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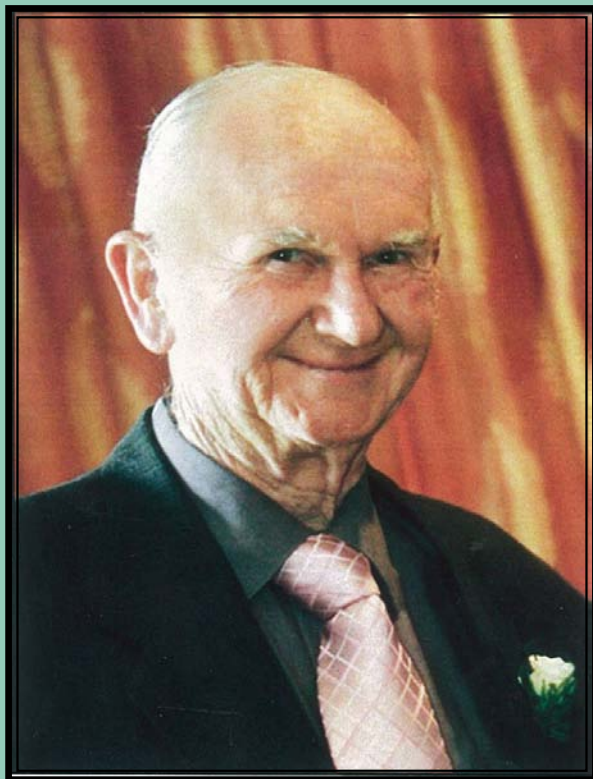
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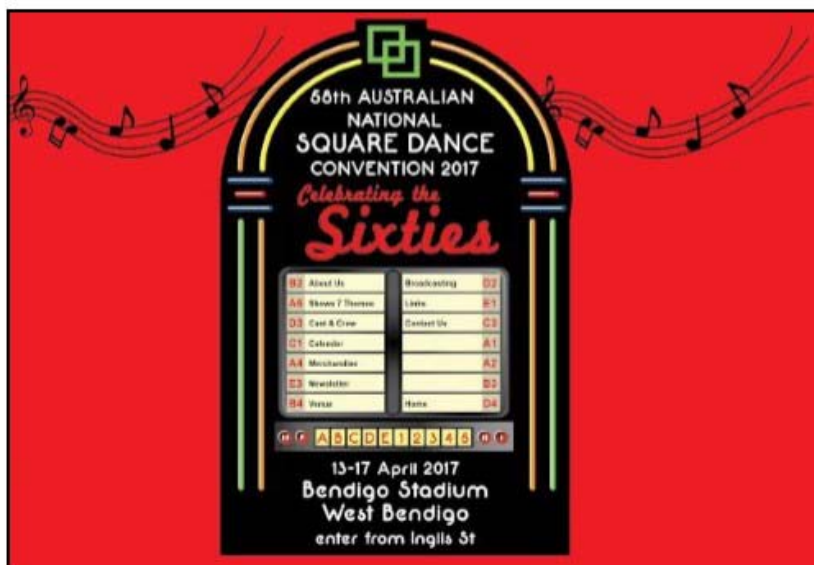
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Jim White

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58th Australian National Square Dance Convention

Bendigo, Victoria
13-17 April, 2017

Welcome back to the '60's, where Elvis was King and The Beatles were offering us 'Tickets to Ride'. Put on your grooviest shoes, your shortest miniskirts and come down to party with the gang in Bendigo. We have a host of fantabulous Callers and Cuers lined up to be sure you have a gas of a time in Bendigo 2017.

For further information see our website:

www.bendigonational2017.asn.au

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What's Happening

Welcome to this month's edition of the Australian Square Dance Review and the beginning of a new era. Some of you may be reading this off your computer while others will be browsing a printed copy.

Many items such as President's Reports and diaries have remained and some of the reports from national organisations which have always been featured are still included. Hopefully as the magazine evolves we will get more articles from the national bodies. This month we feature an article about Jim White who was the first Life Patron. Unfortunately Jim passed away last November. He had not been active in square dancing for a while but I have taken the opportunity to use some of the information he sent to me in 2009.

Let your state editors know the items that interest you or better still submit items that you think dancers, callers or cuers would be interested in. The next magazine will be in May.

Thanks to all those subscribers who provide pictures and articles for your entertainment. Sit back, relax and enjoy reading the February issue of the Australian Square Dance Review, your national magazine.

Till next time
Ros

60th Australian National Square Dance Convention

Following on from being granted the hosting rights by the Australian National Convention Board Inc. Tasmania held a public meeting on Saturday 24th September 2016 following the State Society dance. As a result the following were duly elected

Convenor	Barry Chandler	(5 previous conventions committees)
Secretary	Kaye Chandler	(3 previous conventions committees)
Treasurer	Dietmar Pieper	(1 previous convention committee)
Registrar	Katie Mathews	
Program	Di Ashton	(1 previous convention committee)
Publicity	Marj Tufnell	(1 previous convention committee)
Venue	Nelson Cooper	
Committee	Sue Holme	
	Sandra Hazzlewood	(2 previous conventions committees)

As can be seen we have some new faces and some others with experience. The committee is working hard to ensure this will be another great convention. Further details are available from the Secretary: Kaye Chandler either by post to P O Box 796, LAUNCESTON, 7250 or email tassquare@bigpond.com

NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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Thanks to all the wonderful messages and updates going through our magazine and also on our society Facebook pages. It's so encouraging to hear how much wonderful activity is out there in all the states. Times may be tough for some but we are lucky enough to all be part of one big family and when one needs it there are plenty of hands to help for all those in their time of need. There is so much good happening because we are part of very socially active groups of people all with varying networks. We all can learn off each other and very quickly good ideas get shared through these social networks and we benefit even more people.

Moving on...I can see many great opportunities for all dancers, callers and cuers. Making hay while the sun shines seems like a great philosophy to me as I too am looking down the barrel of a big 0 celebration so I can relate to this!

Thanks again to all the people who assist the National Square Dance Society of Australia spread goodwill and encouragement across Australia. We look forward to seeing as many of you at the coming 58th National Square Dance Convention in Bendigo.

Keep sending all the great stories of success and achievement from around Australia via your state editors so we may share it via the Australian Square Dance Review.

Please also share our resources with others by using the many links on WWW.SQUAREDANCE.ORG.AU and posting events via the Society Facebook web pages and TAWS group were possible.

Steve Longwood
President NSDSA



58th National Square Dance Convention

Dressed Set Numbers

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL Rhythm RR162

Opener: Circle Left, Walk Around Your Corner, See Saw Your Own, Left Allemande, Weave, Swing, Promenade

Middle Break: Sides Face Grand Slide, 4 Ladies Promenade, Swing, Allemande Left, Promenade

Closer: Sides Face Grand Slide, 4 Ladies Promenade, Swing, Allemande Left, Promenade

Figure: (H) Promenade $\frac{1}{2}$, Pass The Ocean, Extend, Swing Thru, Boys Run, Bend The Line, Right & Left Thru, Flutterwheel, Slide Thru, Swing, Promenade

TICKET TO RIDE RR 203

Opener - Middle Break - Closer

Circle Left, The Men Star Right, one time around, Left allemande and you weave, Swing and promenade

Figure: Heads / Sides Square Thru 4 Hands, Touch $\frac{1}{4}$, Scoot Back, Boys Run Right, Right and Left Thru, Dixie Style, Boy Cross Fold, Swing that corner lady, promenade

Tag: Allemande and swing



Travelling Australia With Square Dancers

TAWS welcomes you to a new year of dancing and travelling.

I invite any dancer or club who is promoting a dance function to email the event information to me at jarmangp@gmail.com and I will email it to the 270+ dancers across Australia who are in the TAWS email address book. As well, the details will be added to the TAWS website (www.taws.info) and will be accessible from the TAWS app on your Android phone or tablet.

All I require for you to be a member of TAWS is your email address which will be added to the TAWS email address book. And even better, we only have one short meeting per year which is held at the national convention.

The latest news from TAWS is that a group of members from the NSW mid-north coast will be hosting the 2018 NSW State Square Dance Convention in Tuncurry over the last weekend of July. Watch this space for more information.

Graeme Jarman TAWS National Coordinator



BEHIND THE MIKE

Frank Mathews ACF Public Relations

Happy New Year!

I hope the start of 2017 has been a great one for you and your families. By the time you read this many of you will have started back at your club again, catching up with friends and dancing with renewed gusto and passion.

When I first started writing this column it was just after the convention last year and now in a few short months Bendigo will be holding this year's convention. My how time flies by.

I was just having a look at the website for the 2017 Bendigo convention and reading the biography's of the callers and cuers. What a great idea to have these online for people to read through. It's quite amazing to read how long some of our callers/cuers have been at their craft and how some started calling. Kevin Kelly lost a bet to a mate, Howard Cockburn at the insistence of his wife, Graham Elliot because of neighbourhood friends and so many more great stories. How would things be for Australian square dancing if things had gone differently?

There are many other things on the website to look at as well. These include an 'About Bendigo' section, where to stay, programme, committee and many more. Well worth a look if you are attending this year. Great site guys!! Hope to see you all there at Easter time.

As I mentioned before in a previous issue, if you have any things that you would like to see in this column or know of anyone that you feel should have our attention drawn to please let me know at frankmathews@outlook.com.au That's it for this issue guys, have fun on the dance floor and see you soon.

Frank Mathews.





Australian Round Dance Association



ARDA Education Officers,
Paula & Warwick Armstrong
Keeping the FOCUS on YOU and
ALL Round Dancers

2017 ARDA Seminar

To be held in BENDIGO prior to the 58th ANSDC
MONDAY 10 April - all day
TUESDAY 11 April - all day
WEDNESDAY 12 April am + Mystery activity

These ARDA Seminars have been set in place to assist the
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Cuer Or would be Cuer
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ARDA Secretary - Carol
arda.secretary@gmail.com

ARDA members receive a discounted price to attend the Seminar

Monday evening - 10 April and Tuesday evening - April 11
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For ALL DANCERS

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'ARDA stands committed to the ongoing education and support to its members, all round dancers and the future of round dancing.'

Tasmania President's Report

Happy New Year from Tasmania.

2016 was a big year for Launceston club celebrating sixty five years in various halls with various callers until Glenn MacLaren learned to call. He has now been the club caller for many years.



In 2017 we have Tassie Twirlers celebrating fifty years square dancing in the same hall at Kindred to the same caller Graeme Whiteley. Congratulations Graeme & Shirley, that is quite an achievement. We are invited to celebrate with them on Saturday 20th May.

With dates still to be confirmed, tentative dates have been set for Society dances for this year –

18th March in Hobart. Dancing will start at 4 pm, with the A.G.M at approx. 5.30 while we enjoy a light tea, followed by more dancing, until about 9 pm. We will still be on Eastern Australian Daylight Saving time so those travelling should still be in daylight for part of their journey home.

23rd September at Kindred.

2nd December, Christmas Dance, Launceston, Heather Hall, Newstead 7pm – 10pm.

We remember fondly Jeanie Beames who passed away in November. Vale Jeanie.

Heather McLaughlin
President

TASMANIAN SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY INC.

CLUBS & CONTACTS

Please contact before attending as Hobart & Kindred can vary:

MONDAY

HOBART – Bellerive – 7 Balamara St (John Weatherburn)

Contact Barry Chandler (03 6272 4898)

WEDNESDAY

LAUNCESTON – Newstead – Cnr. Penquite Rd & Robin St.

(Glenn MacLaren & Di Ashton) Contact Glenn MacLaren (03 6326 1775)

KINDRED – (Graeme Whiteley)

Contact Maureen & Arthur Gardiner (03 6424 1126)

Email: squaretas@bigpond.com.au



James Ernest White

Jim passed away peacefully at home on the 11th November 2016. He was instrumental in many facets of square dancing that we take for granted today. Jim will be remembered for his work in New South Wales, the organisation of National Conventions and the Australian Square Dance Review.

Jim started square dancing in 1946-7 with Percy Jupp who introduced square dancing to his ballroom studio. A group of dancers enjoyed square dancing so much they bought some records and danced at a private home in Neutral Bay. Once the square dancing craze hit Australia and dances were being held in halls. The group danced with Gary Cohen at Balgowlah. Soon after Jim started studying architecture and this restricted his involvement in square dancing for a short time. Leonard Hurst was another American caller who came out to Sydney. Jim became quite friendly with Leonard and visited him whenever he was in Denver.

During the late 50's Jim danced with the Paradance Ballroom group at North Sydney but they had strict admission rules and you had to know how to dance. During this time dancers danced to live bands usually consisting of three players, a fiddle, banjo and concertina. Allan Blackwell was one of the callers who called for this group. Allan branched out on his own and started the Docey Doe club at Cammeray. He operated two nights a week and later started a Saturday night dance at Belmore. Allan was also training callers on the weekend. Jim followed Allan and became involved in the committee that ran the Docey Doe club.

In February 1956 Jim and his friend Harry Jackson discussed setting up an organisation to promote and organise square dancing in NSW. Jim became the first president of the NSW Society but resigned to go overseas in late 1957. The society organised square dance balls at major locations and ran demonstrations at the Waratah Festival. Jim wrote the first square dance magazine in NSW "Let's Go Square Dancing", the forerunner to the Australian Square Dance Review. Its purpose was to publicise dances and let dancers know what was going on. He ceased being the editor in 1958.

The first National Square Dance Convention was held in Canberra in 1959/60 and was as a result of a Sydney dancer who had moved to Canberra, Frank Gilfelt, discussed with the National Eistedfod Committee the possibility of including a Square Dance segment in their yearly competitions. Upon their agreement he sent a letter to the Square Dance Society of NSW asking if they could supply teams. Jim White was given the task of replying. Four callers agreed to have their demonstration teams participate. Graham Rigby in Brisbane was also contacted and agreed to participate. Continued page 9



A.C.T. Delegate's Report

The A.C.T. Square Dance Society wishes you all a happy New Year and hope that dancers were able to relax and catch up with family and friends over the Christmas and the New Year period.

2016 did not end well with Allen Kerr having an unfortunate accident on his mountain bike where he sustained major fractures to his neck. We were all so relieved that it wasn't worse, but it has set Allen back as he has to wear a neck brace for quite a few months. Our prayers go out to him that he will not have it on for too much longer and that he will be able to resume a normal life. I must say that Allen is truly dedicated to his calling, as he started to try and call again only a month after having the brace on. That shows true blue dedication and we thank him for it.

Our year in the ACT ended with two great Christmas dances that were put on by the Society and Kerr-Ly-Qs. Square dancing will resume for 2017 on the 1st February and we are hoping that we will be able to increase the number of dancers. The society's AGM will be held on the 18th March. The society will be doing a demonstration on the 25th March at an event called "Connect & Participate" which highlights community groups in the ACT.

For all dancers going to Bendigo for the National in April, we wish you all a safe and fun time.
Raymond Bates.

A.C.T. SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY INC.

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MONDAY

Daylight Diamonds fortnightly 1-3pm, Plus Level to tapes at Grant Cameron Centre, Mulley St. Holder ACT
Enquiries Terry Polleycutt (02) 6288 2453

Kerr-Ly -Q' A Level fortnightly 2.30 - 4.30pm Yarralumla Uniting Church Hall Denman Street, Yarralumla
Caller Allen Kerr 0459 250 143

TUESDAY

ACT "A team" Fortnightly 8pm A2 level to tapes Terry Polleycutt (02) 6288 2453

WEDNESDAY

Kerr-Ly-Q's Weekly 7-10pm Beginners, MS/Plus. St James Church Halls, Cnr. Carruthers & Allan Sts. Curtin.
Callers Allen Kerr (02) 6254 7038 Alannah Smith & Henk Ten Brummelaar (02) 6258 9332

FRIDAY

Moonspinners Round Dance Club 6pm Fridays, Woden Seniors Centre, 12 Corinna St. Woden ACT
Ph IV & Ph V, 8.00 Ph III & Ph IV + Teacher: Tony McDonald 0411 485 871

SUNDAY

Moonspinners Round Dance Club 1pm most Sundays. As above. Teacher : Tony McDonald 0411 485 871

James Ernest White

By 1980 it became apparent that the sums of money the Convention was handling was in the thousands and growing each year. There was no constitution or any other form of structure for accountability and therefore this was considered dangerous, in particular for the committee. It was brought up by Jim White as to the need to operate under some form of guidelines or constitution but this move was defeated when Graham Rigby opposed it. Later it was suggested that if a rumour would be started that the convention was cooking the books for the next convention which was to be held in Brisbane. It was mentioned to Graham Rigby who asked 'Why would they do that', to which the response was 'How would the committee defend itself if the statement was made.'

The next year Jim White moved a motion for the adoption of a constitution again. This was seconded by Graham Rigby.

At a meeting in Tasmania a motion was carried to create an award for recognition of service to square dancing called Patron. It had become obvious there was a need for a governing body to meet to sort out the various problems that needed solving rather than have lengthy Annual General Meetings. The group would consist of all past convention convenors plus those that had been awarded life patron for service to the movement. That group is now known as the Convention Board. Jim was made a Life Patron in 1989.

Before National Conventions were held:

We danced one of the following ways in Australia depending on where you danced or with whom.

- * Three different promenades
- * Sashayed and see sawed the opposite way to what you do now
- * The man turned under in the movement 'Box the Gnat'
- * Our dress code differed including one state where they danced in sandals.

Jim believed that if you want to continue square dancing make sure conventions keep being run successfully and dancing is run for the benefit of the majority which is the reason he always maintained the level of mainstream/plus as most who go beyond this level tire and leave after a short time.

Editors Note: The report on Jim White was compiled using notes written by Jim in 2009 for publishing in the Australian Square Dance Review.

Our sympathy and prayers go to his wife Nell, daughters Susan and Alison, family and friends. Jim loved plants and asked that those wishing to, could donate to the Botanic Gardens Plant Pathology Laboratory in Sydney.



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Round Dance Association of Victoria Inc.

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SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUBS IN VICTORIA

<u>DAY</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>CALLER / CUER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
<u>Mon</u>	Heatherton	Harlequin Rounds	R II - III	Coral Wegmann	03 9702 9251 0407 814 686
	Nunawading	Kintyre Dance Club	Ph I-III, Ph III-VI	Carol Simondson	0400 354 445
	Springvale Nth	Matamoras	A	Peter Humphries	03 9701 3354
	Pinewood	Pat-A-Rounds	R II - V	Patricia Saunder	03 9706 1194
<u>Tue</u>	Narre Warren	Golden Squares	MS	Graham Jameson	03 9703 0309 0427 545 802
	Notting Hill	Jaybee Square Wheelers	MS, R	Charmaine Jameson Contact - Alan Bennie	0427 353 802 03 9547 2978 0428 990 873
	Geelong Deer Park	The Geelong Club Dancers Token Squares	Basic MS, P, R MS	Darren Taylor Barry Wootten Dave Tucker	0435 091 277 03 9363 5628 03 9364 3094
	Nunawading	Whitehorse	MS, P	Janice Alexander	03 9872 5399
<u>Wed</u>	Somerville	Australiana Dancers	P & R - altern weeks	Jaden Frigo (Ring to check which)	0432 151 041
	McLeod	Burra Squares	MS	Neil Wynn	03 8742 2197
	Werribee	Crossroads	MS, P	Howard Cockburn	03 9741 4501
	Shepparton	GV8's	Learners,MS	Darcy Hoge	0428 197 824
	Springvale Nth	Matamoras	P	Peter Humphries	03 9701 3354
<u>Thur</u>	Frankston	Activ-ates	MS	Paula Wright	03 9789 1370
	Paynesville	Eastern 8's	Basic, MS	Max Hodder	03 5156 1459
	Maribyrnong	Essendon SDC	MS, P	Hosts: Ruth & John Caller: Peter Humphries	03 9390 8308 03 9701 3354
	Bass	Phillip Island Squares	MS	Graham Jameson	03 9703 0309 0427 535 808
	Albert Park	Southern Cross A	A	Howard Cockburn	03 9741 4501
	Heatherton	Sunnyside Lodge Rounds	R Ph III - V	Ella Whyte	03 9551 8496
<u>Fri</u>	Albert Park	Southern Cross Plus	Plus F/nightly	Howard Cockburn	03 9741 4501
	Mornington	Early Birds	MS	Jaden Frigo	0401 186 831
<u>Sat</u>	Deer Park	Chemistry Sets	MS, R	Ralph Weise	03 9367 2440
	Heathmont	Kaleidoscope	MS,P 1 st , 3 rd P 5 th	Janice Alexander	03 9872 5399
	Forest Hill	Phoenix Squares	MS, P, R Wkly, A/C1 altern wks	Colin Dandridge (Ring to check which)	0438 515 873 03 9870 0453
	Heatherton	Sunnyside Lodge	MS, R 1st,3rd,5 th R - 2nd & 4th	Ella Whyte	03 9551 8496
<u>Sun</u>	Somerville	Australiana Dancers	MS, P, R	Jaden Frigo	0432 151 041
	Rosedale	Stradbroke Squares & Rosedale Rounds	MS, R F/nightly (Ring to confirm)	Hosts: Susie & John Caller/Cuer: Janet Cook	03 5141 1120 0419 363 614
	Heatherton	Sunnyside Lodge	R Ph III-IV 1 st , 3 rd	Ella Whyte	03 9551 8496

B = Basic, MS = Mainstream, P = Plus, A = Advanced 1 & 2, C1 = Challenge 1, R = Rounds
For more information - www.vsda.org.au or www.rounddanceassociationvictoria.org.au

Victoria President's Report

Hello from down south here in Victoria with the weather hot then cold, then heavy rain but that hasn't stopped our clubs opening the doors so we can continue dancing and having lots of fun and enjoyment. With most clubs only just back to dancing there is not a lot to report at this stage.

The Victorian Square Dance Association is currently in the first stage of our advertising campaign which will end in March, as this is Square Dance month. All clubs now have the flyer produced and are in the process of distribution.

We are now ready for our State Convention also in March and this will include the AGM where the next committee will be elected for the next year. We hope to see as many of you at the National convention in Bendigo and if driving take care and enjoy the journey.

Once again keep your eyes on the web site for all important news. Cheers

Mark Kelly
President

38th NSW STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION LISMORE - 15-18 September 2017



Just a Reminder to Everyone that the Early Bird Price of \$50 for SARDA Members & \$55 for Non SARDA Members will close on the 31st March.

CALLERS & CUERS: Your Special Price of \$45 will also close on the 31st March. Don't Miss Out

Registration Forms & full details can be found on our Website - www.nnswsda.com

Also on Facebook - www.facebook.com/nnswsda & in February Review

Registrations can be paid on line or by cheque and should be sent to:
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DAY	AREA	CLUB	LEVEL	CALLER	PHONE (02)
MONDAY	W'GONG/CONISTON	The Red Barons	MS	Barry Wonson	4229 4059
TUESDAY	BEECROFT	Hillbillies	MS/PLUS	Steve & Vickie Dean	0411751186.
	BEVERLY HILLS	Wandering Stars	MS	David Gibbs	9798 9374
Daytime 3.30pm	COFFS HARBOUR	Square Dancers	MS/PLUS	Gwen Barnes	66584633
2nd & 4 th	WANDANDIAN	Sussex/Shoalhaven	PLUS	Jan Johnson	4443 4436
	WARRIEWOOD	Newport Ocean Waves	MS/PLUS	CDS	Doug 9402 0842
	WINGHAM	Wingham SD Club	MS	Tapes	0428 652965
Daytime-	WOONONA B/C	Guys & Dolls	MS	Tedda Brooks	4283 5685
	WOY WOY	Pelican Promenaders	Beg/Rounds	Anne Glazier	0409 938345
Last	WOY WOY	Pelican Promenaders	50/50Rnds/Squ	Anne Glazier	43251740
WEDNESDAY	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			
	FRENCHS FOREST	Forest Frolickers	Easy MS	CDS	Helen 9451 8777
	GLEN INNES	Glen Squares	MS/Plus	Barry & Val Knight	6732 1735
	NEWCASTLE	Tartan Promenaders	MS/PLUS	Keith Howard	Bev 0407 449 384
	RANDWICK	Just Bliss	Learners / MS	James Brooks	9398 2965
	SURVEYORS CREEK (Penrith)	Panther Squares	MS	Maree Huffadine	96102523 /4735 2041
	SANS SOUCI	Red Barons	A1/A2	Barry Wonson	4229 4059
	TAMWORTH	Cloverleaf Dancers	Beg/MS	CD's	Max 0411 501646
	TAREE	Manning Promenaders	MS	Don McElligott	6585 5364
	TOUKLEY	B-Bar-H	MS	Brian Hotchkies	4392 0336
Daytime	WESLEY SENIORS	Sydney CBD	Beg/MS	CD's	9389 3191
	WEST RYDE	Dance Around	Easy/Inter/High	Terry Lee	9544 7613
THURSDAY	BEVERLY HILLS	Red Barons	MS/PLUS	Barry Wonson	4229 4059
	LISMORE	Northern Waves	Beg/MS	Francis McAlister	0407 663 017
	TOUKLEY	B-Bar-H	A1	Brian Hotchkies	4396 6593/4392 0336
	TUGGERAH	Carpenter & Co	Beg/MS	Gary Carpenter	0429 827793
	WANDANDIAN	Sussex/Shoalhaven	MS/PLUS	Jan Johnson	4443 4436
FRIDAY	ALSTONVILLE	Summerland Larikins	MS/Learn PLUS	Wilma Flannery	6662 6647
	ARMIDALE	Saintly Devil Dancers	MS/PLUS	Margaret Betts	6775 1118
	ARTARMON	Greenwich Swingers	MS/PLUS	Brian Hotchkies	Glyn 9953 0769
	BLAXLAND EAST	Mountain Devils	MS/PLUS	David Todd	0411 888515
	JANNALI	Knee Deep Squares	MS	Chris Froggatt	Linda 95423518 0421 133518
Daytime 1.30pm	MERIMBULA	Sapphire Squares	MS/PLUS	George Pitt	6495 2734/ 0479065590
1st & 3 rd	PORT MACQUARIE	Riverside 8	MS/PLUS	Tony Bowring	0408 340 990
Daytime	WESLEY SENIORS	Sydney CBD	PLUS	CD's	9389 3191
SATURDAY	3 rd BEROWRA	Classifield A	ADVANCED	Brian Hotchkies	Nola 4396 6593
1st	GOSFORD	Dinosaur Dancer	PLUS	Brian Hotchkies	4392 0336
2nd	GOSFORD	Tumbi Country	MS/PLUS	Brian Hotchkies	4392 0336
SUNDAY 5pm	SYLVANIA HEIGHTS	Sunset Rounds	Easy/Intermediate	Dorothy	9522 7307



N.S.W. President's Report

Happy New Year! We have lots of exciting events and dances planned for 2017. By the time you receive your magazine our first caller seminar would have taken place at Corrimal with twenty callers attending the seminar led by Mel Wilkerson and a Saturday night dance featuring Mel with guest callers. Our next event is a cuer seminar with guest educators Paula & Warwick Armstrong in April after the National Convention. July is our annual dinner dance with guest caller Steve Turner. You will need to book early as numbers will be limited for this event.

What is the purpose of SARDA NSW?

As an amalgamated Association our members are callers, cuers and dancers. We provide callers and cuers with financial support for promotion and education. We assist clubs in negotiating a better rate for council run halls. For dancers, callers and cuers we provide personal accident insurance, state conventions and the opportunity to dance with various callers from NSW, interstate and overseas. The Association is able to do this by utilising membership fees, profits from state conventions and the running of dances to benefit members.

Another responsibility of the association is to promote square and round dancing to the general public. Now more than ever we need new dancers and younger callers. We have to work as a team-that is, all clubs need to work together to put square dancing in the public eye. These days with social media we certainly have the opportunity. We also need people constantly speaking about our activity in a positive way. Let's make 2017 the year to grow our activity.

In the near future I will be asking all clubs to join in a state promotion funded by the association. I am hoping that we can band together to make it happen so please give it your full support.

As always, feel free to contact me with your concerns and thoughts.

Regards

David Todd
NSW President

NSW METROPOLITAN CLOGGING

THURSDAY	WEST PYMBLE	Hillbillies Cloggers
FRIDAY	HURSTVILLE	Hillbillies Southsiders
SATURDAY Morning	GUILDFORD	Strictly Cloggers

Vickie Dean	9979 5736
Vickie Dean	979 5736
Jason Nicholson	Colleen 9727 3483

Footnote: Clubs dance in the evenings except where an earlier time is shown. Visitors are advised to telephone clubs to confirm details.

All Things Considered..... By Ed Foote

Following on from last month. Another reason that clubs graduate everyone is that they think the class teacher will be offended if anyone in the class is not graduated, no matter how poor a dancer that person may be. The club believes the class teacher will take it as a personal affront to their teaching ability if anyone is denied graduation. Obviously this hurts the club. The solution is for the club and class teacher to discuss beforehand the fact that not everyone may have the ability to graduate, that if someone graduates who can not dance it will hurt the club, and that if someone is not graduated it is not a reflection on the abilities of the teacher.

Part 3) We have looked at the mind set of the club regarding new dancers. Now we will look at how new dancers think.

CLASS MINDSET. Dancers in class know they must learn the calls. At least they know this deep inside. But on the surface they get no reinforcement for this, because club members convey the attitude of: "Don't worry about mistakes - we'll pull you through." So this tells the class members that they don't have to think much about call definitions. If they remember how to do a call, fine, but if they don't, so what? Usually class members are never told to review what they have learned during the week. because the club thinks this will feel like "work", which would then cause people to drop out of class.

There is also a major component lacking in the minds of class members: **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.** I would be devastated if I knew that my lack of knowledge was the cause of seven other dancers breaking down. But this doesn't seem to bother today's class members. They just don't seem to care that their lack of knowledge is reducing the fun of other dancers. Perhaps they have never thought about this.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. There are several things that clubs can do to improve the situation.

DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY GRADUATE EVERYONE. Clubs must be willing to not graduate those who can not meet minimum standards of proficiency. Clubs need to recognize that graduating everyone, no matter how poor a dancer they are, hurts the club by causing long-time members to drift away out of frustration. It can also reduce the number of guests.

CLUB OFFICERS AND THE CLASS TEACHER MUST AGREE. The decision to not graduate everyone must be discussed with the class teacher BEFORE class ever begins, so that everyone is on the same page at graduation time. The minimum standards of proficiency must be agreed upon.

CLASS MEMBERS MUST BE TOLD AT THE BEGINNING THAT SOME MAY NOT GRADUATE. Explain that there are minimum standards and that some people take longer than others to understand the calls.

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38th NSW State Square Dance Convention
September 15-18, 2017

Come One! Come All! It's The Circus Call - Lismore 2017 - You'll Have A Ball

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)

Surname

First Name

Club

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Address: _____

Town/Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

<u>Special Convention Price</u> to 30/11/16	Adults (SARDA Member)	_____ @ \$45	\$
	Adults (Non Member)	_____ @ \$50	\$
<u>Early Bird Price</u> to 31/3/2017	Adults (SARDA Member)	_____ @ \$50	\$
	Adults (Non Member)	_____ @ \$55	\$
Registration from 1/4/2017	Adults (SARDA Member)	_____ @ \$55	\$
	Adults (Non Member)	_____ @ \$60	\$
	Students	_____ @ \$25	\$
	Convention Badge	_____ @ \$5	\$
	Non-Dancers - FREE	TOTAL	\$

Society Membership Numbers: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Names for New Badges: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Payment: Cash Cheque Please make payable to 38th NSW SSD Convention

Direct Debit: BSB - 728 728 Account No: 22308007 (Summerland Credit Union)

Receipt No: _____ Transfer Date: _____

Please post or email copy of receipt with Registration Form. Email to: wilmaflan@bigpond.com

Post Registrations to Wilma Flannery, 7 Winston Street, Casino NSW 2470

Dressed Set Registration: (Must be registered by the Friday Night 15/9/17)

Club Name: _____ No. of Dressed Sets: _____

Club Contact: _____ Email/Phone: _____

Monday Lunch Sausage Sizzle: Please indicate Number Attending: _____



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METROPOLITAN SQUARES

DAY	AREA	CLUB	LEVEL	CALLER	PHONE (07)
MONDAY	Deception Bay	Upbeat Ch.a.o.s	Plus	Gary Petersen	0434 772 066
TUESDAY	Caboolture	E.Z. Squares	Mainstream/Learners	Glenn Wilson	3261 4177
	Alexandra Hills	Gumdale Grandsliders	Mainstream/Plus Workshop	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Kallangur	Pine Rivers Senior Cits	Basic/Mainstream	Jan Hay	3385 9947, 0408 734 710
	Bribie Island	Bribie Island Squares	Beginners/Mainstream	Gary Petersen	0434 772 066
	Crestmead	Logan City Dancers Inc	Basic/MS	Alan Evans	0405 316 469
WEDNESDAY	Alexandra Hills	Gumdale Grand Sliders	DBD Mainstream/Plus	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Oxley	Uniting Squares	MS/Plus (1st & 3rd)	Kay Walker	3374 0226 3378 0825
	Enoggera	Wavell Whirlaways	MS/Learning Plus	Sid Leighton	0409 482 192, 3266 7931
THURSDAY	Zillmere	Northside Promenaders	M/S, Plus	Glenn Wilson	3261 4177
	Crestmead	Logan City Dancers Inc	A level	Alan Evans	0405 316 469
	Bribie Island	Bribie Island Squares	Mainstream/Plus	Gary Petersen	0434 772 066
FRIDAY	Crestmead	Alan's Allemanders	MS/Plus	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Holland Park	Rambling Eights	Beginners-MS	David Pearce	3263 1408
	Clontarf	Sunshine Square & Rounds	Basic/ M/S Rounds	Lynette Macpherson	3204 2335
SATURDAY	Crestmead	Logan City Dancers Inc	Mainstream Monthly	Guest Caller	0405 316 469
	Clontarf	Taigum Twirlers	Basic to MS	Lynette /Sid	3204 2335, 0418 724 636
SUNDAY	Graceville	Kay's Plus	Plus learners/Plus 1st & 3rd	Kay Walker	3374 0226 3378 0825

METROPOLITAN ROUNDS

MONDAY	Jimboomba	Allemander Rounds	Beg 7pm Ph II-IV 8pm	Paula & Warwick Armstrong	5546 3493
	Crestmead	Logan City Dancers Inc.	Beg 6:30pm PhII-V 7:30pm	Jane Rayner	0405 316 469
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
TUESDAY	Coorparoo	Chug-A-Lug Cloggers	Basic /Advanced (evening)	Frances & Stephen/Shirley	3391 6526, 3398 9658
THURSDAY	Lutwyche	Double Jingle Cloggers	Basicto Advanced (morning)	Frances & Maureen	0429851891 0429940585
SUNDAY	Caboolture	E.Z. Cloggers	Beg/Inter/Advanced	Stephen Hope	0437 829 522

COUNTRY SQUARES

MONDAY	Buderim/S/shine Cst	Suncoasters	Plus	Nev McLachlan	5445 1238, 0417 729 263
	Caloundra/S/shine Cst	Lighthouse Squares	MS/Lrn MS	David Smythe	5492 1254
	Rockhampton/Nth Qld	Rocky Twirlers	6pm Rnds, 7pm MS/PL	Michael Mills	M 0408 703910 R 0428 761 244
TUESDAY	Buderim/S/shine Cst	Suncoasters	Basic/Learning MS	Nev McL, Gary P	0417 729 263 0403 240129
	Cairns	Ulysses Squares CD's	Basic/MS/Plus/Rnds	Eddie Ebrington	4045 2620
WEDNESDAY	Buderim/S/shine Cst	Suncoasters	Daytime Basic, MS, Plus	Nev McL, Gary P	ph 0417 729 263 0403 240129
	Hervey Bay/Fraser Coast	Hervey Bay S.D. Club	Main Club Night	Laptop Playlists	0439 031 958 4125 4173
THURSDAY	Caloundra/S/shine Cst	Lighthouse Squares	Plus	David Smythe	5492 1254
	Cairns -	U3A Squares Cairns -	1pm learn MS, Basic -	Graham Durose -	4054 4885
FRIDAY	B'berg/Central Qld	Cane Country	Rnds/MS/Plus	Matthew Mills	4152 5051 4159 2308
	Cairns	Cairns City Squares	MS/ Plus	Records/Tapes	4045 1737
	Maryborough/Central Q	Heritage City Hoedowners	Mainstream	David Habler	4121 7405
	Rockhampton	Rocky Twirlers	6.30pm Basics/M/S	Michael Mills	M 0408703910, R 0428761244
	Townsville/Nth Qld	Sun City S & R/D Club	Bas/MS/Plus/Rnds	Kevin, Julie, Darryl	4788 8762 / 4775 2843
SATURDAY	Buderim/S/shine Cst	Suncoasters	MS/Rnds 1st, 3rd, 5th	Nev McLachlan	5445 1238, 0417 729 263
	West Burleigh	Burleigh Squares	MS/Plus	A Evans/A Reid	55 233 047/3800 1270
SUNDAY	Buderim/S/shine Cst	Suncoasters	A1 & A2	Nev McLachlan	5445 1238, 0417 729 263

COUNTRY ROUNDS & CLOGGING

MONDAY	Buderim/S/shineCst	Suncoasters Rounds	Lrng II IV	Bev McLachlan	5445 1238/ 0427 135 442
WEDNESDAY	Buderim/S/shine Cst	Centre Cloggers	Basic/Int	Bev or Carol	0427 135 442 0459 900 329

Queensland President's Report

Our 2016 year had many high moments but there were several low periods.

The highlight of the year was the 57th Australian National Square Dancing Convention held on the Sunshine Coast Queensland. This involved two venues the main hall was the Sports Centre at Chancellor Park University and the second location was the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre Inc. main hall, at Sippy Downs and Buderim. We enjoyed immensely the five day program, it was a celebration of great music, calling, dancing and spectacular colour. Congratulations to the organizing committee.

On the 17th September 2016 we jointly held the QCA Gala and Sunshine State Round-Up with our host Club Suncoasters Square Dance Club Inc. a very successful event for all involved.

The final event for the year, the annual Society Christmas Party was hosted by Logan City Square Dance Club Inc. at White's Hill State College Hall on the 26th November 2016. It was very well supported and a great night enjoyed by all.

Sadly the resignations in November 2016 of the President, Vice President and three other members of the Management Committee has impacted the Queensland Society. We wish all good fortune in their future endeavours.

We have commenced work on upgrading the Queensland Website which should be operational January/February 2017.

Julie Jensen - Acting President
VP/ North Region



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIARY

The South Australian Square Dance Society Inc. President Heather Wheeler

(Callers Name appears prior to phone number. All nos. Prefix with 08)

Monday

FINDON: *Adelaide Outlaws* MS Graham Elliott 8353 1749

Tuesday

MAGILL: *Kannella Squares* ADV/PLUS Jeff Seidel 8263 5023

PT NOARLUNGA: *Sunset Twirlers* MS Les Tulloch 8388 2502

Wednesday

KILBURN: *Adelaide Outlaws* PLUS Graham Elliott 8353 1749

STURT *Sunset Twirlers* RNDs Les Tulloch 8388 2502

Ph II-V

Thursday

PARA VISTA: *Leisurely Squares* MS Noes Noesbar 8258 3046

COLLINSWOOD: *T & T Rounds ** RNDs Tom & Thelma

ADV McCue 8261 8128

Friday

COLLINSWOOD: *T & T Rounds ** RNDs Tom & Thelma

Convention Rnds to Ph 4 8261 8128

SALISBURY: *Scoot Back Squares* MS Chris & Ian 0466 996 202

PORT ELLIOT: *Paddle Steamers* LMS Leon 0407854945

MAGILL: *Wild Frontier* MS Jeff Seidel 8263 5023

(7.00- 8pm: Plus learners)

MOUNT GAMBIER: *Pine City Twirlers ** LMS Records 8725 7524

NARACOOETE: *Acey Squares** MS Records 8762 3629

Saturday

MOUNT GAMBIER: *Allabout Squares ** LMS Andrea Braun 0417 509 144

Sunday

COLLINSWOOD: *T & T Rounds* RNDs Tom & Thelma

(12.00 Ph. 2-5 2.30 Convention) McCue 8261 8128

NOTE: All 8.00 pm start, except * - 7.30 start, exceptions noted

Internet Sites

SQUARE DANCE AUSTRALIA

<http://www.squaredance.org.au>

QLD SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY

www.squaredancingsocietyofqueensland.org

SQUARE DANCE VICTORIA

<http://www.vsda.org.au/>

SA SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY

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

SARDA NSW

<https://www.facebook.com/NSWSquareDancing>

ACT SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY

<http://users.tpg.com.au/hasquare/actsds/>

NEW ZEALAND S & R

<http://www.nzsqaredance.webs.com>

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BRITISH SQUARE & ROUND DANCING

www.uksqaredancing.com

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TRAVELLING IN EUROPE

<http://www.benzcenter.de/RouteSDC/locations.html>

JAPAN SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION

<http://www.squaredance.or.jp/>

CALLERLAB WEBSITE

<http://www.callerlab.org>

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A GREAT WEBSITE FOR DANCERS TO USE BETWEEN CLASSES

<http://www.tamtwirlers.org/tamination/info/index.html>

South Australia President's Report

Hi fellow dancers, my name is Anne Tulloch the newly elected President of the SA Square Dance Society. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoying the new year.

2016 saw several significant events and of particular note was Jeff Seidel who attained fifty years of calling. Jeff and his club celebrated with a special dance. We were all proud when Jeff received the prestigious Golden Microphone Award at the 57th National in Buderim. Club birthdays of note included Sunset Twirlers (Adelaide) 21st, Yorke Promenaders (Kadina) 1st & Acey Squares (Naracoorte) 10th.

Danae Wheeler convened the 41st State Convention in August which was very successful. We were well entertained by our feature caller Paul Long (WA). Thank you to Danae and her committee for a job well done.



In November we had our AGM and I would like to introduce our committee consisting of executive Murray Dempsey - Vice President, Pauline Ottaway -Secretary, Don Stephens - Treasurer, Karen Dempsey - Membership Secretary, Caroline Stavast - Round Up Editor. Les Tulloch, Dawn Elliott, Mervin Hier, Sue Bottroff & Alistair Kennedy Representatives of

the Square Dance Clubs, Round Dancing & Callers Associations. Jeff Seidel & Peter (Scotty) Scott also volunteered to Co-Convene the State Convention. Heather Wheeler and Jan Stephens did not seek re-election and we thank them for their many years of dedicated service.

The committee had their first meeting in November and are working hard to plan out our activities for 2017. Based on the report of the Co-Convenors the State Convention will be at a country location last weekend in August. So check out our website www.squaredancingsa.com for details.

Hope to see you on the dance floor either at the National in Bendigo or if you visit South Australia

Anne Tulloch
President SA Square Dance Society Inc.



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08 9725 8432

METROPOLITAN SQUARES & ROUNDS

Day	Area	Club	Level	Caller	Phone (08)
MON	Shenton Park	Cloverwest	MS	Andy Colvin	9247 3818
	Como	Kiwilers	Plus	Richard Muir	9474 5485
	Cannington	Riverside	MS	Trish Holloway	9451 4074
TUES	Hammersley	Greenfinches	MS	Steve Turner	0417 092 928
	Gosnells	Ups 'N' Downers	MS	Taffy Jones	9414 5115
WED	Joondanna	Dianella Rangers	MS	Jeff Van Sambeeck	0407 082 709
	WhiteGumValley	Melody	MS & Rds	Bruce Gillett	9418 2882
THURS	Como	Kiwilers	Adv	Richard Muir	9474 5485
FRI	Eden Hill	Happy Wanderers	MS	Kevin Kelly	9379 2590
	Como	Kiwilers	MS & Rds	Richard Muir	9474 5485
SAT	Floreat	Northern Stars	MS & Plus	Paul Long/Steve Turner	
				Jim Buckingham	94052078
	White Gum Valley	White Gum Valley	MS Rds	D.Gauci/ T Hollaway	9337 5385
SUN	Bassendean	P & R Rounds	Beg/Phll	Pat Mori	0448 794940
	Kallaroo	Allemanders Sq	MS& Plus	Jim Buckingham	9305 8685

COUNTRY SQUARES

MON	Bunbury	Bunbury Sq Dancers	MS, learning Plus	9795 8557
	Mandurah	Dolphin Dancers	MS Paul Long	95353205
	Wongan Hills	Wongan Hills	MS Robert Dew	9620 1234
THURS	Bunbury	Jay Gees	MS, Plus Jeff Garbutt	9725 8432
FRI	York	Avon Squares	MS Brian Sims	9646 1243
	Margaret River	Augusta	MS CD's	9757 4527
	Albany	Swinging Squares	MS	9841 6253
	Geraldton	Friendly Squares	MS David Gibson	9938 218
SAT	Gidgegannup	Gidgegannup	MS 2nd,4th wk Alan Eades	9621 1481

COUNTRY LINE DANCE CLUBS

TUES	Northam	Northam Linedancers Easy/Int	Ute Dymnicki.	0407 993 036
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"It's amazing the great people I have in my life that I wouldn't have ever met if it wasn't for square dancing."

Anon

Western Australia Delegate's Report

Welcome aboard to our new president of the Callers Association of WA – Greg Fawell as we wish him well in his new role with the callers. Ken Pike has taken on the treasurer's role and Jeff Garbutt has taken on the secretary's role. Well done to the new committee and many thanks to the outgoing members.

Thanks go to Jim Buckingham, his assisting callers and the dedicated dancers who helped make the Have A Go day at Burswood Park such a success. These demonstrations ensure the SDSWA is able to display square dancing and encourage more people to give square dance a try.

Congratulations to our latest group of society beginners who graduated at North Perth in December 2016 they were- Joan Becker, Anne Napolitano, Carol Smith, Margaret Munro, Alex Claydon LHD, Anne Crawford, Gill Ball, Peter Allan, Myra Pearson & Rosa Napolitano-Lincoln LHD.

Christmas dances certainly were enjoyed by all across WA to close off another great year. We started with over one hundred and forty dancers at Avon Squares and each club enjoying their special Christmas celebrations with White Gum Valley closing off festivities with their special New Years Eve Dance...what more could a square dancer want!!!!

Once again we were blessed with interstate dancers travelling to our great state, this time Sue and Aaron from Tasmania joined us at Northern Stars. We always look forward to and will welcome anyone who ventures across the Nullarbor.

The SDSWA are now enjoying the facilities at the Old Midland Courthouse 49 Helena Street Midland WA 6056. The SDSWA and CAWA are also looking forward to utilising the Midland Town Hall with our "free to members" dance in February and hope this is appreciated by all of our members. We see this as another opportunity to reward our society members and to share fun and friendship set to music. We will continue to explore other ways to socialise and enjoying each other company and include even more new members.

Steve Longwood
Promotions Officer SDSWA



Solo Dancers



Christmas 2016 is over, as is the start of 2017 and already February is here and Square Dancing clubs are clearing away the cobwebs and starting another year of dancing. Will there be an abundance of new dancers? We all hope so. But, what if there isn't "a lot" and only one or two new dancers turn up. Are they made welcome? Do existing dancers enjoy spending their dance time helping the new-comers to master the dance routines? We have to remember that everybody was a beginner at one time or another. New dancers who arrive on their own often need more help than "partnered" people. Two people learning together can talk about what they've learnt and maybe practice the moves and hand-holds in the privacy of their home. A Solo dancer can use the learning manual and maybe watch a DVD but they can't practice unless, of course, an "Angel" from the club they attend offers help and support outside of club hours. The number of square dancers throughout Australia is decreasing so perhaps 2017 is the year to make a mammoth effort to increase numbers and ensure all new dancers, especially Solo dancers, are given a great welcome and a big helping hand to get them through the Beginner stage and onto the more enjoyable Mainstream Stage. Perhaps all existing Solo dancers could become Angels and adopt a new dancer during 2017.

The 58th National Convention in Bendigo, Vic (13-17 April 2017) will soon be here. If there are any Solo Dancers from any State who would like to participate in the Solo Dancers Dress Set please phone or email me (see detail below). Men need all black attire and the women need a black or yellow top and either a plain yellow or plain black skirt. Please advise ASAP if you would like to be part of the Solo Dancers Dress set. For several years now we have entered a Dress-set in the National Convention and it would be nice to have at least one entered in Bendigo. Please help if you are able. The two dances that we dance are very easy and achievable. It's fun.

I'm coming to Victoria during March and April so please say hello if you see me on the floor. Here's hoping 2017 will be a great year for Square Dancing and that everyone will have a lot of fun and enjoyment and meet new friends. Email ejboyd@bigpond.com or phone 0409457342

Keep smiling.

Eileen Boyd (Tamworth Cloverleaf Dancers)



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER **TOP CATS 21ST** **BIRTHDAY WEEKEND**

4th WEEKEND - MARCH 2017

Featuring two of Australia's greats:
Graham Elliott (SA) & James Reid (QLD)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
1ST MARCH 2017

WHERE: ENGADINE (Southern Sydney, NSW)

DRESS: Square Dance attire, neat casual Sunday

ENQUIRIES: Phone **0423 577 274** or
email **bg77790@gmail.com** for general enquiries,
accommodation listing, eating options or directions

SATURDAY NIGHT
COME DRESSED IN
BLACK & WHITE

Saturday Evening - Supper included in ticket price

Sunday Day - Sausage Sizzle included in ticket price

***** Dance Program *****

Friday 24th March (Evening):

7pm A-Level

8pm Mainstream & Rounds

Saturday 25th March (Day):

1pm A-Level

2pm Plus

Saturday 25th March (Evening):

7pm Rounds

7.30pm Mainstream, Plus, Supper

Sunday 26th March (Day):

Noon A-Level

11.30am - 1pm Sausage Sizzle

1pm - Mainstream & Plus

Tickets (per person):

1 Session: \$20

2 Sessions: \$30

3 Sessions: \$35

4 Sessions: \$45

Under 18's: \$5 p-s / \$20 w-end

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Note: If you wish to pay directly into a bank account, please call or email for details

Name: _____ Fri Nite / Sat Day / Sat Night / Sun Day (Circle)

Name: _____ Fri Nite / Sat Day / Sat Night / Sun Day (Circle)

Total: \$ ____ **Email &/or postal address:** _____

Cruisin' Country



This is just a brief report on Cruisin' Country 6 which set sail from Brisbane during a fantastic storm on board the Legend of the Seas last November with square dancers from every state and territory and some of Australia's top country artists. We headed out to sea for the best country music festival on the high seas. The head lining acts were Adam Brand, Beccy Cole,

Melinda Schneider Amber Lawrence and a lot more each performed two shows each night. They were outstanding!

All during the cruise there were other activities to keep every one occupied and two of these were square dancing and clogging. Both activities were well attended by both mainstreamers as well as those who just wanted to have a go. Even at the midnight socials every one was there keen to try new moves. These were so much fun with Nev and Bev looking after us and keeping everyone on their toes and teaching new moves each session. We even educated some of the artists as to what Square Dancing is all about. One even mentioned our activity at his show which was good for square dancing. It made every one in the theatre aware of its presence on board. Wouldn't be great if we could get an artist to sing along side Nev doing a singing call, maybe one day.



The islands were once again beautiful and the locals so welcoming although we were unable to get to the Isle of Pines due to the weather so we headed back to Noumea where we had to pick up Adam Brand.

The ship's crew were once again outstanding given the fact this ship has been sold and will leave the Royal Caribbean fleet this March.

We are all now waiting for Cruisin' Country 7 departing October. So come on and get on board. If you require any information check out their web site Choose your Cruise we would love to see you all.

Mark Kelly

Manning Promenaders 30th Birthday

**Brian Hotchkies and
Gary Carpenter**

Rounds with Dorothy Ranger

assisted by Laurie Farleigh

**Taree High School, Taree
21st – 23rd July 2017**

Fri Night
Sat Middyay
Sat Afternoon

Sat Night
Sun Morning

Rounds, Mainstream
Rounds (Ph 2 - 4)
Mainstream, Plus
Chinese Buffet Dinner (Optional)
Mainstream, Rounds
Mainstream, Plus, Rounds

Manning Promenaders 30th Birthday Weekend

REGISTRATION

Name(s).....

Address.....

.....P'code.....Phone.....

email address

Weekend (before 1/5/17) @ \$30

Weekend (After 1/5/17) @ \$35

Chinese Buffet (by 12/7/17) @ \$20

A cancellation fee of \$2 applies. Total

Make cheques payable to Manning Promenaders Social Club Inc.

Post to:- 859 Ocean Drive

Bonny Hills 2445

(Or register online at: www.manningpromenaders.com/birthday-info)

All Things Considered..... By Ed Foote Cont.

Explain how graduating people who don't know the calls would hurt the club, and that they will be invited to take the class again. This eliminates the surprise factor. If someone is told to take the class over, they can be reminded of the discussion about this which was held at the start of class. This presentation at the start of class should be made by someone who has good people skills and good command of words, so that at the end of the discussion all the new class members are in agreement that this is a good idea.

CLASS MEMBERS MUST BE TOLD TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. They should be encouraged to review what they have previously learned prior to the latest lesson. Class members need to be reminded that if they break down they are causing other people to break down also, thereby reducing the fun for everyone. If this is presented correctly with the right words, all the class members will see the wisdom in this.

SUMMARY. The practice of graduating everyone, no matter how poorly they dance, because "we need their money", or because "it is socially unacceptable not to graduate them", just hurts everyone. It causes frustration in long-time dancers who will simply drift away from the activity. It also causes frustration among class members who work hard to learn the calls only to see the caller and club members cater to those who have not put forth any effort. The square dance activity needs to stop graduating every person who comes in the door regardless of whether they learn anything. This is simply hurting our activity more than it helps.



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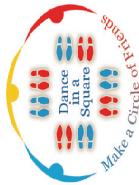
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