

## Hervey Bay Square Dance Club News

Firstly a BIG Thank You to everyone of you who travelled to our plot by the sea and helped to create such a lively and happy atmosphere at the 2012 QCA Convention. We are still wallowing in the afterglow; we don't believe that hall has ever reverberated with so much laughter and dancing the way it did when all of us Square Dancers hit the floorboards.

Now we are looking towards the next string of events; with Christmas nearly upon us there will be plenty to do. We hold a Christmas Dinner Party night on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of December. Starting at 5pm there'll be food, dancing, games, entertainment and more food all mixed to create a fun night.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of Dec. David Pearce will treat us to a PLUS afternoon followed by a Christmas Themed Mainstream night. Everyone is welcome to share either or both these events with us. Our last Club night is Wed. 19<sup>th</sup>.

For 2013 we have Brian Hotchkies on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March for a Pirates and Shipwreck's Night, and again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> for a 50/50 PLUS/MS fun night. We are in the throes of booking our Caller dates for 2013; so far we have Nev on 25<sup>th</sup> May, Gary 13<sup>th</sup> July, Glenn 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. confirmed, and Alan ?? Nov. & with a bit of luck Sid 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please check our website over the next few weeks for confirmation of the ?? dates. Whenever you travel this way, call in and join us, be it a Club session or a Social.

All of us here at Hervey Bay would like to wish everyone a Joyous and Peaceful Christmas, with Warmest Wishes for a Happy New Year. We'll be back dancing as of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2013. Until we meet, stay safe, keep well, happy dancing & happy holidays.

[www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au](http://www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au)

After all the messages and articles this group put into The Bugle I thought they deserved to have their message on the front page. Congratulations on having such a successful week end. NM.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2012**

Our State Convention was held in Hervey Bay from 27 September 2012 to 1 October 2012 which included a "Trail in" and a "Trail out" dance. Sandra and I attended the Saturday night dance session and thoroughly enjoyed it.

On Sunday morning, we attended the Convention meeting and from all reports, the 2012 State Convention was a success. Congratulations to the Hervey Bay Square Dancers for a job well done.

Sandra and I are flying to Japan on 10 October 2012, in the company of about 50 other square dancers to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance of the Tokyo Square Dance Club. We will be returning from our trip on 9 November 2012.

I would like to thank the Committee of the Society and the dancers of Queensland for their support of Square Dancing throughout the year, and I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Leighton Bloomfield**

**President**

**Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.**

## **VALE – CHARLIE BOYD**

The Committee and members of Gumdale Grandsliders Square Dance Club Inc. would like to extend their sympathy to Doris following the recent passing of her husband, Charlie Boyd.

Charlie and Doris joined us in 1998 and immediately became part of the fun and friendship of the Club. At the age of 90, Charlie's determination to continue dancing despite his battle with the gradual onslaught of Dementia earned him the admiration and respect of all those who danced with him.

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## Condolences to Doris Boyd & Family

The past members of **Moreton Bay SDC** wish to express their deep sadness on hearing of the death of **Charlie Boyd**, a beautiful man in a loving partnership with **Doris** for so many years. Always a delight to dance with and share a laugh, Gumdale dancers and many others will miss him.

To Doris and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you in your sorrow.

Mary McCoy, Patsy-May Ponting, Laurine Mawson, Trudy Mueller, Bernie Reissman and all.

### Rambling Eights, Salisbury

Caller: David Pearce

With the warmer weather it seems that many of our members are away travelling. The State Convention was a fantastic long weekend. A huge effort from the host Club produced a friendly, fun atmosphere with a host of great callers. There were plenty of dancing options, shops, dining choices, visitor attractions and even whales to be seen.

Noel McKenzie called while David, Faith and some dancers are away in Japan and other foreign shores and with more away at Armidale Festival. It was back for a Happy Halloween party night on 26<sup>th</sup>, with some devilish tunes and tasty 'treats' for supper.

November will be a busy month with a dinner cruise on the Kookaburra Queen, Amateur Callers, Night, Society Christmas Dance and our open invitation to bring a prospective dancer on 30<sup>th</sup> November for our Friends' Night. Those attending the dinner cruise please check pier and parking arrangements.

Our last dance for the year is our Christmas brea- up party on 7<sup>th</sup> December, and the first dance back is 1<sup>st</sup> February, with our regular club BBQ on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Cheers, Christine

**SALAD BOWL SQUARES**  
Square Dance Club  
Mainstream & Plus



St James Anglican Parish Hall  
17-19 Station Street, Wellington Point

Friday Evenings 7:30pm - 9:30pm

**30 NOVEMBER**

You are cordially invited to our



**CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**



Caller:  
**Kay Walker**



A plate for supper  
would be appreciated

7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2012    **LAST DANCE & A.G.M.**  
8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013    **BE CASUAL & COOL**

Salad Bowl Squares is a Committee run club  
For information contact  
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or Terri Warner 07 3829 2909 - terriw46@hotmail.com

## STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

WOW! What a year for Clogging it has been!

New dancers joining our ranks; another terrific National Convention; demos here, there and everywhere; and the proud declaration of "One Big Family" Australia and New Zealand-wide. Sounds a great activity to be part of- you'd better believe it.

Now that we are into the final weeks of 2012, with holidays looming, Christmas shopping and getting together with family and friends-  
LET'S PARTY!

**Closing dates for 2012 and Start-up dates for 2013 for Clogging Clubs:** **Cane Country Cloggers**, Bundaberg, Close 01/12/2012; Re-open 02/02/2013

**Centre Cloggers**, Buderim, Close 28/11/2012; Re-open 06/02/2013

**Chug-a-Lug Cloggers**, Greenslopes, Close 10/12/2012; Re-open 04/02/2013

**Double Jingle Cloggers**, (a.m.) Lutwyche, Close 13/12/2012; Re-open 07/02/2013

**Double Up Cloggers** (a.m.) Warner, Close 11/12/2012; Re-open 05/02/2013

**E.Z. Cloggers**, Caboolture, Close 09/12/2012; Re-open 03/02/2013

**Fancy Shuffle Cloggers**, Bundaberg, Close 20/11/2012; Re-open 05/02/2013

**Gold Coast Cloggers**, (a.m.) Labrador, Close 30/11/2012; Re-open 08/02/2013

**Hooked On Clogging**, Bribie Island, Close 03/12/2012; Re-open 04/02/2013

**Moonshine Cloggers**, Gympie, Close 27/11/2012; Re-open 01/02/2013

**Sun City Cloggers**, Townsville, close 01/12/2012; Re-open 02/02/2013

**Sun City Cloggers** Christmas Party will be on 08/12/2012

**Sunstate Cloggers**, Runcorn, Close 29/11/2012; Re-open 07/02/2013

**50-Plus Activity Centre**, (a.m.) 157 Ann St., Brisbane City, Close 10/12/2012; Re-open 04/02/2013 in the Brisbane City Hall, Adelaide St. entrance, Brisbane City.

**VISITORS ARE VERY WELCOME** at all Clubs- come along and share in the fun.

As you no doubt noticed in the list above, the **50-Plus Activity Centre** will 'move back home' to our much-loved Brisbane City Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> February next year. We're proud that Clogging will be right in the centre of City life once again, so come along and join in and be part of our first Monday morning's dancing for 2013.

Our thanks to Norma and the Brisbane City Council for their support of Clogging during the restoration and renovation of the City Hall.

**Gympie Clogging Clubs** Moonshine and Rise 'n' Shine combined Bi-Annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday 25/11/2012 from 10.00am-3.00pm. Clogging, Raffles, Games, Trivia and Lucky Door Prizes. Admission \$5.

Location: Mothar Mountain Hall, Hall Road, Mothar Mtn., Gympie. Please bring a plate of food to share. Everyone welcome. Edith 07 5482 2306; Jenny 07 5482 1749.

**Gold Coast Cloggers** invite you all to their Christmas Break-Up Dance on Friday morning 30<sup>th</sup> November at the Scouts Hall in Turpin Road (off Brisbane Road), Labrador. Lunch at Sharks Football Club, Southport. Diana 07 5522 1140.

SINCERE THANKS to my Clogging friends and our supporters for contributing to another great year of dance.

Special thanks to Noel Miller, Editor of the BUGLE for his kind support and interest in our Clogging activities, and my P.A. Don for his continued advice and assistance throughout another busy year.

Bless You All.

Have a Happy Festive-time; enjoy the break; keep in touch.

C U in two-0-one-three.

Love and Best Wishes,  
Frances

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Check us out on FACEBOOK

## **New Square Dancing Classes**

David & Faith Pearce will be starting classes for new dancers in February next year.

The Square Dancing Society of Qld has agreed to sponsor these classes which will be held in the new "Owen" School Hall Golda Ave. Salisbury. This hall is at the rear of the St Pius Hall that Rambling Eights uses for our Friday Club dances.

Our plan is to hold classes on Thursday evenings for ten weeks, progressing dancers gently into the Basic/Mainstream program. At the end of ten weeks the new dancers will be introduced to Clubs who are currently running on the Brisbane southside and who are willing to welcome new dancers.

Experience has indicated that after a few weeks learning to Square Dance they will form friendships with other dancers who will let them know about other Clubs in the area.

The dancers may also decide to come again for another series of ten weeks to repeat the lessons.

Noel McKenzie has indicated that he would be prepared to conduct a second course if the numbers warrant it.

This is a big step forward for us to take and

we will seek support from Rambling Eights dancers and others who want to help build our Square Dancing activity. We will be asking for "Welcomers", "Dancer Angels" and people who can help set up the Hall.

The Square Dance Society in WA have run this type of introduction to Square Dancing with a fair degree of success. All involved in the activity agree that we need to encourage more dancers. We just need to find the best solution of how to do it.

Some of the ways we think we can publicise these classes are by placing fliers on prominent places such as shopping centre community boards, schools, local papers, local newsletters and church bulletins. We also hope to letterbox-drop hundreds of fliers in many areas on Brisbane's southside. Can you help with contacts for any of these?

The Qld. Callers' Association is working with a group of callers on the North side of Brisbane to run a similar programme.

This is an opportunity to promote Square Dancing! Please get behind the programme, encourage your callers, and bring NEW DANCERS into the Fun and Fellowship that is square Dancing. We will have more information in the next Bugle.

## **WAVELL WHIRLAWAYS**

It was with regret that we left Hervey bay. Regret that such a great Convention was now suddenly over. I have not heard of anyone who did not have a good time at this Convention. We had a lot of our dancers travel to Hervey Bay for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Queensland State Convention and everyone has said what a good time they had.

Sunday night was fun for Club members who dressed in costume to help promote the 33<sup>rd</sup> State Convention in Ferny Hills 2013. The theme is "Magical Musicals" so we had represented, Wizard of Oz, Phantom of the Opera, Singing in the Rain, South Pacific, Mary Poppins, Annie, Annie get your Gun, and Sound of Music. Well done to all who took part. Hope everyone liked their little chocolate surprise at the end.

A great big thank you to the Dancers from Hervey Bay for putting together a great Convention, and we hope to see you all next year.

June and Margaret

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Graceville Sea Scouts,  
Simpsons Playground,  
cnr Nadine St. and  
Graceville Ave.

**Graceville**



# KAY WALKER

**MS 11:00-1:00 PLUS 1:30-3:30**

**Sunday 13th January 2013**

# DANCE DAY



Simpsons Playground,  
has BBQ facilities, tables,  
toilets etc. A great place to  
have lunch. Next to the River  
and Oxley Creek.

\$6 per dance or \$10  
for both dances.  
Maximum of two  
entries per family

Tea and coffee  
provided



For more information  
contact Kay 32028723  
Aaron 33780825 or visit  
[www.kaysclubs.com](http://www.kaysclubs.com) for a map

## NEWS FROM EZ SQUARES CABOOLTURE

Where has this year gone? What a busy year it has been for EZ Squares. Only a few more weeks and we will have this year's learners graduating and already looking forward to next year as main-streamers.

Quite a lot of our dancers ventured up to Hervey Bay for the long weekend in Sept/Oct. Wow! what a great time was had by all, catching up with old friends and making new ones. Thank you Hervey Bay for the weekend.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct we had a set including some of our new learners perform at the Elimbah Fun Day Festival. After a very hot day the weather was kind enough to cool down by 4pm for the demonstration. It was a demonstration with a difference as the performance was on a grassy oval so thankfully it didn't rain. .  
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## PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

As the year draws to an end I think we are all starting to count down the last weeks of dancing. We are pleased to say that our numbers during the second half of the year have been on the up, and this has been very gratifying. There are still however two major events in our calendar before we ring in 2013.

First is the Society Christmas Party on 24<sup>th</sup> November and second is our Pre- New Year's Eve Dance on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December.

Margaret has "finally" returned from her holiday in Hervey Bay, was welcomed back by the dancers and ME. Margaret is "Pine Rivers Senior Citizens" and the place is not the same without her.

On behalf of our dancers and Margaret and I, we would like to wish all our fellow dancers a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. Enjoy the time with family and friends, recharge your batteries, and see you on the dance floor in 2013.

Jan Hay

## Rambling Eights – Calendar of Events

November 17<sup>th</sup> – Kookaburra Queen Cruise

November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Amateur Callers Night

November 30<sup>th</sup> – Friends Night, Open Invitation to prospective dancers

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Last Dance for 2012 (Christmas Party)  
In the New Hall behind our regular hall

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We danced four dances which were called by Glenn Wilson & Elaine Davis, then all the dancers and a few more members who came for support went out to the audience and found a new non-dancer partner to try their skills at dancing. We finished up with three sets so hopefully some of these enjoyed it so much they will join us next year as learners.

Our last function for the year will be our Christmas dance in the first week in December. As this will be the last edition for 2012 our club would like to extend our Christmas Wishes to all, and to stay safe and have a Happy New Year

## Our Japanese Square Dance Trip

When our dancing friends Mie and Kei Wado from Brisbane invited dancers to join them on a trip to Japan, they did not anticipate the response they received.

The Tokyo Square Dance Club were celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a "Party". Dancers and callers from around the world were invited.

When Faith and I inquired about going we had little idea what to expect, but we eagerly signed up for a "Party" ticket and a six day tour of southern Japan. Over 1000 dancers registered for the weekend party including more than 50 from Australia.

Five top callers from the U.S. of A. led the calling, while local (Japanese) and Australian callers also shared the microphone from time to time.

Aspects of the Japanese Square Dancing culture blew us away at times. They are so keen to Square-Up that they reform squares automatically and enthusiastically, often after only a few seconds after saying "Thank You".

On the Square Dance scene, the dancing is great, the dancers are fun to be with, plus the activity is growing by 3 ½ % each year.

Much more can be said about their dancing and organization; we think our clubs and societies could benefit from their practices.

In Japan "Courtesy" is not just a part or a partner turn; the whole culture seems to one of "Politeness & Courtesy". The people are very friendly, helpful and generally treat each other with dignity. Young people and school children especially love to practice their "English" on visitors and of course Aussies enjoy communicating with others.

The cities, especially Tokyo, are immaculately clean, the train systems are plentiful and you can set your watch by the arrivals and departures.

To Mie and Kei; "Thank You" for arranging and planning the trip and giving us the opportunity to enjoy a new level of fun and fellowship.

To Japan: we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to your country.

To all Australian Square dancers; try to get to a Japanese Convention or Dance Party some day. You will enjoy the experience.

David & Faith Pearce




**UMDALE GRANDSLIDERS**  
**INVITE ALL DANCERS**

WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
7.30 PM Till Late

COMMUNITY HALL CNR FINUCANE & WINDEMERE RDS  
ALEXANDRA HILLS

TO OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY  
AND LOOK WHO TURNS










COME ALONG AND HELP HIM CELEBRATE

**LOTS OF FUN AND LAUGHTER**

LUCKY DOOR & RAFFLE PRIZES

A SUPPER PLATE WOULD BE APPRECIATED

ADMISSION \$6.00




# *New Year's Eve Dance*

2012 (31<sup>st</sup> December)

*featuring callers*

*Alan Evans & Kay Walker*

*Celebrating their respective 60<sup>th</sup> Birthdays'*

*Proudly hosted by Logan City Square Dancers Inc.*

*Logan City Square Dance Centre  
161A Magnesium Drive, Crestmead*

*Theme; "60's"*

*Square dance attire not essential*

*Commencing 8pm*

***Admission; \$8.00 per person.***

*Come along and join the fun.*

*There'll be a raffle so bring some spare change*

*A food contribution for the supper table would be appreciated, thank you.*

*Enquiries; Jane Rayner (07) 3299 7717; email; [cysquare@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cysquare@optusnet.com.au)*

**LOGAN CITY SQUARE DANCE CENTRE**

**161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead**

**9<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DANCE**

**Proudly hosted by**

**Logan City Square Dancers Inc.**

**FEATURING CALLER**

***BARRY WONSON (NSW)***

**9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**

**Saturday afternoon Plus 2pm - 4.30pm**

**Saturday evening Rounds 7pm - Squares 7.30pm**

**Cost; Afternoon \$8.00 per person. Evening \$10.00 per person or \$16.00 for both sessions. Juniors under (16 yrs) \$6.00 afternoon \$8.00 evening or \$12.00 for both sessions**

***Supper provided***

The hall will remain open between sessions for those wishing to stay on. Showers available.

BYO basket tea or there are several food outlets close by.

Enquiries; Jane Rayner 07 3299 7717 Email; [cysquare@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cysquare@optusnet.com.au)

*Logan City Square Dancers Inc*  
and  
*Alan's Allemanders Square Dance club*

Proudly Present  
a weekend with

**U.S.A. Caller**

# **Bronc Wise**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## **Programme**

Friday 7.30pm Bronc will call for Alan's Allemanders club

Saturday 11am – 1pm A level session 2pm – 4pm Plus  
Sausage sizzle lunch included

Saturday night 7pm Rounds 7.30pm Squares with Bronc

Sunday morning 10am – 12 noon Callers Seminar (lunch included)

Sunday afternoon 1.30 – 4pm Dancing with Bronc (afternoon tea included)

**Venue** Logan City Square Dance Centre,  
161A Magnesium Drive , Crestmead  
for

Friday night, Saturday morning and afternoon, Sunday

***Saturday night*** only

**Nyanda State High School,**

**Fairlie Tce, Salisbury** (UBD map ref 199: M7)

## **Cost per session**

**Daytime \$8.00 per person**

**Friday night & Saturday night \$10.00 per person**

Enquiries phone Jane Rayner (07) 3299 7717 or 0405 316 469

Email [jhrayner53@gmail.com](mailto:jhrayner53@gmail.com)



# Pine Rivers Senior Citizens

## Pre

# New Year's Eve Dance

## Saturday

# 29th December 2012

**KALLANGUR COMMUNITY HALL**

**1480 ANZAC AVE KALLANGUR**

**7.00 PM 'TILL LATE**

**ADULTS \$6.00 STUDENTS \$3.00**

**SUPPER INCLUDED**

**SOFT DRINKS ON SALE**

**FREE TEA & COFFEE ALL EVENING**

**RAFFLES & LUCKY DOOR PRIZES**



**Enquiries**  
**Margaret 3285 2130**  
**(mob. 0438 762 573)**

**Jan 3385 9947**  
**(mob. 0408 734 710)**



**REDLAND BAY SENIOR CITIZENS**

## SQUARE DANCERS

Invite you to join us at our

## Christmas Break-Up Dance



Monday, 26 November 2012

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Community Hall  
Weinam Street, Redland Bay  
(next to Police Station)

Admission:

\$3.00

Caller:

**Gene  
Medford**



Morning tea  
included



BYO everything  
and join us for a  
Picnic-in-the-Park  
afterwards



For information contact  
Colleen & Gene Medford  
3388 6071 or 0439636817



**Alan's Allamander's & Burleigh Squares  
Invite you to a fun weekend  
Featuring "The Mills Brothers"**

**Friday Night**

**2nd November 2012**

**7.00 to 10.00pm Qld Time**

at Logan

161A Magnesium Drive

Crestmead Qld

Black and White Theme  
Friday Only

Supper provided  
A small plate to help with  
supper would be appreciated



**Then on Saturday**

**3rd November 2012**

**At Caningeraba School Hall**

**Whistler Drive**

*Please note times are Qld Time*

**Saturday Afternoon**

2.00 to 4.30pm

Alternating Mainstream and

Plus Workshop's

4.30 to 5.00p.m. Full Plus

**Saturday Night 7.00 to 10.00pm**

Squares

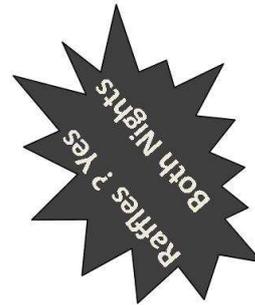
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10.00pm Supper

A small plate to help with supper  
would be appreciated.

**Evening Sessions \$8.00**

**Saturday Afternoon \$6.00**



**Why Not? Bring a basket supper  
to have between sessions, tea and  
coffee available.**

**Food outlets in close proximity to hall.**



Further information  
07 55 233 047 Joy  
(07) 3472 5556 Sue  
[www.isquaredance.net](http://www.isquaredance.net)

**32<sup>nd</sup> QCA Queensland State Square Dance  
Convention – Hervey Bay**

**What a great weekend !!!!!**

It just goes to show what a small group of dedicated people can do.

You don't have to be big, just think that way. From picking up convention packs on Thursday afternoon to the last dance on Sunday night. It was obvious that Coraleen, Glenda, Samantha and their hardworking crew were on the ball.

I really enjoyed not having to drink my coffee from a Styrofoam cup. I was more than happy to wash my cup when finished.

The sound was good all weekend; thanks go to Mathew Mills and the QCA. I don't think I heard anyone say a bad word about the sound all weekend. Believe me, that in itself, is unusual. The opening ceremony was certainly interesting. Rock 'n' Roll, Line dancing and square dancing, all to the same piece of music, called by some pretty famous (recorded) callers. It was interesting to see the look on Nev Mclachlans' face when he realised it was himself calling the opening ceremony and he was watching.

The number of dressed sets and entrants in the banner parade seemed to be up this year, it would be great to see this trend continue.

The callers outdid themselves from Basics through to Advanced. Some very interesting combinations of calls. Thank you to the Round Dance and Clogging cuers. I know many dancers like the variety of dance genres available at our conventions.

I enjoyed catching up with the Jameson family from Victoria. We enjoyed hearing Graham and his daughter Charmaine calling as well as dancing and chatting with his wife Diane.

The stalls out the back seemed to be doing a constant trade.

Registrations for the 33<sup>rd</sup> convention, next year in the Moreton Bay Shire sold well. It is already looking like a success.

I know I was one of them, but I think the dancers enjoyed the vocal and calling talents of "The Hervey Bay beached Boys" in the last bracket of Saturday night. Gary Petersen (Torquay), Michael Mills (Shelley beach), Glenn Wilson (Scar ness) and Mathew Mills (Point Vernon) did a 4 number Beach Boys Tribute. Complete with costumes, but you still have not seen my knees.

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It was also good to see the co-convenors of next years convention, Sid Leighton and Lynn McPherson calling the last bracket to finish the convention on Sunday night.

Though not part of the convention, the pre and post convention dances in the same hall were well attended. They featured Gary Petersen on the Thursday night and me (Glenn Wilson) on the Monday night. As well as many of the callers who were present; unfortunately, too many to name individually.

The "Come & Try" on the Monday Afternoon with Gary Petersen wasn't as successful as hoped, maybe numbers will improve next time???

To finish, I have had a lot of feedback regarding this convention. Most of it was good, but as usual, there were minor hiccups. These were attended to as they occurred, but didn't mar what everyone is saying was the best State Convention they've been to. It's a bit like the Olympics, each next one is the best that there has been.

That's all folks, Glen Wilson.

### **An Invitation:**

#### **Come Cruise, and Beat the Winter Blues**

Barry and I, along with Colleen and Gene Medford and a group of enthusiastic dancers/cruisers from Gumdale Grandsliders Square Dance Club have decided to embark on a week long cruise, leaving Brisbane on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to travel north to the Whitsundays, Cairns, and Port Douglas on the Pacific Dawn.

Costs will vary, depending on your choice of cabin type and its availability, with prices starting around about \$900 per person twin share. There is an onboard credit of \$50 per person at present.

We invite all callers/dancers/non-dancers who are interested in joining us, to contact Bev Dewar of MTA Travel (Mobile Travel Agents) who is our group travel coordinator for full details. Phone Bev on 3207 6768 or 0421 379 228 or email [bdewar@mtatravel.com.au](mailto:bdewar@mtatravel.com.au).

Gene Medford will be our Caller. We await P&O confirmation of venue availability.

No passport required- Photo ID must be presented.

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A non refundable deposit of \$250 per person is required within 3 days of booking, with the balance due in March. Insurance is up to you. We hope you can join us- the more the merrier!!  
Heather Pennington

Hello Dancers,

Maryborough Marshall here. it was great to catch up with a lot of wonderful people I haven't seen for some time. I attended the State Convention at Hervey Bay and stepped in to act as a Marshall for the Saturday night dressed sets parade. I thoroughly enjoyed doing the marshalling, and it was a job which brought me a lot of pleasure, but I'd like to draw everyone's attention to the fact that there are some dancers out there who seem to have an attitude problem. I was berated quite nastily by a couple for failing to see that the Square they were in needed some dancers. By the time I was told the dancing had started and they were forced to sit out one bracket.

As I have marshalled for some events before, I'd like to point out that if there are a large number of Squares on the floor it can be a huge and mammoth task to try and fill all of the Squares up in a quick and timely manner. Many dancers throughout the southeast QLD. area have got to know me as a Marshall and all do their best to assist me. Given that there can be a huge number of dancers on the floor at any given time, it sometimes happens that a Square can be missed, although I always do a quick check while the caller is getting ready.

For those people who have not attended a Convention before, if you need dancers in your square DON'T stand there like stunned mullets and expect the Marshall to help: to signal for the Marshall/s all someone need do is to raise their arms and keep them raised until you are seen by the Marshall/s.

To make things easier on the Marshall/s I've thought of a good way to check that all Squares are filled and ready for dancing, and I'd like to run this idea pass the dancers and callers.

The idea is this:- WHEN A SQUARE IS FILLED AND READY TO DANCE, ALL THE DANCERS SHOULD JOIN HANDS AROUND THE SQUARE IN A CIRCLE LEFT FORMATION AND REMAIN IN THAT FORMATION UNTIL THE MARSHALL/S HAVE COMPLETED ALL SQUARES. AT A SIGNAL FROM THE MARSHALL SUCH AS ""RESUME NORMAL SQUARES"" the Squares can then return to their normal dance position.

The Marshall/s then only have to look for Squares that are not in ring formation and proceed to fill these Squares.; it could save a lot of time for both the dancers and the callers. I'd like to get some feedback on this idea, so please email me at: [barleycorn37@gmail.com](mailto:barleycorn37@gmail.com)

Yours in dancing, THE MARYBOROUGH MARSHALL

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Have you ever seen a more beautiful smiling face on one very happy little bloke? I recently received a number of photos of this little fellow, seeing him in different situations but equipped with “legs” to handle things.

Anything bugging you today? Doesn't seem so bad anymore, does it?



Our primary place in this life is to help others and if you can't help them at least don't hurt them  
Deli Lama

Life is too short to stress yourself with people who do not deserve to be an issue in your life.

Forget what hurt you in the past but never forget what it taught you.

Don't worry about people who judge you without knowing you. Remember dogs bark if they don't know the person.

Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs: the ones who accept for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what.

A drunk was proudly showing off his new apartment to a couple of his friends late one night. When they made it to the bedroom, they saw a big brass gong next to the bed.

"What's a big brass gong doing in your bedroom?" one of the guests asked.

"It's not a gong. It's a talking clock," the drunk replied.

"A talking clock? Seriously?" asked his astonished friend.

"Yup," replied the drunk.

"How's it work?" the friend asked, squinting at it.

"Watch," the drunk replied. He picked up the mallet, gave it an ear-shattering pound, and stepped back.

The three stood looking at one another for a moment. Suddenly, someone on the other side of the wall screamed, "You a##hole, it's three o'clock in the morning

A woman went to the doctors office where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes into the consultation she let out a scream and ran down the passageway. The older doctor stopped her and sat her down in a room and heard her story. The older doctor went marching down to the young doctors office and demanded "What the hells is the matter with you. Mrs. Terry is 71 years old, has four grown up children and seven grandchildren and you told her she was pregnant". The younger doctor looked up from what he was calmly writing and asked "Does she still have the hiccups".

The next couple of pages are a little indulgence on my part.

### **THE BANANA BENDERS BUGLE.**

On a number of occasions I have been thanked for producing the BBB. Really all I did was assemble the information you provided me with. I very rarely wrote an article except to explain some procedural thing.

When all is said and done you, the contributors made the newsletter a success. Thank You.

In 2003 a subcommittee was looking at the various aspects of square dancing in Qld. and one of the suggestions was to start a Queensland newsletter. Most other states had a monthly newsletter/publication but Qld had nothing.

By then I had wondered the internet for information on newsletters.

Europe has a bilingual newsletter, organized by the callers, I think, which goes out by the internet. On a couple of occasions I have asked for and been given permission to publish articles from this publication.

All this looking was interesting but I had no idea of going into the publishing area myself. Then I heard how Merle & Noel Mackenzie had taken a bus load of dancers to New Zealand, had sent two letters to the Review but nothing got into the publication.

I had a yarn with the late David Rodger and Don Look about having a go to assemble a newsletter for Qld and see how it would go sending it out on the internet.

We had a small competition between six of us about a name and Don came up with the name. As a matter of fact Don has been involved with every edition bar one of the newsletter So in January 2005 the first newsletter went out. Since that date 76 newsletters have gone out for square dancing in Qld. This edition is the 77<sup>th</sup>.

A few years back I gave the Bugle to the Qld. Square Dancing Society and it carried on as usual. Now it is time for the next phase of this Qld newsletter. I will retire when this Bugle goes out and I wish my successor an enjoyable time assembling other person's news and thoughts.

Finally I wish to place on record my thanks to Don & Frances Look. Unbiased opinions are hard to come by in this activity. The late David Rodger was an enormous help in the early days of this venture. Last but by no means least my wife Marjie ever there to give an opinion and to correct my atrocious spelling. I am a slightly dyslectic left handed Libra so you can expect some unusual spelling .

There are usually a note or two expressing dancer's enjoyment about reading what is going on in QLD square dancing. The notice of the last BBB from me increased these notes a fair bit. To all those correspondents goes my sincere thanks. It is very rewarding to be appreciated.

Noel Miller.

### **A New Year's Wish for you.**

This came from The 9th. Division Newsletter.

May you get a clean bill of health from your doctor, your dentist, cardiologist, urologist, your proctologist , your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber and the tax man.

May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them. May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes and tell the world about your virtues.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner, may the commercials on the TV not be louder than the program you have been watching, and may the cheque book and your budget balance—and include generous amounts for charity.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child, your parent, your siblings, but not your secretary, your nurse, your masseuse, your hairdresser or your tennis instructor.

And may we live in a world at peace and awareness of God's love in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, every lovers kiss and every wonderful, astonishing beat of your heart.

From a prayer by Rabbi Jacob Pressmen.

**The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything they have.**

A farmer named Angus had a car accident. He was hit by a truck owned by the Eversweet Company.

In court, the Eversweet Company's hot-shot solicitor was questioning Angus.

'Didn't you say to the police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?' asked the solicitor.

Angus responded: 'Well, I'll tell you what happened.

I'd just loaded my fav'rit cow, Bessie, into da... '

'I didn't ask for any details', the solicitor interrupted.

'Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?'

Angus said, 'Well, I'd just got Bessie into da trailer and I was drivin' down da road.... '

The solicitor interrupted again and said, 'Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question. '

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Angus' answer and said to the solicitor: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie'.

Angus thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my fav'rit cow, into de trailer and was drivin' her down de road when this huge Eversweet truck and trailer came tundering tru a stop sign and hit me trailer right in da side. I was trown into one ditch and Bessie was trown into da udder. I was hurt, very bad like, and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moanin' and groanin'. I knew she was in terrible pain just by her groans.

Shortly after da accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moanin' and groanin' too, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

Den da policeman came across de road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feelin'?' 'Now wot da hell would you say?'

My Dad and I were talking the other night about love and marriage.

He told me that he knew as early as their wedding what marriage to my Mom would be like.

It seems the minister asked my Mom, "Do you take this man to be your husband." And she said, "I do."

Then the minister asked my Dad, "Do you take this woman to be your wife." And my Mom said, "He does."

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.'

A man returns home a day early from a business trip. It's after midnight.

While en route home, he asks the cabby if he would be a witness.

The man suspects his wife is having an affair, and he wants to catch her in the act. For £100, the cabby agrees.

Quietly arriving home, the husband and cabby tip toe into the bedroom.

The husband switches on the lights, yanks the blanket back and there is his wife in bed with another man!

The husband puts a gun to the naked man's head. The wife shouts, 'Don't do it! I lied when I told you I inherited money'

HE paid for the Porsche I gave you.

HE paid for our new cabin cruiser.

HE paid for your season Ticket to West Ham .

HE paid for our house in the lake. District

HE paid for your African tour and 4x4.

HE paid for our Golf club membership, and HE even pays the monthly dues!

Shaking his head from side-to-side, the husband lowers the gun.

He looks over at the cabby and says, 'What would you do?'

The cabby replies, 'I'd cover him with that blanket before he catches cold'.

**A Happy and meaningful Christmas to you all.**

Marjie & Noel Miller.