

The Banana Benders Bugle

APRIL 2010

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NEWS FROM ROCKHAMPTON

30th State Square Dance Convention

It has come to us, that some dancers are concerned that there is a problem with the floor of the Convention Venue. We held a sound test and found the floor to be sticky and not suitable for dancing. If this problem is unable to be rectified, the venue will be changed. Please be assured it is number one priority to ensure we have the best venue and floor for the Convention. All will be notified of this change as soon as we have more details. In the meantime feel free to send in your registrations we'd love to see you in Rocky!

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PROMOTION

I would like to inform members what I see is my roll. My priority is to help, provide or otherwise acquire aids to help clubs get new members.

When I was searching for inspiration the thought came to me "Why not ask the most recent recruits how they came to square dancing"; what convinced them to 'give it a go?'

So the call goes out to all dancers who have started this pastime since last June or to any other recent convert to tell "What brought you to square dancing?"

If your club has successfully attracted new dancers please tell how you did it. Send samples if it was a letter drop of leaflet etc. If you can help with this information please supply it ASAP.

We have 'missed the boat' for a grant for the DVD a number of times. Now the lodgement of the application has been put in my basket of things to do and it will be lodged in the next series of applications. It will be at least the second half of the year before this DVD is available.

By this time some of you will be saying I have missed the best recruitment aid of all; that is you, the existing dancers. and you are correct.

Talk to your acquaintances about square dancing and make sure you emphasise the main features of this activity. The friendships, the fun to be had and lastly but by no means least the physical and mental exercise involved. Just be ready for the objections. First one will be about square dance attire (big skirts etc which are of no consequence for new dancers) and the second one will be 'I don't have a partner'. You know that answers.

I'm not kidding; I need help so please don't ignore this request.

My contact details are in the adjacent column and I am expecting to hear from you.

Noel Miller.

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

April is going to be a great month for Clogging, with not only continuing great Club days and nights, but with a demo (weather permitting) in King George Square on the morning of Thursday 8th as part of the celebrations of the official opening of the Brisbane City Hall 80 years ago.

Clogging members of the 50+ Club will be dancing in the morning. Other forms of dancing will also be on show. There will be guided tours of some of the areas where renovations of our Grand Old Lady have already started.

Come to the Queen Street Mall on Friday 23rd when the Get Rhythm Team will give a demo of dancing on the top stage opposite Myer. Time is 1:40 p.m. There will be other entertainment for you to enjoy to help publicise the Urban Country Music Festival in Caboolture which starts on the 30th April, and finishes on the 3rd of May.

During the Festival, Clogging's first showing will be on Saturday 1st May at the Grass Roots stage at 10:00 a.m. and again in the Memorial Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (both venues in King Street). Times and venue on Sunday 2nd are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

On Sunday afternoon a social Clogging Dance will be held at the Caboolture Showgrounds, Beerburum Road, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. First-timers will be catered for during the afternoon. Admission is \$5.00 dancers, spectators/first-timers Free. Bottomless free cups of tea & coffee. Plenty of free parking. Come and dance or have a fun try at this great activity.

CONGRATULATIONS in capital letters to Edith, Jenny, their helpers and Dennis the video guru for another Super STORM KING CAMP. The weather didn't spoil a thing, and the usual fun, frivolity and dance, dance, dance was on in trumps. Terrific to catch up with the out-of-Brisbane dancers, including all points North and from far away as Tasmania, the ACT and South Australia.

Welcome home to Bevan & Cathy from their wonderful holiday in Vietnam.

Just a reminder that there are DAY and EVENING Clogging class-times available. Please contact me or check out the ACA website, especially if you are travelling through Queensland or going interstate.

During the past few weeks we have had the pleasure of welcoming back some Cloggers who have had an extended break from Clogging, but just had to come back- you can't beat the beat!

Enjoy yourself,

Frances

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

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CLOGGING DATES

APRIL 5th No Club at 50+ (City) or Chug-a-Lugs (Greenslopes).

8th 50+ Club demo. King George Square 11 a.m.

23rd Get Rhythm demo. Queen St. Mall 1.40 p.m.

MAY 1st Urban Country Music Festival, Caboolture

2nd Urban Country Music Festival, Caboolture

2nd Social Clogging Dance, Caboolture Showgrounds 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

16th Chug-a-Lugs 23rd Birthday Celebrations, 9.30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

JULY 23-24-25 Aussie Clog Camp, Redland Bay.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRANK BENNETT HERVEY BAY

Glenda would like to thank all her Square dancing friends for their support and many messages, Sympathy cards, Phone calls and Visits.

It was most comforting to know so many people knew of and respected Frank, all expressing how much they will miss his friendly smiling face.

I miss him greatly but will continue to dance knowing I am among friends.

Many thanks to you all. Please accept this as my personal thanks

Glenda Gordon

V A L E

G W E N N E V I L L E

We are all saddened by the news of the Passing of our fellow dancer and friend, Gwen Neville. Gwen was a member of Carina Carousels Square Dance Club for more than seventeen years and will be sorely missed at our Thursday dance. Her death occurred on 3rd March at Greenslopes Hospital as the result of a stroke. Many of us also remember Gwen from Toe Tappers, which is no longer an active Club.

Our sympathy goes to Gwen's family.

G W E N N E V I L L E

The dancers of Gumdale Grand Sliders Club recently said farewell to Gwen Neville who passed away suddenly at the age of 83.

Gwen was one of the founder members of the club when Eric Wendall was the caller and had been dancing there for over 25 years.

Gwen also loved Ballroom dancing which she and her partner Jim still attended every week, and she was also a Lawn Bowls player.

Her funeral was held at Mt. Thompson Crematorium and was attended by a number of Square Dancers and Callers from the Clubs which she still regularly attended.

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

'Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.

RoundUp and Gala Dance.

In former times the RoundUp was considered as THE DANCE OF THE YEAR. It would be great to see it regain that status. It is well supported by both the QCA and the Square Dancing Society of Queensland. Inc.

There are two parts to this event. In the afternoon the Callers conduct their Gala dance incorporating the Amateur Callers Competition.

The evening program is the Society's part of the program. Both bodies benefit financially from the event.

The host club benefits from the raffle the net result of which can be very beneficial. The whole event is organised under the advice of the Society's Functions Coordinator. That is a rough outline of the arrangements for this event which will be held 28th. August.

If your club is interested in being the host for this event please contact the Society in writing within the next few weeks. Closing date 24thApril. We would like to get this event finalised as soon as possible.

The contact person is
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Secretary,
Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.

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as soon as possible.

CIGARETTE:

A pinch of tobacco rolled in paper with fire at one end and a fool at the other!

MARRIAGE:

It's an agreement wherein a man loses his bachelor degree and a woman gains her master

LECTURE:

An art of transmitting Information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of students without passing through the minds of either

CONFERENCE:

The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present

LAST ARMIDALE SPRING FESTIVAL

After lengthy consideration, Armidale Eights has decided that their 2010 Spring Festival will be the last. It was not an easy decision but over recent years various things that threaten the organizational and financial viability of the weekend have come together. We believe that our Festivals have been highly successful events and would like to know our last is of the same standard.

We wish to thank all the dancers who have given us such tremendous support during our 33 Festivals. Some who were at our first event still come. We encourage dancers to give the same support to other weekends around Australia.

The festival is on 15, 16 and 17 October and will be the same format as previously: Friday night, Saturday afternoon and night at the University, and Sunday morning dance, BBQ lunch and concert at the woolshed.

Leaders are Paul Long and Graham Elliott (Squares), Paula Armstrong (Rounds) and Suellen Guest (Clogging).

In late May we will mail registration forms to dancers who have attended in recent years. A registration form will appear in the June Review and on our website www.armidaleeights.net.

I can arrange for one to be sent if you ring me on 02 6775 1707 or email dwilliam@nsw.chariot.net.au

I suggest you make accommodation arrangements early as many bookings have already been made at van parks. If you need information ring the Armidale Visitors Centre, 1800 627 736, and ask for a list of accommodation to be sent to you.

We hope as many dancers as possible will come along and make it a memorable occasion.

David Williams
President

A woman was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane.

Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney along the way.

The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind.

A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?'

The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs.'

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a guide dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses.

People scattered.

They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story...

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CANE COUNTRY SQUARES. BUNDABERG

Tompson, a beautiful black 3year old Ladrador Guide Dog came to our club on Friday 20th March. The puppy is in training for socialisation and our Charity Bowl donation will assist this organisation to provide help for some person in need of a dog's guidance. The raffle of a Target Voucher and a dog pictorial calendar from the Guide Dogs Association given on the night boosted the amount already collected to a total of \$163.00.

A representative group of dancers from Bundaberg helped Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners celebrate their 21st Birthday Reunion in Maryborough. Happy Birthday to your Club from all of us here.

On Friday 26th March Cane Country Squares will celebrate their 27th Birthday with a dinner at Burnett Bowls Club prior to commencing dancing at 7.30pm. All of our new learners are invited to attend and help us celebrate and have some fun.

Our recent wide publicity coverage has paid off for our learners' class. We began with 12 on the first night, 8 on the second and 11 on the third night. We are so pleased to swell our dancing numbers on the floor. Here's hoping they are not too worn out to come back and join us again for more of the same fun nights.

After planning for quite a long time to visit Rockhampton for the "sound test", the weather decided to intervene with a crazy cyclone, and as we were heading north towards it we were disappointed not to be able to feel it was safe to be away from home. We know it will be a good weekend of fun with a test run for the visiting callers.

Pam Garson

COMPROMISE:

The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece

TEARS:

The hydraulic force by which masculine will power is defeated by feminine water-power!

DICTIONARY:

A place where divorce comes before marriage

Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners

had a great reunion for its 21st. Birthday.

Our thanks go to Nev. McLachlan (the Caller at our 1st. Birthday party in 1989) for bringing a bus from his Club at Buderim. It certainly added to the atmosphere... Shirley Kelly and her mates came from Bundaberg, along with the girls and boys from Hervey Bay, as well as a good roll-up from our own members - in all 76 dancers on the night. Sure was a crush, but all managed. The food was excellent.

For the reunion dinner, we had some of the original members from 21 years back.

Betty Patterson, Fred and Peggy Edwards, Josephine Fazio, Connie Morrison, and Keith Taylor. Keith, as the only original dancer had the honour of cutting the Birthday cake.

We also welcomed from Adelaide, Caboolture, Mooloolaba, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Bauple, and Maryborough, those who had danced with our Club over the years, as well as Brian Critchle7, our previous caller, and Wendy, his wife.

The memorabilia of the 21 years and photos bought many a laugh and reminiscence of times past.

Maureen O'Hara, our Treasurer, was presented with the Club's Annual Achievement Award. Her father Patrick O'Hara sent his apologies as he was having a stint in the Hospital. We wish him well, as I am sure all who know him does. Patrick was a Caller and President from Mothar Mountain Moonshiners, Gympie.

What a happy time we had.

Regards Helen Meyer.

CONFERENCE ROOM: A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on

ECSTASY:

A feeling when you feel you are going to feel a feeling you have never felt before

CLASSIC:

A book which people praise, but never read

SMILE:

A curve that can set a lot of things straight!

W A V E L L W H I R L A W A Y S

Wednesday 17th March saw Wavell celebrate 41 years of dancing. It does not seem like 12 months since we had our big 40th. Around 70 dancers helped us celebrate this year. Club visit from Bar-K-Circle-W with Nev and two dancers from Suncoasters. Also visiting, David and Faith from Rambling 8s. The theme for the night was Irish/St Patrick's Day. Nearly all got into the swing of things wearing the orange and the green.

Six members of the club travelled to Lake Preseverance for the Rambling Eight's Camp on Friday 19th March. This was actually my first camp and I don't mind saying I will give serious thought to attending again. Some of our members performed at the after party and were given a huge round of applause. Great dancing to David, Noel and Rounds with Corrinne. Some breaks were filled with lines as well. This was a great way to spend a weekend with no pressure to dance if you did not wish to. The theme of the weekend was Carnival and some great costume ideas were to be seen on the Saturday night. Thank You David and Faith for a great weekend. Next Club outing is Bare foot Bowls in April. Thank you to Wavell for the Sympathy Card sent to my family on the death of Howard's Father

recently.

Margaret and June

CHECK FOR ALZHEIMERS

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University. Take your time, there's no hurry, and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake.

The average person over 40 years of age cannot do it!

01. This is this cat.
02. This is is cat.
03. This is how cat.
04. This is to cat.
05. This is keep cat.
06. This is an cat.
07. This is old cat.
08. This is fart cat.
09. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat.
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the [third word in each line](#) from the top down...

30th. April to 3rd. May 2010

32nd. NORTH QUEENSLAND

Round & Square Dance Convention

Featuring **MIKE DAVEY**

and Rounds Cuer **Julie Jensen**

Venue:- Darts Hall

MacNamara Street, Manunda, **Cairns**

Full Weekend ticket \$45.00

Family Ticket \$110.00

Evening Sessions \$10.00.....Day Sessions \$5.00

Cairns City Square & Round Dance Club

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A perfect time to visit North Queensland

SNAKES ALIVE

Presented by EZ Squares,

Caboolture 23—24 April

Guest Caller: Brian Hotchkies

Fri 7:00-7:30pm – Ezi Rounds:

7:30 – 10:30pm Mainstream

Sat 10:00-12:00pm Mainstream

with a difference

Sat 1:00pm – Plus with Pleasure

Sat 3:00pm – Rounds

Sat 7:00pm – Ezi Rounds

Sat 7:30pm – Gala Squares Night

Burpengary Community Hall,

Station Rd, Burpengary

Catering: Non Stop Canteen

Free Supper Saturday night

Weekend Tickets \$25.00

Lake Perseverance Camp –

1st Timers' Jottings

The bags were packed 5 days before! Were we excited – just a HUGE amount! We had never danced for 3 solid days before. Would our feet stand the pace!

Friday 5pm arrival – a warm welcome by Faith and David Pearce, then to find our cabin and settle in. Hey, this was a great place. Saw some familiar faces and had a chance to chat.

Evening dance at 7pm. The music started – toes tapping, happy faces - we were here to have some FUN. We were off - the magic had begun – whirl the corner, then weave (floating with the music – transported into the clouds). Swing the partner – could we go any faster and keep in time!

Snap – broken shoe, please stay on until the end of this bracket. Can't break the square! Will pack 3 pairs of shoes next time just in case!

What a super dance, and this was only the first night! Fell into the bunk. Sleep – definitely not – too many tunes racing around – come on brain relax - must sleep! More fun tomorrow.

Saturday – workshop time with David, Noel McKenzie and Corinne. Different slants on mainstream moves, a plus workshop and the opportunity to try a round dance. The bolero – a beaut samba that we all mastered under Corinne's instruction. Hexagons – the brain teaser – am I a head or a side? Ask the man he will know, he hasn't progressed all around the hex. Big, big smiles – we made it!

Late Saturday afternoon – the adventurous ones tackled tennis, bocce, a scavenger hunt, table tennis or golf putting. There was time to catch up with friends. We slept! Need stamina for tonight!

“Carnival” Dance and After Party. Time to dress-up and party. Cameras out to capture the frivolity. Now to dance to those carnival rhythms. Hope the parade is soon – this wig is SO hot and the boa SO prickly! David, Noel and Corinne kept us whirling through the night. The After Party showcased hidden talent in songs, poems and skits. Lights out - time to rest this body and elevate those feet.

Sunday – 8.30am Squaring up – eager faces ready to start. Dance to that magic music. A new caller's bracket next. How does it feel to hold the mic? Give it a go – your friends here. The rewards are great. Final dancing bracket – these dancers are just crazy!

Lots of hugs and farewells – hope to see you soon to whirl and swing.

A HUGE thank you to David and Faith, Noel and Merle, and Corinne.

Will we be going next year? YES! YES! YES!

Barb and Brian O'Connor

Kangaroo Kapers Dancers

celebrate a very special birthday!!

More torrential rain again, but in spite of this, 37 of our members turned up, to celebrate Pat Buckley's 90th birthday, and most of us had even managed to stay dry!

We dance early on Saturday mornings, starting just a couple of hours after sunrise – best time of the day! Pat is as fit as most 60 year olds, and even though she only started dancing with us (as a beginner) three years ago, has achieved success with, not only mainstream, but also plus – what a wonderful achievement. Taking up square dancing not so much for the exercise, but to keep her mind alert, she never ceases to amaze us.

We had planned a special morning, but encountered a problem when the Woolworth's cake decorator was unexpectedly unable to do the job and provide the cake that we had ordered. We were not to discover this, until around 2:00 PM Friday afternoon – too late to order another cake. Not to be outdone, by 9:00 AM on the Saturday morning, they provided free delivery to the hall - another cake – even better than the one we had ordered – our problem solved! Their generosity put smiles on all our faces as they refused to let us pay anything for the cake (should have been \$45), and in addition, included a \$50 Woolworth's gift card and some beautiful flowers – all for Pat and all donated.

Congratulations Pat, and thank you to Wendy (in charge of Public Relations) at Kawana Woolworths – a happy ending to our story.

Round Dance Corner - QRDA.

New Venue.

The Valentine Rounds Dance Club has moved from their previous home base at Camp Hill.

They now dance at the

Murrarie Progress Association Hall.

The address is 10 Queensport Road, Murrarie.

Ken and Val dance on - Tuesday at 7.30-9.30 –Ph 111 –IV

Sundays 4-6 pm. Club level



Return visit. The BIG event for 2010 is a return visit to Brisbane by **Curt & Tammy Worlock.**

They were here for the National Convention in '08 and held two weekends of teaching following the National.

The dates to keep clear are August 28/29 and September 4/5.

Details, including registration form, are available on the QRDA website ;

www.rounddanceqld.com

The venue is the Clairvaux McKillop School hall in Logan Rd. Mt. Gravatt.

A biker is riding by the zoo, when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion's cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tries to pull her inside to slaughter her, under the eyes of her screaming parents.

The biker jumps off his bike, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain the lion jumps back letting go of the girl, and the biker brings her to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly.

A reporter has seen the whole scene, and addressing the biker, says "Sir, this was the most gallant and brave thing I saw a man do in my whole life".

"Why, it was nothing, really, the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger, and acted as I felt right."

"Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, you know, and tomorrow's papers will have this on the first page. What motorcycle do you ride?"

"A Harley Davidson."

The journalist leaves. The following morning the biker buys the paper to see if it brings news of his actions, and reads, on the first page:

BIKER GANG MEMBER ASSAULTS AFICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH.

A short guy is sitting at a bar just staring at his drink for half an hour when this big, trouble-making biker steps next to him, grabs his drink, gulps it down in one swig and then turns to the guy with a menacing stare as if to say, 'What'cha gonna do about it?'

The poor little guy starts crying.

"Come on man, I was just giving you a hard time," the biker says. "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," says the little guy between sobs. "I can't do anything right. I overslept and was late to an important meeting, so my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car was stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home." He continues, crying even harder. "Then I found my wife in bed with the gardener and my dog bit me. So, I came to this bar trying to work up the courage to put an end to my life, and then you show up and drank the damn poison."

Rambling Eights Camp 2010

Since early December last year we knew that this year's camp was going to be BIG.

By Christmas we had to put up the "Full House" sign and tell dancers that registrations had closed. This is the first time we have had to do that, but it was an indication of the tremendous interest in a Square Dance Camp Weekend and the reputation of previous "Lake Perseverance" camps.

So with final registrations of 86 dancers we planned nearly 14 hours of dancing. This included: Square Dance workshops, Fun sessions, Round Dancing and singles dances.

We planned 9 meals, including mornAng and Afternoon Teas and suppers. Sporting activities to cater for all abilities and fitness levels, an early morning "Bush Walk" and an "After Party" that was something special!

Friday evening's dancing was casual, we enjoyed some of the favourite calls from the past and included dances like the "Bossa Nova" "Waltz Across Texas" and the "Hully Gully". It was surprising how many remembered those fun dances we used to do frequently at clubs and weekend festivals. Following the dancing, supper was served in conjunction with some games and a sneaky quiz which Faith had put together. But there are some clever people in dancing, some came up with answers for the quiz we hadn't even heard of.

Corinne Bradshaw has done a great job in looking after the Rounds for the weekend. This year was no exception. she cued classic rounds for the more experienced round dancers as well as choreographing a new dance "Carnival" to suit the camp theme. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Corinne in recognition of her efforts into Round Dancing at the camp over several years. Thank You Corinne.

Noel McKenzie with his wife Merle were an important part of the camp program. Noel challenged the dancers with some interesting asymmetrical choreography.

David had the dancers doing some of the standard Square Dance moves while they were formed in true Hexagon shapes. Many laughs and satisfied smiles at these sessions.

On the sporting fields it was a case of which one do we try? Teresa and Leon organised a tennis tournament, Merle a Table Tennis competition, Maurice the Bocce challenge, Pam and Julian started a new sport (for us) of Putting. Congratulations to the winners of the other games. While all this was going on; dancers were also scavenging for treasures to fill a list which Christine had compiled.

The feature night was Saturday. Many dancers got right into the theme "Carnival" and dressed up to suit the occasion. The parade of dancers was spectacular with a variety of outfits depicting the style of Rio de Janeiro famous Mardi Gras. David, Noel and Corinne hit the highs with great calling and cueing that kept the dancers happy.

Dianne was handed the roll of Master of Ceremonies for the "After Party". This featured some fantastic skits from clubs including Wavell Whirlaways and Rambling Eights.

On Sunday morning dancers were encouraged to "Sing Along" to old favourites. Then we had seven new callers strutting their stuff. This was an opportunity for dancers who wanted to have a go at calling to pick up a microphone and call to dancers. Four ladies who took up this challenge were Mary, Dawn, Margaret and Barbara and three fella's, Maurice, Ray and Julian. They all did great job.

So after another meal, lunch this time, it was time to finish packing and return home.

10 clubs were represented at the camp and we know their dancers will be talking about their experiences for some time to come. Next years camp is scheduled for 18th to 20th March.

David & Faith Pearce and the Rambling Eights

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly,

It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

Qld Square Dancing Events

30TH Queensland State Square Dance Convention

See Page 10 for discounts for tickets

APRIL

6 Gumdale Grandsliders

Easter Parade Tuesday 10-12 A prize for the best Easter bonnet.

A plate would be appreciated.

7 Gumdale Grandsliders

Eggs & Bunny Night Wed 7.30pm M/S & Plus

A plate would be appreciated

10 Logan City Square Dancers Inc Saturday Dance

See Page 10 for Details.

22 Happy Trails Square Dance Club (Thurs) 9:00 – 11:30am M/S & Plus

St George's Day (Come dressed for St George's Day)

Senior Citizens Hall, Cnr Queen & Whitby Sts, Southport

Caller: Peter Storey Enq: Elaine:
elle.shaw@bigpond.com

23-24 Snakes Alive (Burpengary)

See Page 6 for details

30 April – 3 May, 2010

32nd North Queensland Round & Square Dance Convention

See Ad Page 10

11 May Gumdale Grandsliders

Mothers Day Tuesday 10-12

A plate would be appreciated.

MAY

15 Suncoasters 40th Birthday

See Ad Page 11

If anyone would like a copy of the Yearly Dancing Events email Barbara:

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STILL DANCING AT 90

The dancers at Happy Trails club in Southport, Gold Coast, recently held a surprise Birthday party for Doreen Pollack to celebrate her 90th Birthday. Doreen still dances actively and regularly at the Club and had no idea of what was in store when she arrived, and thought it would be just a normal dance morning. As she arrived 'Happy Birthday' was sung and she was presented with a pot plant, followed later that morning by a delicious morning tea made by the other dancers.

Doreen originally came from New South Wales and two of her old Square Dancing friends, Val and Les, who had travelled to see her joined in the celebrations.

Doreen loves her dancing and we wish her many more years of fun and friendship in the Square Dancing activity.

Actual exchanges between pilots and control towers .

Tower: 'TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 Degrees.'

TWA 2341: 'Centre, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?'

Tower: 'Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?'

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, 'What was your last known position?'

Student: 'When I was number one for take-off.'



"Remember When In 2010"



The Square Dancers of Rockhampton

On behalf of the Queensland Callers' Association

Presents



30th Old State Square Dance Convention
August 20, 21, 22, 2010

Central Queensland University, Community Sports Centre,
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Running 2 Venues:- Venue 1 Sports Centre.
Venue 2 Outdoor Basketball Courts.

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UNTIL 19TH MAY 2010

\$55.00

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ALL ENQUIRIES: *Rachelle Mills*

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Featuring **MIKE DAVEY**
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Venue:- Darts Hall
MacNamara Street, Manunda, **Cairns**

Prices

Full Weekend ticket \$45.00 Family Ticket
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Evening Sessions \$10.00.....Day Sessions \$5.00

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Square Dance Centre, Dixon Road, Buderim. Qld

WITH **Graham Elliott &**

Nev McLachlan

Plus

from 2.00 pm till 5.00 pm

Admission \$ 8.00 per person

Followed by a **FREE Barbecue Tea**

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Mainstream

From 7.30 pm till 10.30 pm

Rounds at 7.00 pm with Bev

Admission \$ 10.00 per person SUPPER provided

Old Time Ball

Friday

14th May 2010



Square Dance Centre, Dixon Road, Buderim

(Celebrating 25 Years)

Dance to your old favourites
or just be entertained by the

"Sunshine Swing Band"

from 8.00 pm till midnight

Welcome Drinks from 7.00 pm till 8.00 pm

Light Supper with Tea and Coffee provided

Ticket entry only \$ 20.00 per person

DRESS: Evening/Cocktail

Contact:

Kevin (07) 5437 2546 or

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51st Australian National Square Dance Convention

Wodonga, Victoria is the place to visit in June 2010.

The National Square Dance Convention
will be held from 10th to 4th June
in the Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre,
Hedgerow Court, Wodonga.

In times gone by it took a lot of courage and strength, all sorts of talents, a degree of madness and no small measure of greed to carve a glorious city life out of the antipodean wilderness. The men and women who came to the region, from all around the world, brought these attributes with them, wrapped in hope and dreams of glory.

Our website www.twenty10.net.au will give you lots of information and you can download your registration form to send to us. Although the early bird discount price has closed, there is still time and opportunity to register at the normal price of AUD100.00 per dancer.

This is for dancing Thursday & Friday night, and Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoon and night. It also includes your program booklet and convention ribbon, Calling and Cuing by some great and famous talents, as well as the dressed-set parade on Saturday night and some excellent entertainment throughout the Convention.

Sunday night is the dress-up party "Under the big top" and we hope you will all participate. We would like to see a variety of costumes.

Your accommodation listing is also on-line. And you can phone the Wodonga Tourist Information at the toll free number 1300 796 222 to arrange late accommodation.

Planes, trains, coaches, busses and cars, whatever mode of transport you choose, come to Wodonga and join in the dancing, fun, friendship, entertainment and holiday spirit.

This Convention is for you and we are going to make sure you will get the best of experiences. Come and join us for the feature dance event on the Australian calendar

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