE BATEMANS BAY  BLAXLAND EAST KIAMA WOOLGOOLGA	Saintly Devil Dancers Summerland Larrikins Southern Ocean Waves Please phone to confirm Mountain Devils Happy Trailers Woopi Twirlers	MS/PLUS MS/Learn PLUS PLUS  MS/PLUS MS/PLUS MS	Margaret Betts Wilma Flannery (Tapes) Marika/ John  David Todd Jan Johnson Wendy Fraser	6775 1118 6662 6647 4472 4562/ 44729137  4753 6382 4443 4436 6649 2544
	Visitors please telephone for dates				
<b>SATURDAY</b>	1st 2nd	GOSFORD GOSFORD	Dinosaur Dancers Tumbi Country	PLUS MS/PLUS	Brian Hotchkies Brian Hotchkies
<b>SUNDAY</b>	2nd & 4th	GULGONG	Gulgong Grand Squares	MS PLUS	Arthur Johnson

## N.S.W. Club News

### HENRY KENDALL SQUARES Wyoming

Caller: Les Heaton

Birthday wishes to Anne Bussey and Janice while she is away gallivanting around. Les and Joyce enjoyed Hobart Convention and catching up with Brett (son) and Sarah. New dancers progressing well and should be ready for the National next year. Thanks again to Lorraine while Les and Joyce were away.

### WILLI - WHIRLERS

Caller: Wilma Flannery

Brian Hotchkies did a marvellous job hosting our 29th Birthday also sharing a call with Roy Stokes. Ex-caller Jack Delaware popped in to say hello. Everyone enjoyed the weekend with at least four squares attempting the progressive squares that Brian had to offer. Many thanks to Wilma and dancers.

### SUMMERLAND LARRIKINS

Caller: Wilma Flannery

The Larrikins have enjoyed a month of travelling to Ballina for the Northern Waves 5th birthday. Casino for the Casino Beef Week demonstration then joined

### SUMMERLAND LARRIKINS Cont.

the street parade. A welcome visit from Rosalie and Eddy from the Adelaide Outlaws. Happy birthday to Karen, Peter, Renee, Alanna, Leila, FayJeanne and Neil.

### CLOVERLEAF DANCERS

Caller: Neil Bryan

All of our dancers have now returned from the Hobart National. They all had a wonderful time. Congratulation Hobart team. Because Eileen has been an extended leave from the group, we decided to give her a welcome home gift - a book of poetry, just released and autographed by the author. Will dance Thursday for one week so we can watch the final origin match.

### PANTHER SQUARES

Caller: Maree Huffadine

Congratulations to Sandra - first time Grandma to Tyler. "Settling in" wishes to Eileen on moving to Springwood after 48 years at Blaxland. Wishing Murray and Ralph speedy recoveries after surgery last

## N.S.W. Club News

### SAPPHIRE SQUARES

Pam & George Pitt

We have had some excellent club nights with most travellers now returned to the nest. Understand the National Convention was very enjoyable. We shall be closed on 8th August as Pam & George will be visiting some of their children and grandchildren in different parts of Victoria. Congratulations Brad on a 'special' birthday this month, and happy birthday Ursula also.

### SOUTHERN OCEAN WAVES Monday

It was lovely to have old members Jeanette & Nick Morton who have moved to Windang, pop in and have a couple of dances with us, as they were back catching up with some old friends. Anita is working hard on the decorations for our birthday dance.

### SOUTHERN OCEAN WAVES Friday

Have had a few plus dancers away with sickness and on holidays, so it was lovely to get back to having a night of plus, thanks to Ivor for the programming. Anita & Calleen are enjoying their new homes, now that all the pointing and unpacking are done.

### SAINTLY DEVIL DANCERS

Caller : Margaret Betts

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at The meet the society dance in Coffs Harbour this month. Bill still has to travel to Sydney for treatment every week. Lynette, Pam & Antoinette enjoyed the National convention in Hobart. Lynette celebrates a milestone birthday this month.

### CARPENTER & CO.

Caller: Gary Carpenter

What a great time in Tassie; Caller's Conference, Dancing, Dress Ups, After Parties (sparklers & fire alarms don't mix), Chandeliers in the Town Hall. And it wasn't all dancing; Bruny Island Cruises, Port Arthur, The Mona Gallery, 40 Spotted Pardalote, Buller's Albatross, Salamanca Markets. The Share House, cooking for 11, was fun and the night time view of Hobart, stunning.

### MOUNTAIN DEVILS

Caller: David Todd

Dancers enjoying a warm air conditioned hall on these cool winter nights. Some of our dancers enjoyed Taree weekend. Others looking further afield to the Beijing Festival.



Gary Mouse straight from the Hobart Convention

## This month's **NSW** Lucky Membership **LUCKY DRAW FOR AUGUST 2012**

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## Hello From The Hunter



Dianne Hocking and Dennis McMillan (pictured) spent a fun evening with their square dancing friends prior to setting off in the Winnebago to tour around Australia. Some very imaginative gifts were given to the couple. Of course you WOULD need a compass when the GPS fails, and you really DO need to light a fire rubbing two sticks together! And the square dance Review is a MUST so as not to miss your favourite past time. From the emails coming through, they are enjoying themselves.

Ron and Maurene Bertram departed for Russia and China for their holiday earlier this month. They have an interesting itinerary. We wish them well.

Bev & Geoff Ranclaud, Diane Beattie, Chris Long and myself went to Hobart to the National. What a talented group of callers. We had some interesting and challenging moves. It was very stimulating - no time for "Senior's" moments. It was also great fun. The weather was fantastic. No parking problems ! No traffic problems !

The view from the top of Mount Wellington was awesome. It was a cloud-free day. Chris was unable to hold the block of ice long enough for me to remove my gloves and my scarf while my frozen fingers fumbled with the camera to capture the moment.

Isn't it wonderful to enjoy a hobby where you can exercise and have so much fun and meet such lovely people!

Violet S Kerswell  
President



## Letter to the Editor

It was the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and Australia was celebrating in the streets of Sydney. In the suburb of Hurstville there were people demonstrating square dancing. They announced a dance at Rockdale Dance Hall.



I went along to the first dance, where the line for beginners was out the front door. The line for experienced dancers was short and, as I had learnt "O'Johnnie" at the celebrations, in part ignorance and part self confidence, I joined the short line. As they say, the rest is history. I met my husband Bob soon after, and dragged him along to one of the dances at Kingsgrove

Catholic Hall, where this photo was taken. We were hooked, and now we have had a wonderful 58 years of dancing, all over Australia.

Bob & Margaret Clarke



### **VALE** **Betty Johnson**

What a great lady Betty J was, a person along with her late husband Norm attending many, many dances, festivals, State and National Conventions. Always willing to lend a hand in every event or club night.

This LADY will be missed by the Square Dance World.

Les and Joyce Heaton  
Henry Kendall Squares

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# QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE SUPERSTATE



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## METROPOLITAN SQUARES

DAY	AREA	CLUB	LEVEL	CALLER	PHONE (07)
MONDAY	Crestmead	Logan City Ctr	Basics	Dougal Findlay	3472 5556, 0423 917230
	Ipswich	Town & Country	Mainstream	Noel McKenzie	3714 9917, 0417 616572
	Deception Bay	Upbeat C.H.A.O.S.	Plus	Gary Petersen	043 240 129
TUESDAY	Caboolture	E.Z. Squares	Mainstream/Learners	Glen Wilson	3261 4177
	Alexandra Hills	Gumdale Grand Sliders	Mainstream/Plus Workshop	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Kallangur	Pine Rivers Senior Cts	Basic/Mainstream	Margaret Baines	3285 2130, 0438 762 573
WEDNESDAY	Alexandra Hills	Gumdale Grand Sliders	DBD Mainstream/Plus	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Oxley	Uniting Squares	MS/Plus (1st, 3rd & 5th)	Kay Walker	3202 8723 3378 0825
	Wavell Heights	Wavell Whirlwinds	MS/Learning Plus	Sid Leighton	3354 1004, 3266 7931
THURSDAY	Bribie Island	Bribie Island Squares	Mainstream/Plus	Brian Horsey	3261 1065
	Geebung	Northside Promenaders	Learning M/S, M/S, Plus	Glen Wilson	3261 4177
	Crestmead	Logan City Ctr	A1	Alan Evans	3800 1270
FRIDAY	Bribie Island	Bribie Island Squares	Mainstream/Plus	Gary Petersen	0403 240 129
	Crestmead	Allan's Allemanders	MS/Plus	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Salisbury	Rambling Eights	Learn MS/MS/Plus	David Pearce	3263 1408
SATURDAY	Wellington Pt	Salad Bowl Squares	MS/Plus	Kay Walker	07 3286 2260 Bev
	Clontarf	Sunshine Square & Rounds	Basic/ M/S Rounds	Lynette Macpherson	3204 2335
	Crestmead	Logan City Ctr	Mainstream/Monthly	Jane Rayner	3299 7717
SUNDAY	Graceville	Kay's Plus	Plus learners/Plus 1st & 3rd	Kay Walker	3202 8723 3378 0825 www.kaysclubs.com

## METROPOLITAN ROUNDS

MONDAY	Jimboomba	Allemander Rounds	Beg 7pm Ph II-IV 8pm	Paula & Warwick Armstrong	5546 3493
TUESDAY	Crestmead	Logan City Centre	Ph I-III	Jane Rayner	3299 7717
WEDNESDAY	Calamvale	Allemanders R/D Club	Ph II-V	Paula & Warwick Armstrong	5546 3493
THURSDAY	Calamvale	Allemanders R/D Club	Beg 7pm Learn Ph III 8pm	Paula & Warwick Armstrong	5546 3493

## METROPOLITAN CLOGGING

MONDAY	Greenslopes	Chug-A-Lug Cloggers	Basic /Advanced (evening)	Frances & Stephen/Shirley	3391 6526, 3398 9658 0437 829522
TUESDAY	Rochdale South	Apple Jack Cloggers	Basic/Intermediate	Sandra Bloomfield	3341 2229
THURSDAY	Lutwyche	Double Jingle Cloggers	Basic/Advanced (morning)	Frances & Dian	3391 6526/3808 7919
SUNDAY	Caboolture	E.Z. Squares	Beg/Inter/Advanced	Stephen Hope	5498 5647



Callers and their Partners at the QCA Gala Dance and Sunshine State Round Up.

## Queensland President's Report

By now all those dancers who attended the 53rd Australian National Square Dance Convention in Hobart would have returned home. Sandra and I thoroughly enjoyed catching up with our square dance friends from around Australia. The Convenors and the Committee created a fantastic atmosphere with a great programme and great facilities. Congratulations to Barry and Kaye Chandler, Convenors, and their Committee for a great Convention.

The seven Rambling Eights dancers who ventured to Hobart for the 53rd National Convention, joined the 500 registered for a great five days of dancing. The weather may have been a bit chilly, but the warmth and friendship that came from the local dancers and friends we hadn't seen since the last convention was good to receive.

For the callers, there was three days of attending seminars and conference sessions to discuss and learn the latest developments, worldwide, in our activity. Jerry Jestin and Nasser Shukayr are Callerlab accredited coaches from America who gave us insights into calling and "Modern Square Dancing" generally. It was great to see several new young callers learning to call. These came from Victoria where some of the established callers are mentoring them.

Callers were encouraged by speakers at the callers' conference to try some different methods of teaching and to use different choreography. We know that they will be inspired to use what they learned to enhance their club nights in the future. The conference leaders gave their impressions of the future of square dancing. Callers discussed where we are heading and what can be done to reverse the pattern of diminishing numbers. The WA callers seem to be onto a good program to introduce new dancers to Square Dancing. They are conducting continuous learning groups for new dancers. These dancers will probably join existing clubs when they are looking for the full mainstream program. Maybe we could use a similar program in Queensland. Callers were encouraged to think "Outside the Box" when it comes to teaching, recruiting new dancers and callers as well as thinking about the type of music we use.

Rambling Eights is busy planning their Biannual BBQ/Meeting, the Christmas in July party, end of the year outing, how we can participate in Queensland. Society events, next year's camp and generally plot a course for 2013.

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# QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE SUPERSTATE

## COUNTRY SQUARES

"Square Your Sets"

DAY	AREA	CLUB	LEVEL	CALLER	PHONE(07)
<b>MONDAY</b>	Buderim/S'shine Cst	Suncoasters	Plus	Nev McLachlan	5445 1238, 0417 729 263
	Caloundra/S'shine Cst	Lighthouse Squares	MS/Lm MS	David Smythe	5492 1254
	Hervey Bay/Central Qld	Hervey Bay S. D. Club	Plus	CD's	4194 6647/41254173
	Maryborough Central Q	Heritage City Hoedowners	Plus/A1 Learners	David Habler	4121 7405
	Rockhampton/Nth Qld	Rocky Twirlers	Rounds/ MS/Plus	Michael & Rachelle Mills	0428761244/0408703910
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Buderim/S'shine Cst	Suncoasters	Basic/Learning MS	Nev McLachlan	5445 1238, 0417 729 263
	Cairns/Nth Qld	Ulysses Squares CD's	Ms/Plus/Ln Basic	Kevin Gregor	4033 6342
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Buderim/S'shine Cst	Suncoasters	Daytime Basic, MS, Plus	Nev McLachlan	5445 1238, 0417 729 263
	Hervey Bay/Fraser Coast	Hervey Bay S.D. Club	Basics/MS	CD's	4194 6647/41254173
	Rockhampton/Qld	Capricorn Waves	Beginners/MS	Bevan Timmarsh	0428 870 338
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Caloundra/S'shine Cst	Lighthouse Squares	A1/A2, Plus	David Smythe	5492 1254
	B'berg Central Qld	Community Squares -	Learners/MS/Plus	Shirley Kelly	41592308
<b>FRIDAY</b>	B'berg/Central Qld	Cane Country	Rnds/MS/Plus	Matthew Mills	4152 5051 4159 2308
	Cairns/Nth Qld	Cairns City Squares	MS/Rnds/ Plus Rec/Tapes	Ron Moon/Bev Spurrer	4045 1737/ 40547534
	Maryborough/Central Q	Heritage City Hoedowners	Mainstream	David Habler	4121 7405
	Rockhampton	Rocky Twirlers	Basics/Mainstream	Michael & Rachelle Mills	0408703910/ 0428761244
	Townsville/Nth Qld	Sun City S & R/D Club	Bas/MS/Plus/Rnds	Kevin Clive/Julie Jensen	4788 7393/4788 8762
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Buderim/S'shine Cst	Suncoasters	MS/Rnds 1st, 3rd, 5th	Daryl Burrows	5445 1238, 0417 729 263
	West Burleigh	Burleigh Squares	MS/Plus	Nev McLachlan	55 233 047/3800 1270
	Hervey Bay/Fraser Coast	Hervey Bay SD Club	Basics/MS	A Evans/A Reid	4194 6647/41254173
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Buderim/S'shine Cst	Suncoasters	A1 & A2	Nev McLachlan	5445 1238, 0417 729 263

## QUEENSLAND COUNTRY ROUNDS AND CLOGGING

### COUNTRY ROUNDS

<b>MONDAY</b>	Buderim/S'shine Cst	Suncoasters Rounds	Lmg II IV	Bev McLachlan	5445 1238/ 0427 135 442
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### COUNTRY CLOGGING

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Buderim/S'shine Cst	Centre Cloggers	Basic/Int	Bev McLachlan	5445 1238/ 0427 135 442
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Bundaberg	Cane Country Cloggers	Basic/Int/Adv	Sonya Holder	4159 2308

## Queensland President's Report Cont.

The Queensland Society is now looking forward to the Society events which will be the Delegates Dance in Cardwell on 11-12 August, the Sunshine State Round Up and Gala Dance to be held in Ipswich on 25 August and the Society Christmas Party to be held in November.

Happy dancing,  
Leighton Bloomfield  
President  
Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.



## **Queensland Publicity Report**

### **Suncoasters, Buderm**

Work is still underway at Suncoasters to get the camping ground and gardens ready for our 3-5 August weekend with guest caller Jerry Jestin. Our billeting system seems to be working fairly well, just the usual hiccups whenever a new system is introduced, but people have been very understanding. Our facebook page is attracting some attention, and this week one of our followers on twitter was a caller from USA, so we're slowly moving ahead.

### **Salad Bowl Squares, Wellington Point**

Following country meets city tradition at our Brisbane Ekka, the theme night for Salad Bowl Squares on Friday, 31st August is "Country-Western", 7:30pm-9:30pm, at the Anglican Parish Hall, 17-19 Station Street, Wellington Point. All welcome. Contact Bev Brandon (07) 3286 2260,

### **Cardwell Delegates Dance**

The Cardwell Delegates Dance will be held on the weekend of 11-12 August 2012 hosted by Cairns City Square Dance Club. Saturday afternoon will be Rounds, Plus and Mainstream, followed by a Society Delegates meeting. Saturday night will be Rounds, Plus and Mainstream. A caller's school will be held on Sunday morning. For further information, please contact Julie Jensen on (07) 4788 8762.

### **Sunshine State Round Up and Gala Dance**

On the afternoon of 25 August 2012, the Queensland Callers Association will host the Gala Dance, featuring the "Amateur Callers Contest". In the evening, Town and Country Square Dance Club will host the Sunshine State Round Up. The venue for these events will be St Joseph's Primary School, 42 Pine Mountain Road, East Ipswich. For further information, please contact Noel and Merle McKenzie on (07) 3714 9917 or 0417 616 572 or by email on-merleandnoel@gmail.com

### **Queensland State Convention**

Remember; September is THE chance to dance any play at Hervey Bay. Starting 27th 2012 – 5 nights, 4 days, Queensland Callers Association State Convention and the local Trails. Come for fun in the sun, and a whale of a time. Info at: [www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au](http://www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au)

## Queensland Club News

### BURLEIGH SQUARE DANCE CLUB – Gold Coast

Caller: Alan Evans

Burleigh Squares celebrated their 24th Birthday during the Month of July. A large contingent of dancers from Gumdale Grandsliders joined us along with several other visiting dancers from the Brisbane region and interstate. Thus making the celebrations even more special. A huge thank you to our newer dancers who assisted with decorations and preparations for a wonderful supper.

### CAIRNS CITY SQUARE DANCE CLUB

August brings us 2 big dance nights. 1. Our own Golden Memories Dance in memory of all those club members who have passed away & who did so much for our club going back 40 years. Their names listed on a board & we bring out the photo album. 2. Townsville and Cairns Clubs meet halfway at the Cardwell Club.

### CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

Caller: Matthew Mills

Each year in May, Cane Country Squares holds a Dance for Heart, where we raise money for Heart Support, Bundaberg. Each member donates a raffle or raffles, and we raffle them till they are all gone. This year we donated \$252.50.

### GUMDALE GRANDSLIDERS

Caller: Alan Evans

Our 25th Anniversary Dance was a roaring success, thanks to everyone who gave their time and efforts to make it so. We welcomed current, former, Life and Honorary members and Past Presidents, as well as visitors and callers from Brisbane, Gold Coast and Ipswich. Thanks also to callers, Kay Walker, Glen Wilson and Noel McKenzie for standing in for Alan during his absence.

### ROCKY TWIRLERS

Caller: Michael Mills

All dance nights are being well attended. We had four dancers attend the National Convention in Hobart. Michael and Rochelle attended a weekend of dancing in Bundaberg.

### SALAD BOWL SQUARES

Caller: Kay Walker

With an abundance of clowns (what's so different to a normal club night), a fortune teller and that mysterious bearded lady who no one recognized, Salad Bowl Squares had a ton of fun at our "Circus" theme night. And thank you to Noel McKenzie who provided some tricky and interesting calling for us while Kay tripped off to the Convention in Tassie.



## Salad Bowl Squares



## Hervey Bay Square Dance Club

From small things big things grow. What must have started with just a vague plan for the National Convention at Hobart, developed into an extremely successful, enjoyable, friendly and memorable weekend dedicated to Square Dancing. To all the organisers and volunteers a HUGE Thank You!

Hervey Bay will do its best in September, may we welcome many of you here!

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## Queensland Publicity Report Cont.

### Cane Country Squares

30 March - 1st April 2013 - Cane Country Squares, Bundaberg, 30th Birthday Celebrations Guest Callers: Mike Davey, Nev & Bev McLachlan, Michael & Matthew Mills. Enquiries: Shirley on 4159 2308 or email: [sskelly10@bigpond.com](mailto:sskelly10@bigpond.com)

Leighton Bloomfield  
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## METROPOLITAN SQUARES & ROUNDS

Day	Area	Club	Level	Caller	Phone (08)
<b>MON</b>	Wembley	Cloverleaf	MS	Andy Colvin	9247 3818
	Como	Kiwilers	Plus	Richard Muir	9474 5485
	Queens Park	Riverside	MS	Trish Holloway	9451 4074
<b>TUES</b>	Hamersley	Greenfinches	MS	Don Gauci	9405 4517
	Como	Kiwilers	Rds, Plus	Richard Muir	9474 5485
	Gosnells	Lips 'N' Downers	MS	Taffy Jones	9414 5115
<b>WED</b>	Joondanna	Dianella Rangers	MS	Jeff Van Sambeek	0407 082 709
	White Gum Valley	Melody	MS & Rds	Bruce Gillett	9418 2882
	Subiaco	Western Squares	MS	Kevin Fitzgerald	ah 9305 4096
<b>THURS</b>	Como	Kiwilers	Ady	Richard Muir	9474 5485
	Joondanna	Boomerangs	Plus	Jeff Van Sambeek	93077728
<b>FRI</b>	Eden Hill	Happy Wanderers	MS	Kevin Kelly	9379 2590
<b>SAT</b>	Como	Kiwilers	MS & Rds	Richard Muir	9474 5485
	Wembley	Northern Stars	MS & Plus	Paul Long/Steve Turner	
				Jim Buckingham	94052078
<b>SUN</b>	White Gum Valley	White Gum Valley	MS Rds	D.Gauci/ T Holloway	9337 5385
	P & R Rourds	Bassendean	Beg/Phlt	Pat Mori	94512993
	Allemander Sqs	Mindarie	MS& Plus	Jim Buckingham	9305 8685

## CLOGGING CLUBS

<b>MON</b>	Morley	Jo-King Cloggers		J. Buswell K.Dawes	93775708
	Morley	Kaye's Cloggers		Kaye Speyer	92954802
	Mandurah	Southern Cross	Beg/Int.	Lorraine Taylor	93984472
	Westminster	West Coast Cloggers		Stephen Baker	93623672
<b>TUES</b>	Morley	Kaye's Cloggers		Kaye Speyer	92954802
	Kenwick	Southern Cross	Easy Int +	Lorraine Taylor	0424338764
	Ardross	West Coast Cloggers		Stephen Baker	93623672
<b>THURS</b>	Ardross	West Coast Cloggers		Stephen Baker	93623672
<b>FRI</b>	Mt Hawthorn	West Coast Cloggers		Stephen Baker	93623672



Square Dance  
Western Australia

*"We do not grow too old to dance. We grow old because we do not dance."  
--Herb Greggerson, Square Dance Caller, 1953*

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## SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

### COUNTRY SQUARES

Day	Area	Club	Level	Caller	Phone (08)
<b>MON</b>	Bunbury	Bunbury Sq Dancers	MS, learning Plus		9795 8557
	Mandurah	Dolphin Dancers	MS	Tony Gray	95353205
<b>THURS</b>	Bunbury	Jay Gees	MS, Plus	Jeff Garbutt	9796 1130
<b>FRI</b>	York	Avon Squares	MS	Brian Sims	9646 1243
	Margaret River	Augusta	MS	Brendan Jordan	9758 0034
	Albany	Swinging Squares	MS	Cherie Grogan	9854 3070
	Geraldton	Friendly Squares	MS	David Gibson	9938 2180
	Wongan Hills	Wongan Hills	MS	Robert Dew	9620 1234
<b>SAT</b>	Gidgegannup	Gidgegannup	MS 2nd,4th wk	Alan Eades	9621 1481

### COUNTRY CLOGGING CLUBS

<b>MON</b>	Esperance Bay		Julie-Anne Clark	0414733775
<b>THURS</b>	Safety Bay	Rockingham Cloggers	Kaye Speyer	92954802

### COUNTRY LINE DANCE CLUBS

<b>TUES</b>	Northam	Country Kicking Lines/Easy/Int	Alan Eades	96211481
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## The Square Dance Dilemma

In the July edition of 'American SquareDance' there were a number of interesting articles concerning possible reasons for the decline in the number of people who square dance. There were two articles in particular that I would like to share with you. (All extracts have the permission of American SquareDance to be reprinted.)

The first article is the Editorial by Bill Boyd. Bill writes, "Callers, we are responsible for this debacle and we can fix the problem. How many more patterns or sequences could we call if we just added left hand figures to the ones we know? How many more routines could we add if we did our same figures from a 1/2 Sashay position? How about four girls or four boys, doing the figure? I know the very first complaint that I will hear is that it takes too much time to do this DBD garbage or APD trash. The real problem is we need to get our dancers dancing. Dancers want to move to the music, laugh and have fun."

"Simple calls can be made more fun for the dancers. The real difficulty lies with the Caller. As Callers we are afraid to step out of our comfort zone and teach what we may not be comfortable calling or even dancing ourselves. The greatest added bonus is, if we complicate square dancing right from the start we are making our activity more enjoyable for our dancers and making life a lot easier if they choose to go to a different dance program. In the 1960 American Squares Caller Instruction book there was a line that (minor variations) read, "Many dancers will choose to go on the higher program of Mainstream, but with the many thousand variations of the basics program it is not necessary." Many callers today have forgotten the complexities of the basics program and encourage our dancers to rush to plus. Let us as callers work on body flow and dancing to and with the music."

The second article is written by Patrick Demerath from the American Callers' Association. He believes "One cause is changes in lifestyles with people being busy including a lack of focus for a long term relationship with square dancing. In 1976 there were approximately 400,000 square dancers. Today the number has shrunk to around 30,000. Other than life style changes the decline in the number of square dancers is due to the existence of approximately 8 segregating programs with too many calls for the dancers to learn and retain. The two results are new dancers leave the activity during or right after square dance lessons. The second result is that "potential" new dancers decline invitations to attend a student open house, or they attend one open house and have a good time, then learn of the requirements and never return.

American Callers' Association believes that that the formal dance programs have



caused square dancing to create splinter groups, which segregate the dancers and shrink the size of dances. This program is not an entry program as there are currently 8 dancing programs. Square dancing does not need one more program to continue to stress and segregate dancers. The ACA Program will unite the vast majority of dancers into dancing together.

The situation today can be summed up in a few interesting words by looking at how square dancing existed 35 years ago: "35 years ago: few calls/lots of dancers; today, 2012: many calls/fewer dancers and many programs/too few dancers in any one program. Today the vast majority of dancers will enjoy the international one-floor program."

So, what do you think? Do you think that our experiences in Australia are similar to those happening in America? Is square dancing becoming too complicated? Send your thoughts to your State Editor....



## **Callerlab-Quality of Square Dancing**

By Jim Mayo

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"The quality of much of Modern Western Square Dancing (MWSD) has deteriorated. We believe that poor timing is a major factor. We know that a very large share of today's callers are unable to provide a smooth, well-timed dance experience. Many, if not most, callers do not know when they give a call, where the dancers will be when they have completed the action. They must wait until the dancers have finished the action before they can know what the next call will be. This assures that the next call will be late and the dancers will stand in place waiting a beat or two between every call or short call sequence.

It is essential that callers know, before they give a call, what the shape of the formation and the distribution of men and women will be in that formation when the action is finished.

CALLERLAB has available on the website a document that can be a huge step toward learning that important calling skill. It is the "Analyzing A Call" sheet. To download the document, go to the following link: [www.callerlab.org/Documents/tabid/737/id/237/Default.aspx](http://www.callerlab.org/Documents/tabid/737/id/237/Default.aspx)." More on this topic next month.

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- 1 When a dancer goes down, a second dancer attends him/her.
- 2 Remaining couples join hands and take a step backward. This will allow the injured person and attendant air and room.
- 3 Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arched circle.
- 4 On seeing this signal, the caller or hall monitor will immediately place an Emergency Call for Medical Aid.

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