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57th Australian National Square Dance Convention

June 29th – July 3rd 2016

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Have you registered to attend the 2016 National Square Dance Convention in Queensland?
Don't miss your chance to enjoy sunny Queensland while attending our wonderful convention!

**Registrations can be found on our website or by contacting our
Registrar Bob Thompson via email: registrar2016aussienat@gmail.com**

Please note: Tickets are now closed for the 4th July Dance - night Mainstream & Rounds session.
Limited tickets are still available for the afternoon Plus, Advanced & Rounds session.

DRESSED SET FIGURES

1. TRUE BLUE

GRAND SQUARE,
4 GIRLS PROMENADE,
SWING, PROMENADE.

HEADS SQUARE THRU,
SWING THRU,
BOYS TRADE, BOYS RUN,
FERRIS WHEEL,
PASS THRU, SWING THRU,
SWING, PROMENADE.

2. BEAUTIFUL QUEENSLAND

GRAND SLIDE, ALLEMANDE LEFT,
WEAVE THE RING,
SWING, PROMENADE.

HEADS PROMENADE HALF,
PASS THE OCEAN, EXTEND,
SWING THRU, BOYS RUN,
BEND LINE, RIGHT & LEFT THRU,
FLUTTER WHEEL, SLIDE THRU,
SWING, PROMENADE.

Registration Packs will be available from Hall 2 (Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre) from 1pm - 3pm Wednesday 29th June 2016. Club Banners should be dropped off at the same time. If you can't make it during this time to pick up Registration Packs or drop off your Club Banner you can do so from the Committee Information Booth on Wednesday Night.

Parking @ Venue 1 (University) is regulated parking and charges will apply Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm. All other times are free. Free parking will be available at Car park P15 off Claymore Road and the adjacent Chancellor College. A Shuttle Bus service will be running from Car Park P15 to both dance venues. Times will be published closer to the event. Venue 2 (Square Dance Centre) only holds 60 cars so please plan your trip accordingly.

MEET & GREET

Wednesday 29th June 3.30pm - 4.30pm @ Venue 2

THEME NIGHT

Wednesday 29th June 2016 @ Venue 1

7pm Rounds, 8pm - 10pm Square Dancing

Come Dressed in Aussie gear and appropriate footwear

HOOROO SOCIAL

Sunday 3rd July 2016 6pm onwards - Venue 2. Please bring a Camping chair if available & BYO Drinks.

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www.squaredancenational2016.com





What's Happening

Welcome to this month's edition of the Australian Square Dance Review. This month I have taken a lot of articles out of the archives. It is interesting to read about events from the past and how these events started. The articles I have selected are about the first national convention held in Canberra and an article about promoting. Some of the concerns that we have today were also concerning callers, leaders and dancers back in the 1960's. I hope you enjoy reading them.

The Review in a variety of formats has been published for sixty years. Some dancers really enjoy reading the Review from cover to cover. Others believe that it has outlived its use and is of little interest to dancers. What do you think? What sort of articles do you like to read about? Should it be sent electronically, stay in its current format or should you be able to choose? I would be interested to hear what you think.

The National is only a few months away-the committee have sent some important information for you to check on the opposite page. To keep up to date you can also check their website or Facebook page. It is shaping up to be a great convention so consider registering if you haven't already.

Thank you to all those readers who send in articles and pictures. Sit back, relax and enjoy reading the April issue of the Australian Square Dance Review, your national magazine.

Till next time
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A submission has been received to host the 60th Australian National Square Dance Convention in Tasmania 2019. If anyone wishes to receive a copy of the submission please contact Anthea Matthews at antheam2@optusnet.com.au

Anthea Matthews, Executive Secretary
Australian National Square Dance Convention Board Inc.

Tassie News

TASMANIAN SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY

The date for the A.G.M. has been set for Saturday 23rd April at Kindred Hall starting at 4 p.m. There will be a Society Dance prior to the meeting starting at 1.30pm Show your support and be there. May is birthday month for two Tassie clubs. Tassie Twirlers will be celebrating their 49th at Kindred Hall on Saturday 14th May followed two weeks later by Launceston with their afternoon/evening dance for their 65th Look forward to seeing you there on these great dates.

Frank Steers (President)

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CASINO SQUARES – John Weatherburn

It's nice to have Stephen back dancing with us after his extended Christmas holiday. Iris has been gallivanting around the country again and will be back dancing with us again soon. It was fantastic to have Richard & Valarie from NSW as well as Rita and George from Victoria dance with us over the last few weeks. We celebrated John's birthday at the club with a delicious chocolate cake made by Laura.... YUM.

Kaye Chandler

TASSIE TWIRLERS, KINDRED – Graeme Whiteley

Don't forget our Birthday on 14th May. Great dancing, good atmosphere and lovely country supper guaranteed.

Maureen Gardiner

LAUNCESTON – Glenn MacLaren & Di Ashton

Good to have visitors from Canberra – we welcomed Heather & Geoff from Kerr-Ly-Q and hope they enjoyed dancing with us as much as we did having them visit. Congratulations to Jill & Brian on the birth of another grandson in Queensland. Profit from our Trivia night is to be divided between two charities which two of our dancers are volunteers with. Dress up night celebrating the Launceston Cup brought forth some great outfits. Plus nights on a Saturday every 2nd month are proving popular. Dave B. has completed his beginners and now has his Certificate. You can certainly pick those dancers who have moved to Launceston from states at the opposite end of Australia when they are still wearing their jackets when dancing while the locals are noticeably feeling the heat of our great summer. Those going to Dietmar's home on Thursday nights are making good progress with A1 & A2 and thank Glenn for his patience. Wild West theme night was popular and a Pink Theme is planned in May. The big event on our calendar is our 65th birthday on 28th May with an afternoon and evening dance planned.

Shirley Casboul

BEHIND THE MIKE

Di Ashton ACF Public Relations

No Report received

The First Australian National Square Dance Convention

This article was taken from the Square Dance Review June 1960.

Earlier this year, following an announcement that Square Dancing would be featured in the National Eistedford in Canberra, Frank Gilfelt stated they would like to hold a convention in conjunction, providing sufficient people were interested. We advertised that a convention would be held, at the same time advising Frank that we thought it would be a little late to get many there. Frank replied that in view of the short notice he agreed and that Canberra would just be the host to those who went down for the weekend.

After what happened in Canberra, we can confidently say--"We have just held the first Australian National Square Dance Convention!"

Following the Eistedford in the afternoon, a square dance round up was held at the small ACT town of Hall. (We mean it when we say small-the round up probably trebled the population). As the hall was a few miles out on the Yass Road from Canberra, all car drivers were requested to meet at the flashing lights just north of Civic. The locals must have wondered what was happening when a convoy of no less than thirty cars headed out of town and turned onto the Yass highway.

About 180 people attended, thirteen from Brisbane, twenty from Newcastle, about seventy from Sydney and the rest from Canberra. Ron Jones was the caller of the evening together with guest calls from two Brisbane, two Newcastle and three Sydney callers. Two other Sydney callers were also present. The evening was the most spectacular Square Dance night ever held in Canberra. It was voted a huge success by all and far exceeded all expectations. It concluded in the early hours of the morning.

Graham Rigby, caller from Brisbane, thanked the Canberra people for their hospitality and forecast that this would develop into the major square dance event of the year. Our president, Bill Rolph thanked everyone for coming. Next year the Society will provide financial assistance to assure the success of the event. He forecast that next year three sleeper carriages will be put on the end of the Brisbane express. These will join other carriages in Sydney to make a special train to Canberra. A similar arrangement will happen from Melbourne and possibly Adelaide. These trains will remain at Canberra for the weekend and the people will sleep in them, thereby eliminating the accommodation problem in Canberra. Special classes, picnics etc will be held as well as the Eistedford and the Saturday night roundup. The result will be a truly National Square Dance Convention for Australia.



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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 Saunderson	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	0427 353 802
	Geelong	The Geelong Club Dancers	Basic MS, P, R	Darren Taylor	0435 091 277
	Deer Park	Token Squares	MS	Barry Wootton	03 9363 5628
	Nunawading	Whitehorse	MS, P	Dave Tucker	03 9364 3094
				Janice Alexander	03 9872 5399
<u>Wed</u>	Somerville	Australiana Dancers	P & R - altern weeks	Jaden Frigo	0432 151 041
	McLeod	Burra Squares	MS	(Ring to check which)	
	Werribee	Crossroads	MS, P	Neil Wynn	03 8742 2197
	Shepparton	GV8's	Learners, MS	Howard Cockburn	03 9741 4501
	Springvale Nth	Matamoras	P	Darcy Hoge	0428 197 824
				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	03 9390 8308
	Bass	Phillip Island Squares	MS	Caller: Peter Humphries	03 9701 3354
	Albert Park	Southern Cross A	A	Graham Jameson	03 9703 0309
	Heatherton	Sunnyside Lodge Rounds	R Ph III - V		0427 535 808
				Howard Cockburn	03 9741 4501
				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	0438 515 873
	Heatherton	Sunnyside Lodge	MS, R 1 st , 3 rd , 5 th R - 2 nd & 4 th	(Ring to check which)	03 9870 0453
				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	03 5141 1120
	Heatherton	Sunnyside Lodge	R Ph III-IV 1 st , 3 rd	Caller/Cuer: Janet Cook	0419 363 614
				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

Victorian President's Report

I have just returned from the 47th Victorian State Convention which was held in Wodonga with the theme of 'As Time Goes By' celebrating our past. With a total of about two hundred and forty dancers, callers and cuers from Victoria and interstate we were set for a fantastic weekend. Wow did we have a weekend! It was hot with a couple of heavy rain showers and thunder which did not even interrupt our dancers. They are troopers even attending the local plaza demonstration Saturday morning which was a good advertisement for our activity.

With banners from years gone by and history photos- a lot of reminiscing took place and conversation at after parties.

Our guest of honour Tony Boyd opened the convention and thanked our dress sets. A VSDA Service award was presented to Mary Denvor for her outstanding work painting a number of our back drops all by hand which took hours. One took twelve months to complete - a well deserved award.

With our convention now over Victorians are gearing up for the National in Queensland and what will be a great Convention. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

We have commenced an advertising campaign which will take flyers and press releases and we're hoping for some positive responses with March being Square Dance month.

We have held our AGM and I have been re-elected as President. I look forward to the next year and will list our full committee in my next report.

Mark Kelly
President
VSDA.





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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
	WARRIWOOD	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
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
	MERIMBULA	Sapphire Squares	MS/PLUS	George Pitt	6495 2734/ 0479065590
	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
	WOY Woy	Pelican Promenaders	Beg/Rounds	Anne Glazier	0409 938345
Last	WOY Woy	Pelican Promenaders	50/50Rnds/Squ	Anne Glazier	43251740
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	M/S	Chris Froggatt	Linda 95423518 0421 133518
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	Classfield 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

March seems to be the month that lots of clubs are celebrating birthdays. Rosalind and I joined Panther Squares celebrating twenty-five years in the Penrith area. This club was initially started by John Dixon and has continued for the last twenty-one years with Maree Huffadine as caller. At that dance I also presented Helen Jenner a Recognition Certificate for her involvement in square dancing for fifty years and to Ralph Jenner for fifty-eight years. On the same night Brett Gill and Top Cats celebrated twenty years of square dancing. The following week Knee Deep Squares celebrated their twenty-sixth birthday Congratulations also to Tammworth Cloverleaf club celebrating their eighth birthday and Sapphire Squares their twenty-sixth birthday. It takes a lot of dedication to run a square dance club for such a long time.

Lots of clubs have also started up new dancer classes or are about to start them. Don't forget the Association will assist you with a subsidy to offset some of the costs but you must keep your invoices to claim. Also let us know so those manning the 1800 number can direct dancers to your club.

Just a reminder that if you or someone at your club has been dancing for fifty years or more to let me know so we can recognise this achievement.

Members who don't have email should have been sent a reminder about upcoming events and a request if you do have email to let us know so we can keep you up to date with what is happening.

Our AGM and Dinner Dance is coming up at the end of the month and I look forward to seeing you all there. Think about what you can do to help square dancing thrive in New South Wales.

See you on the dance floor!

David Todd

President

NSW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP AND DISTRIBUTION CHANGES
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NSW METROPOLITAN CLOGGING

THURSDAY	WEST PYMBLE	Hillbillies Cloggers	Vickie Dean	9979 5736
FRIDAY	HURSTVILLE	Hillbillies Southsiders	Vickie Dean	979 5736
SATURDAY Morning	GUILDFORD	Strictly Cloggers	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.

N.S.W. Club News

NEWPORT OCEAN WAVES

It was "A touch of the Irish" jazzing up our Warriewood hall for the St. Patrick's Day dance. Doug had great music for us to dance to and Rosemary organised decorations and a raffle for the night. We also welcomed back Jan & David after a brief break. Jan's wonderful egg sandwiches put a smile on everyone's face at supper time!

KNEE DEEP SQUARES

Chris & Linda Froggatt

Lovely having visitors Margaret, Terry & Christa dancing with us. We enjoyed celebrating with Maree & Ron Huffadine and Panther Squares for their 25th Anniversary dance. We are all enthusiastic about Beginners this month so bring along your friends. Happy birthdays: Trevor B., John C., Paul, Tristan and Lilly

TAMWORTH CLOVERLEAF DANCERS

We enjoyed a superb afternoon/evening 8th birthday party at the home of Dick and Jenny. Thank you for letting us invade your property, The large new garage with smooth concrete floor was just ideal for us to dance in. Many thanks to all who helped in so many and various ways making the night a great social occasion. The friendliness, helpfulness and caring attitude of this group is just awesome. Happy dancing everyone.

JUST BLISS

Caller: Jim Brooks

Special thanks to Ron Reiman who called for our St- Patricks Day dance. April is a big month for the club. starting with our 2nd Birthday Dance What's more, this month we open a brand new Tuesday night dance at Maroubra for beginners. Let's hope it is a success. Birthday wishes to Bettina, Joan, Marie and Jo for March.

PANTHER SQUARES

Caller: Maree Huffadine

Our 25th Birthday celebration last month went off with a bang. Thank you to all the dancers who turned up for a great night. Our wishes for a speedy recovery to Vince...he has a dedicated nurse in his wife June. Looking forward to the Society Dance. Birthday wishes to Eliza, Irene, Jenny, Kirsty, Terry, Ron W. and Betty

SAPPHIRE SQUARES

Pam & George Pitt

Pam & George's 60th W/A celebrations went well with a reunion of their immediate family, plus three overseas relatives. It has been a very hot month for dancing and we are lucky to have an air-conditioned hall. Having a dinner out to celebrate club's 26th anniversary. Congratulations Wendy & Alan on their 54th W/A and a happy 'special' birthday George.

WESLEY SENIORS

Christa, an enterprising lady from Germany who dances at Triangle Squares, Solingen visited us. She is touring Australia, with a copy of the Square Dance review in her hand. So far she has danced in clubs in Perth, then Adelaide, and is now working her way through the clubs in Sydney.

HILLBILLIES SQUARES Beecroft

Callers: Vickie and Steve.

Bill, Kathy and Pam have been away cruising again and Doreen and Graeme have been visiting England and the Canary Islands. It was good to have Lynne and Ed visit and Ed called a couple of rounds for us. Happy Birthday Maureen, Betty and Nola. Congratulations to Maree and Ron and Panther Squares for reaching 25 years.

SUSSEX-SHOALHAVEN SQUARES Thursday

Caller: Jan Johnson

All happy to be back dancing after Christmas break. Great to have Norma and Cec back dancing after their heart ops. last year, as well as Don and Peg. Good luck to Anna-Lee at Uni. as she starts this year. Jordan and Bailey each received age swimming trophies at school swim carnival well done.



Vale – David Pitt



If you were dancing in the 70's & 80's you would have known David Pitt. David was one third of a trio of callers who ran and called for the Armidale Eights for a number of years and also ran the very successful Armidale Spring Festival each year in October. His first marriage to Bev failed but they had three lovely children and eventually 14 grandchildren, all of whom David was very proud.

David had even gotten them all involved in singing and used to sing with them at church and concerts. It was a very beautiful moment when they all sang a special song in honour of David at his funeral. In 1987, David met Sylvia at a Kempsey Weekend Festival and they were married by the end of that year, settling in Brisbane where Sylvia lived. Being David, he soon got involved with the local church, helping them in various capacities, running their website being just one. He also had a beautiful tenor voice and loved singing, something he had done since he was very young boy. Over the years he had sung in several choirs and even after his throat cancer took away his lovely tenor voice, he still managed to get back to singing even if at a much lower range. As he said to me, "I can't sing tenor any more, Wilma!"

David was a very positive person and despite the many various types of cancer that he battled with over the past 8-9 years he would still have that wonderful smile on his face and just go about doing what he wanted to do. He loved his golf and was still going out in the mornings for a hit only a matter of a few months before he died. David also loved his round dancing and used to help out with cueing at a couple of clubs in Brisbane when it was needed. He was a very handy Mr. Fix-it and in latter years became involved with the local Men's Shed. People always knew if they wanted help in any way – just ask David. David was always a very happy, positive, caring person with a wicked sense of humour, something he still had right up to the end.

His funeral service was held on the 18th February (his birthday) when he would have been 79. There was even a birthday cake for him and everybody sang 'Happy Birthday' to him. Deepest Sympathy to Sylvia and all of David's extended family. Rest in Peace, dear friend, now you can sing with the angels in whatever voice you want.

Wilma Flannery.



N.S.W. Publicity Report

The 37th NSW State Convention 2016 is coming up very quickly. The convention is being held at St Mary Mackillop Catholic College, Tenison Woods Close, Woongarrah, September 2-4, 2016. Starting on Friday night with the opening ceremony and also the theme "Coast & Country". Contact Gary Carpenter, Convenor, 0429 827 793

The next 5th Saturday dance is a special event, "A Touch of Class Dinner Dance" for the Square & Round Dance Association's 60th Birthday featuring Nev & Bev McLachlan. Dress up and come to this special event being held at Nepean High School, 115-119 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains on Saturday, April 30. An afternoon and night of dining and dancing. Contact David Todd 0411 888 515.

Caller training days have been planned. One day in May in the Northern NSW area, one day in July/August Sydney Western area and a three day event in October with Steve Turner at the Port Kembla Leagues Club. Call Barry Wonson, our NSW State Caller Co-ordinator, for more information. bjwonson@gmail.com

Frances McAlister
Publicity Officer

N.S.W. Club News

SUSSEX-SHOALHAVEN SQUARES Tuesday

Caller: Jan Johnson

Callers seminar very interesting, always room to learn more, thank you to Mel who helped our group.

TARTAN PROMENADERS

We resumed our regular dance in early February. We did a demonstration at a suburban Health Festival with David Gilroy and enjoyed the company of a local Rock 'N Roll club who also attended. We are in the process of 3 weeks beginner's evenings. We have a few coming along and most importantly coming back each week

WILLI-WHIRLERS

Caller: Wilma Flannery

Numbers have been down a bit this month with one thing or another but things should start to pick soon. We have the Summerland Larrikins birthday in March. No birthdays to speak of in the month of March.

CARPENTER & CO

Caller: Gary Carpenter

Our Birthday weekend at Riverwood Downs was fantastic. A great weekend of relaxing, eating and dancing. Thanks to Brian and Don for bringing the canoes, all our cooks and Mum (Carole) for arranging the catering. Had a great little workshop for Wendy & Wayne on sight resolution. Booked again for 2018. Now we're ready for new beginners and a convention.

MOUNTAIN DEVILS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Caller: David Todd

Enjoyed celebrating at Panther Squares 25th anniversary dance. Get well wishes to Vince. It was great to have Kate having a go at calling. Murray continues to shine. David bringing out some of the old numbers for us to dance. Looking forward to the Association dance at the end of the month.



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N.S.W. Club News

RIVERSIDE 8'S

Caller: Tony Bowring

Slow start to the year with rain one week then very hot. Hopefully numbers will pick up when the nights get cooler. Plenty happening with our Easter Dance and April Fools night dress up with wine & cheese supper. If passing through make sure you drop in, visitors very welcome.

Review April 2016

Where is **Brian Hotchkies**



Calling
Saturday Night?
7:30 Rounds- 8:00 Squares

Gosford Senior Citizens

Albany St Gosford NSW
(Air Conditioned)

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37th NSW State Square & Round Dance Convention

First of all a reminder on the dates; Friday 2nd September to Sunday 4th September. Yes this does include Father's day. We are thinking of something special for the Dads on the night.

Our theme night is the Friday Night. Coast or Country (Blue & Green).

We are inviting everyone to come dressed for the occasion. Dancing will start with Rounds at 7:00, an entertaining Opening Ceremony at 7:30 and Squares starting shortly after. The opening ceremony will include a Banner Parade. Banners with a Club representative to carry them will need to be ready at 7:30.

On Saturday morning there will be gatherings of Callers and Cuers. Rounds will start the afternoon then a combined Mainstream/Plus dance session following. We will include A level dancing at the end of the afternoon. The evening will start again with a round dance session at 7:00 and squares 7:30. There will of course be a Dressed Set Event early in the evening (sets need to be registered by the end of Friday evening).

Sunday Morning will start with meetings, Convention and Association. We have arranged to use the school theatre, located next to the hall for the meetings. After the meetings (and lunch) we have a mixed dancing session with Rounds, Mainstream, Plus and Contra then a Clogging Session. Sunday evening will again start at 7:00 with Rounds and Squares at 7:30. We will close the evening a little early to invite everyone to enjoy the Official After Party.



2016 NSW Calendar of Events

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- 3 Just Bliss 2nd Birthday Afternoon with Barry Wonson
- 16/17 Glen Squares 35th Birthday Weekend
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60th Anniversary Dance at Nepean High School with Nev & Bev

MAY

- 26 50/50 Dance Pelican Promenaders Hawaiian Theme
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1pm-2.45pm A1 & Plus 2.45-4.30 Plus & Mainstream

4.30pm A.G.M.

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Association Members \$25 Two-Course Dinner plus 2 Dances, \$35 for Non Members

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I/We are able to attend the Dinner Dance on Saturday, 30th April 2016 at 6pm

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MONDAY		Upbeat Ch.a.o.s	Plus	Gary Petersen	0434 772 066
TUESDAY		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
	Enogerra	Wavell Whirlaways	MS/Learning Plus	Sid Leighton	0409 482 192, 3266 7931
THURSDAY	Zillmere	Northside Promenaders	Learning M/S, 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 6pm PhII-V 7pm	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

METROPOLITAN CLOGGING

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 & Dian	33916526/0429851891
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	NevMcL, Gary P	04177292673 0403 240129
	Cairns	Ulysses Squares CD's	Basic/MS/Plus/Rnds	Eddie Ebrington	4045 2620
WEDNESDAY	Buderim/S' shine Cst	Suncoasters	Daytime Basic, MS,	NevMcL, Gary P	04177292673 0403 240129
	Hervey Bay/Fraser Coast	Hervey Bay S.D. Club	Main Club Night	Laptop Playlists	4194 6647 4125 4173
	Rockhampton/Qld	Capricorn Waves	Beginners/MS	Bevan Timmarsh	0428 870 338
THURSDAY	Caloundra/S' shine Cst	Lighthouse Squares	Plus	David Smythe	5492 1254
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/ 40547534
	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 7393/4788 8762
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

Every square dance club has dancers and usually a caller upfront, male or female, who also puts in time behind the scenes. Many clubs also have a quiet achiever, a person who works hard to take the pressure off the caller and their partner in the mundane activities that give each club its individual atmosphere. Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners Inc. is one of those clubs. Maryborough is a historic town located on the Mary River, in the Fraser Coast region of Queensland, where the club recently celebrated its 27th birthday. Matthew Mills was billed as the caller for the night, but being ill, David Smythe gallantly stepped in as caller, at short notice, to help the club celebrate. The club is a happy group of dancers, run by a committee, with David Habler, a shift worker, as caller and when he is unavailable they dance to recordings. The other committee members are President Jeanette Polinski, Secretary Bev Roberts, Treasurer Diane Jago, General Handy Man Colin Carlile, and record keeper/computer operator Elwyn Garvey.



Norma Rabbe is the quiet achiever in this club. Norma, 86 years young, received the clubs' Appreciation Award at their 27th Birthday night, as recognition for doing the most work for the club. Norma has been dancing with them for approximately 20 years, always arriving early to prepare for the night, an enthusiastic dancer and one of the last to leave. She makes the sandwiches with various fillings, sets up and organises the supper, and takes home the washing. A well deserved recipient of the award. What would be the future of all our clubs be if we didn't have someone as dedicated as Norma?

Lynette Macpherson
President



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8th May

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Queensland Club News

HERITAGE CITY HODOWNERS Inc.

Numbers are small but enthusiastic, three new learners from last year helps. We are starting learner's class in March. Our 27th Birthday Dance with David Smythe a great success with much fun and frivolity where Norma Rabbe was presented with our Appreciation award. Michael Mills visiting in April and with Hervey Bay and Gympie dancers attending our numbers increase greatly.

SUNCOASTERS

Suncoasters very happy to be getting a new roof on our hall after having several leaks when the rains come down. Nev, Bev and members have worked diligently every month running sausage sizzles raising money for this. We have also been very fortunate to receive a grant from the State Government for this cause. Our new dancers are progressing well.

EZ SQUARES

We are busy with our new dance program. So far the feedback has been very positive, club members are putting the effort into encouraging our new dancers.

With an uninterrupted hour of learners program our new dancers are progressing well. On our party night at the end of March these dancers will be able to participate and enjoy the experience.

HERVEY BAY SQUARE DANCERS Inc.

Two full squares of new people came to our ComeNTry after radio and Newspaper Ads, signage at the hall, notices at public venues and word of mouth. We are thrilled and hope they all come back next week to enjoy learning our dance. Happy Birthday to two Life Members, Iris who turns 90 and Alf, 85.

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

Due to Matthew's absence through illness, Shirley had us thinking about different moves with some "Tough Plus" on Club night. Shirley has challenged Tuesday "A" group with the "all four" movements recently while Matthew challenges all with dance moves in a different order or direction. Cane Country Squares celebrated its 33rd Birthday with dinner out before dancing.



Recognise these dancers ?



Committee for 2016 National Convention

Australia's First National Convention

This article is taken from "Square Your Sets" March 1960.

At the end of next month another milestone, and definitely the greatest in the history of Australian Square Dancing, will be reached when our First National Convention is to be held. Actual dates are 30th April -May 1, and callers and dancers are expected to attend from many states for this spectacular event.

Canberra will be the host city-nearly two thousand feet up in the rolling Monaro Tablelands, the largest garden in Australia-Canberra, the national capital. There are many who consider that Autumn is the nicest time of year for visitors to the Australian Capital Territory, with day after day of cool, sunny weather, with the trees at their richest red and gold and the mountains a hazy blue. Add to all of this a Square Dance Convention and you have the most perfect picture of all!

Square Dancing at the Australian National Eistedford will precede the convention, which is planned to get under way late on the Saturday afternoon. Discussion groups will direct their attention to such subjects as Uniformity of Square Dance style (e.g. "Box the Gnat"), Organization, Calling etc. Possibly the biggest feature will be the national "Square Dance Party" on Saturday night, with a huge variety of callers. Sunday morning is for sight-seeing, followed by a special picnic at the beautiful Cotter River Dam. Later in the day, the official "Farewell" Dance concludes the Convention programme.

This hard-working committee for this really big show is headed by chairman Robyn Brown, and all who attend are assured of a wonderful weekend. Make certain that your state is represented-Mr. Frank Gilfelt can be contacted at Canberra's Patent office if you require further details.

"Sunrays" to Represent Queensland

After a period of twelve months dancing together, Queensland's Sunrays are busily preparing for their most important appearance to date-that of representing their state at the National Eistedford in Canberra next month. The Sunrays have appeared on a number of television programs as well as the Skyline Drive-In Theatre, the Country Fair and Sandgate's Rosebowl Carnival. Square Dancing for fun has always been their aim, and all members thoroughly enjoy each performance. Queensland may be assured that the Sunshine State will be well represented.



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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	Hamersley	Greenfinches	MS	Steve Turner	9243 1200
	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
	Joondanna	Boomerangs	Plus	Jeff Van Sambeeck	93077728
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	P & R Rounds	Bassendean	Beg/Phll	Pat Mori	0448 794940
	Allemanders Sqs	Kallaroo	MS& Plus	Jim Buckingham	9305 8685

CLOGGING CLUBS

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



"We do not grow too old to dance. We grow old because we do not dance."

--Herb Greggerson, Square Dance Caller, 1953

Western Australia Delegate's Report

Thank you to those clubs organising Beginners' classes and hope lots of angels do their little bit as many hands make light work. Please take every opportunity to help up sell the benefits of square dancing and how social it can be in addition to the health benefits. Just direct them to the National web pages on SQUAREDANCE.ORG.AU

On the 9th March Dianella Rangers 40th birthday theme Ruby Red was a packed house bulging at the seams and lots of fun was had by all. Attendees were treated to a square dance routine performed by 'precision' dancers to the applause of onlookers. Jeff Van Sambeek kept the night swinging assisted by visiting callers Greg Fawell, Brian Sims and a late inclusion by Paul Long after attending beginners at North Perth.

Cloverwest celebrated their 3rd birthday on the 14th March with a theme of Sweet Sixteen to the delight of all the dancers who wished they could turn back the clock to match. During the evening I had the honour of handing out graduation certificates to nine dancers...well done guys and girls...we wish you all well and hope you enjoy many years of great fun & friendship set to music. Kevin Fitzgerald and Andy Colvin had five sets going for most of the night even with all the heat from a 40 + day!!!. John Riach also had a call and we enjoyed round and line dancing to complete a well balanced night. Phil & Pat Paddon cut the cake prior to the last dance then a huge supper was enjoyed by all to finish the night.

I hope all dancers, callers and cuers keep up their great contributions of sharing this fun pastime and I look forward to reporting back next month.

Regards,
Steve Longwood
Promotions Officer SDSWA



SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

COUNTRY SQUARES

Day	Area	Club	Level	Caller	Phone (08)
MON	Bunbury	Bunbury Sq Dancers	MS, learning Plus		9795 8557
	Mandurah	Dolphin Dancers	MS	Paul Long	95353205
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	Cherie Grogan	9841 6253
	Geraldton	Friendly Squares	MS	David Gibson	9938 2180
	Wongan Hills	Wongan Hills	MS	Robert Dew	9620 1234
SAT	Gidgegannup	Gidgegannup	MS 2nd,4th wk	Alan Eades	9621 1481

COUNTRY CLOGGING CLUBS

MON	Esperance Bay		Julie-Anne Clark	0414733775
THURS	Safety Bay	Rockingham Cloggers	Kaye Speyer	92954802

COUNTRY LINE DANCE CLUBS

TUES	Northam	Country Kicking Lines	Easy/Int	Alan Eades	96211481
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Modern Style Square Dancing

This article was taken from the Australian Square Dance Review April 1962 and was written by James White.

How often have you heard the comment: " Square Dancing? That went out years ago." We know different, of course, but one of the problems confronting our pastime is overcoming such comments. Quite often a square dancer is embarrassed by such so the purpose of this article is to explain why comments such as the above are made and what should be done to counteract them.

Square Dancing is one of the oldest forms of dancing in the world and can be traced back to early Europe. The only older form of dancing is Rock 'n Roll which can be traced back to the primitive jungle chants. However few know that rock 'n roll and square dancing are basically the same beat, and that rock 'n roll can be done "square dance style" by calling a few of the simplified square dance moves in quick succession, e.g. half sashay, re-sashay, box the gnat, Californian style. As such it can be proved that rock 'n roll has less variety and originality than square dancing.

Ten years ago, square dancing was found by promoters, and as such it boomed all around the world. In Sydney alone, 50 000 people were square dancing at least once a week. There has never been such enthusiasm for dancing since. However, for many reasons, square dancing is not suitable for continued exploitation by promoters so after three or four years they retired and square dancing was left to the dancers to run. As promoters are no longer interested, obviously there is little publicity. As the change was then to rock 'n roll, the word "square" was then used in a derogatory sense.

However, square dancing is by no means done. It is still very much in demand. Each year their National Convention gets bigger. Last year 10 000 dancers registered, and it is now getting to the stage where they cannot find cities big enough to stage it! It is nothing to have 3000 dancers in one hall for just a State round-up.

Square dancing is not to be regarded as old fashioned. It has changed so much in the last ten years that old dancers find it hard to believe. For example, do you know that many of the current hit parade tunes have square dances written to them, and quite a number actually appear on the square dance scene several months before they are 'captured' and put on the hit parade? Yes, that's right!

The current number one tune on the hit parade is 'Multiplication' and has been a square dance under another name for years. 'Steel Driving Man', 'Itsy Bitsy Teeney Weeney Polka Dot Bikini', 'Witch Doctor' are just three of many examples that can be quoted.

To be continued next month

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Tartan Promenaders with caller David Gilroy



Wesley Seniors Second from the left is Christa, a very enterprising lady from Germany who dances at Challenge level in Triangle Squares, Solingen. Christa is travelling Australia.



Maree Huffadine (caller) and Helen Jenner (Life Member) cutting Panther Squares 25th Anniversary Cake.

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