

## **The Queensland Society's' Christmas Party**

The Yeronga State High School hall was transformed into a Living, Colourful and Exciting Party on Saturday night. Rambling Eights had taken on the task of hosting this years Christmas event and the club did a wonderful job. From a spartan hall filled with desks and hundreds of fold away chairs, it was rearranged, decorated and set up for a major Society dance. Decorations in Christmas theme and colourful banners adorned the stage and the walls. The rear section of the hall became a "Coffee Shop" area where dancers could relax and socialise between dance brackets. The servery served Tea, Coffee and Cold drinks throughout the evening and prepared to serve a Christmas Supper. The dancing got under way with Linda Williamson and Bev McLachlan cueing for the round dancers.

Many couples took to the floor to enjoy Christmas tunes as well as perennial favourites. Thank you Linda & Bev. When the first "Round Up" was called: dancers were eagerly queuing up to get into a square for the first bracket. David Pearce, Nev McLachlan and Sid Leighton had the floor bouncing for the first bracket and this set the tone for the whole evening.

The combined Caboolture callers, Peter Clark, Glenn Wilson and the irrepressible Rod Dinte had the dancers singing along and feeling sorry for "Grandma" who got run over by a Reindeer. Margaret Baines, Alan Evans and Kay Walker kept up the happy dancing level for the Couples Roundup. Two fine Clogging Cuers took the microphone for a couple of lively dances. Thank you Sandra Bloomfield and Frances Look for bringing this variety to our dance program. Bruce McKenzie, Gary Peterson and Graham Brandon called for the "Square Up" before we handed the Microphone over to the Queensland Square Dancing Society president. Leighton Bloomfield.

Leighton welcomed all the Dancers, Callers and Cuers and wished them all a Very Happy Christmas. The Rambling Eights Club were acknowledged for their fine contributions to the "Sunshine State Roundup" which was held recently as well as for hosting the Christmas Party. David and Faith accepted the awards on behalf of the club. The ladies choice Roundup was called by Scott McKenzie and Queensland's most experienced and still one of the best to take up his microphone (The Golden Mic man); Graham Rigby. He was joined by Alan Evans and Nev McLachlan for an entertaining Plus bracket that kept the dancer on their toes.

Linda and Bev once again got the Round Dancers on the floor. This was followed by the "Lucky Door" prize and the "Monster Raffle". The prizes for the raffle had been donated by clubs and a few individual dancers. Our thanks go to all who supported the night by donation prizes. One of the Lucky Door prizes was not claimed on the night despite repeated calls for the number. This prize was raffled off on Sunday at the Society meeting raising more funds for the Society party night.

David Pearce was joined by Tom Philip and Glenn Wilson for the last Round Up. The final Square Up with Nev, Sid and Graham was a great finale to a terrific night of dancing.

The "Coffee Shop" area was transformed into the supper area and tables of food just appeared. From all comments we have received I think the dancers and organisers were extremely pleased with the event. A Christmas Party to remember. For those interested in statistics, just over 200 dancers attended, plus 19 callers and cuers and up to 10 spectators. We thank those leaders who brought their special gifts to the evening.

We must thank all Rambling Eights Dancers, friends and family members who contributed in any way to bring this party to the dancers of Queensland. Special mention must be given to Faith, who did so much to co-ordinate the food and supper suppliers.

We also acknowledge support and sponsorship from:

Cr. Adrian Schrinner (Brisbane City Council and our patron)

McDonalds, Jindalee, for their use of a cooler

All clubs who donated prizes

And lastly Thank you Santa and Mrs Claus for coming to visit us with gifts for the young people.

ABF, Australian bulk foods, for donations of sweets

St. Johns Ambulance for first aid attendance

Contact The Bugle:- burtrax@bigpond.net.au  
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4113 Ph. 3841 6619

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## **Carina Carousels**

*Christmas Dance*

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, at 1pm.*

**RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES.**

**FUN FOR EVERYONE.**

**A PLATE FOR AFTERNOON TEA**

**WOULD BE APPRECIATED.**

**PLEASE JOIN US.**

**SENIOR CITIZENS HALL**

**1 EDMOND ST. CARINA.**

**Phone Shirley:3324 9482.**

## **SALAD BOWL SQUARES**

**YOU ARE INVITED**

to our

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Friday 7.30 pm 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

**St Jame's Anglican Hall**

**Station Street**

**Wellington Point**

**Mainstream with 2 Plus tips, Rounds**

**Cost: \$6.00**

**Caller: Jason Dean**

**Please bring a small plate for supper**

## **S Bar B Christmas Party**

**14th. December**

**All welcome. Raffles and Hampers**

**A plate for supper would be appreciated.**

**St Barnabias Hall, Water Works Rd. Ashgrove. Bus Stop 12**

## **Pine Rivers**

**Pre New Year Western Style Dance**

**7p.m. until 11p.m. 29th December**

**\$5 Adults \$2 students (including supper) There will be lucky door prizes and raffles.**

**Kallangur Community Hall, 1480 Anzac Avenue Kallangur**

**Margaret 32852130 Jan 32051696**

## **New Year's Eve Dance**

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

*Proudly hosted by Logan City Square Dancers Inc.*

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

*Theme;* **“Dancing with the Stars”**

*Dress;* **Evening wear** *(not square dance)*

**Commencing 8pm**

**Admission; \$6.00 per person.**

*Come along and join the party. Not just a square dance; there'll be old time, rounds, all sorts*

*Raffle and general party fun.*

*Supper too; a food contribution would be appreciated, thank you.*

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

### **MORETON BAY SQUARES**

Hi Everyone,

Thanks to all our overseas visitors, our Club Caller Noel McKenzie with Margaret Baines, Alan Evans, Peter Storey, Brian HayHo and Rounds Cuer Corrine Bradshaw, we had a great Island Day Dance on Russell Island. We had a great day of dancing and a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone for your company- we were very happy to see you all.

Christmas is nearly with us and everyone will be looking forward to our Christmas break. We enjoyed seeing all our friends at the Society Christmas Party on the 24th.

May everyone have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Friends in Square Dancing

Ann Dix, Moreton Bay Squares.

### **CANE COUNTRY SQUARES, BUNDABERG**

As the end of the year is fast approaching, plans are being made for the festivities of Christmas, family get togethers etc. At this time of the year Clubs are also planning special end-of-year activities and looking forward to a break from dancing until we all commence again in the New Year feeling refreshed and ready for another year of dancing. Our club members are looking forward to hosting the district Christmas break-up on 8<sup>th</sup> December followed by a bus trip to Woodgate for a BBQ lunch on 15<sup>th</sup> December as our final Club outing for the year.

The Cane Country Square dancers thank Noel Miller for compiling the Banana Benders Bugle. We all enjoy reading it and look forward to it each month. Enjoy your well earned break.

Merry Christmas to all dancers and we look forward to seeing many of you at our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on Anzac Weekend 25/26/27 April 2008.

We will commence again on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008.

Pam Garson  
Publicity Officer  
Cane Country Squares

### **STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING**

Now is the time for all good Cloggers to come to..... all the Merry Christmas Party functions planned to take place over the next several weeks.

An add-on to the list of Party venues in the previous edition of the BBB is EZ CLOGGERS (Caboolture Showgrounds), Final 2007 Night Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Reopen Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2008.

Lots of practice and costume-making for the Get Rhythm Clogging Group's week-long appearances at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Concerts in early December at the Brisbane City Hall.

The very next Saturday will see the Group dancing at a function at Browns Plains.

Two-double o-eight promises lots more Clogging demonstrations, but most important of all, the start-up of another year of fun and friendship, with jolly good times to be had by all at our Clubs.

Sooo, a simple phone call or email will get you started on the easy, painless journey into the World of Clogging.

Best wishes to all for a happy, relaxed Christmas, and a U-BEAUT 2008.

TT4N,

## **Frances**

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

3391-6526, EMAIL: lookdonfrances@bigpond.com

WEBSITE: cloggingaustralia.com

### **PINE RIVERS REPORT**

Another dancing year comes to a close and what a lot of terrific of dancing there has been. We have our final club day on December 11th, but don't forget our Pre New Year's Eve Western Style Dance on 29th December.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our fellow dancers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours in Square Dancing  
Jan Hay

## **22nd Anniversary Weekend at the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre**

I can distinctly remember dancing non-stop for five nights in a row, so the term 'weekend' might be a bit misleading. Jerry Jestin was the featured caller and he had us all thoroughly bamboozled with his innovative variations on the old familiar moves. From the Mainstream welcome dance on Friday night, through Plus, A1, A2, Clogging and Rounds over the 'weekend,' we all relished not only the great dancing but also catching up with old friends, making new ones, feasting on the fabulous meals provided and scoffing huge quantities of tea, damper and golden syrup around the campfire on Saturday night.

The Club's regular dances on Monday and Tuesday were well attended by a host of weekend visitors who just couldn't bring themselves to leave all the fun. A few of these hardy souls were so reluctant to leave us that they suggested painting the roof. Some people will go to any lengths for an extra dance or two. The same stalwarts, two years ago, spent a considerable amount of time up on the above mentioned roof replacing any of the screws that had started to rust, about 2,500 in all, so the idea of giving it a new coat of paint was just a logical follow on. Mal and Chris Parrington, Mal and Lyn Walker, Craig and Marilyn Gardiner and Joe and Pam Sawtell, ably assisted by some of our own dancers, beavered away willingly for a couple of weeks, not only on the roof but on ground work as well and we appreciate their help more than words can say. Even when our well-appointed camping area became a trifle more soggy than is desirable they soldiered on undaunted and their dedication to the cause is much admired.

The Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre is a fitting tribute to Clive & Ada Latcham and the small committee of dancers who, 22 years ago, had the courage to take a dream and turn it into a reality. They have proved just how much can be achieved by willing co-operation, hard work and a positive attitude. I am already looking forward to helping them celebrate their 23rd anniversary on the first weekend in August, 2008. See you there!!

Robi O'Keefe

## **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

A woman was walking down the street when she was accosted by a particularly dirty, shabby looking homeless woman who asked her for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The woman took out her bill-fold, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some wine with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago", the homeless woman replied.

"Will you use it to go shopping instead of buying food?" the woman asked

"No, I don't waste time shopping", the homeless woman said, "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on a beauty salon instead of food?" the woman asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless woman. "I haven't had my hair done in 20 years!"

"Well," said the woman, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you out for dinner with my hubby and myself tonight".

The homeless Woman was astounded. "Won't your husband be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

The woman replied, "That's okay. It's important for him to see what a woman looks like after she has given up shopping, hair appointments and wine."

## **Tugun News**

Our T Night was lots of fun with a few dressing for the occasion. Eileen dressed as a tart (nice costume) shocked a few and Corinne came as a billy tea bag tag string, and all had a great time.

18 Members enjoyed the day on Russell Island Great dancing, Easy Rounds and a very tasty lunch. Great work by the team from Russell Island. Thank you everyone from the club- we enjoyed the day out..

Calendar for 2008 is out. Please see Corinne.

We will be finishing with a Christmas Party and tea at 6.00pm on Wednesday the 12th December and will be starting the 2008 year with Island Night on Wednesday 30th January

Yours in Dancing  
Corinne

### ARMIDALE SPRING FESTIVAL

Armidale Eights thank all those dancers who came to our festival in October and helped us make it an enjoyable weekend. Queensland dancers made up a great proportion of the 255 who attended.

The National to be held in Brisbane next year was well promoted by members of the committee.

Roy Atlee with his Jolson impersonations and storytelling, Carole MacKinney as an interviewer of Mike "Elvis" Davey and Noel McKenzie with his songs made great contributions to our Sunday evening activities.

Next year's festival will be 17-19 October with Steve Turner and Mike Davey the square dance Leaders and Marilyn Lambden the round dance Cuer.

Check our website [www.armidaleeights.net](http://www.armidaleeights.net) for details next year.

Many thanks,  
David Williams

### Upbeat Chaos

Party night for Roaring 20's Night was great- nearly all in costume. Betty Burrows won the best dress- the whole out fit look great (Matching beads and shoes).

The new class is learning plus very quickly. Gary tricked up a few dancers with the left hand plus movements but most found it challenging. Great Dancing- keep it going Gary. Round Dancing will be on 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday nights in 2008.

Yearly Calendar for 2008 is out, Please see Corinne, Russell or Gary.

We will be finishing with a Christmas Party and tea at 6.00pm on Monday the 10th December and will be starting the 2008 year with Island Night on Monday Night 28th January

Yours in Dancing  
Corinne Bradshaw

### BURLEIGH SQUARE DANCE CLUB INC.

Burleigh Square Dance Club wishes everyone a happy and safe festive season and invites members and guests to our CHRISTMAS PARTY celebration dance on Saturday, 15th December at the Maher Hall, 42 Matilda Street, Burleigh Heads.

Dancing is from 7pm at \$6 per person. There will be a pre-dance dinner from 6pm for \$9 per person, making a total of \$15 for the evening per person. Booking and pre-payment of \$9 per person is required by 8th December for catering purposes if you will be attending the dinner.

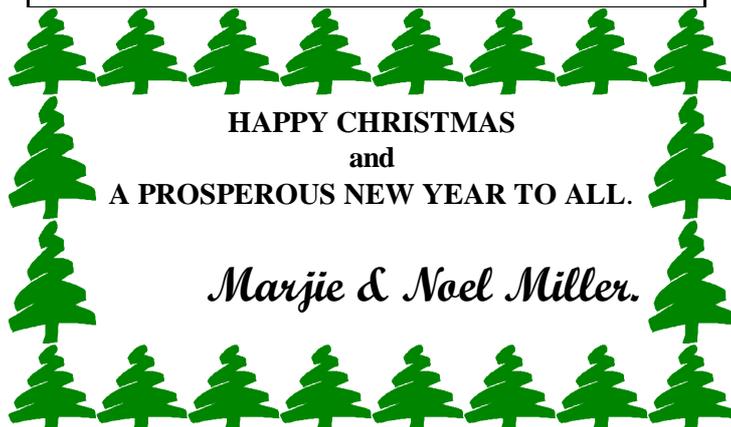
Please post your dinner cheques (\$9 per person) to:

Burleigh Square Dance Club Inc,  
C/o Joy Butler,  
49/57 Leisure Drive,  
Banora Point NSW 2486

Next year, we will be starting the New Year off with an AUSTRALIA DAY PARTY at the Maher Hall on Saturday, 26th January from 7pm at \$6 per person. This is a chance to dress up Aussie-style. Free entry for beginners. A plate would be appreciated.

BEGINNERS' CLASSES will commence the following week, Saturday 2nd February from 7pm at \$6 per head.

For further information, please phone Joy Butler on (07)55 233 047 or Karen McCarthy on 0415 832 137.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

and

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

*Marjie & Noel Miller.*

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## PLUS DANCE

**Date Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>. December 2007**  
**Time 3:pm to 5:pm.**

Venue: Oxley Girl Guide Hut  
32 Ellen St. Oxley

### FOR EXPERIENCED PLUS DANCERS

Caller: Kay Walker

More information:

Kay: 3202 8378

Aaron: 3378 0825

In 2008 Kay will offer a teaching  
Plus APD plus program.

### DECEMBER

- 5 United Squares, Kenmore Christmas Dance
- 6 Carina Carousels Christmas Party 1 pm.
- 10 Upbeat CHAOS Christmas Party
- 12 Gumdale Xmas Dance
- 12 Tugan Christmas Party
- 14 Salad Bowl Squares Christmas Break Up Party
- 14 S Bar b Christmas Party
- 15 Burleigh Square Dance Club inc Christmas Party
- 29 Pine Rivers "Claytons" New Years' Eve Dance
- 31 Logan City Square Dancers Inc. New Years' Eve Dance

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself ~~

"Lillian, you should have remained a virgin."  
-- Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: "No good in a bed, but fine against a wall."

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.

-- Mark Twain

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

-- George Burns

## HISTORY

With the turning off the lights and the closing of the doors another era in Square Dancing has ended.

"MAVERICKS A AND PLUS CLUB". Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>. November was a night of Memories and Friendship of many years when the Mavericks joined together with Nev and Bev McLachlan for a Farewell Dance.

A Great Night of Dancing and Friendship but with Sadness.

To Nev and Bev may we say THANK YOU for your dedication, experience and encouraged Fun over many years.

Those Memories will be LONG AND LASTING.

Thank You and Best Wishes,  
The Mavericks.

### Educating your hubby.

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## The Bugle

This December copy of the Bugle completes two year's publication. Originally it came into existence to provide a means of up-to-date communication between Queensland dancers/Clubs. This has been achieved to an acceptable degree with the help of some generous regular contributors and the also very welcome occasional donor.

At the beginning of this newsletter, electronic distribution was the only economical method of distribution and this situation still exists. At present email delivery goes from this starting point to about eighty recipients. Those addressees forward this electronically to approximately an additional 200 email addresses. Then a number of copies are photocopied and distributed to an unknown number of members. Put it all together and the Bugle is reaching a very satisfying number of square dancers. As well as this State, I am told it reaches Victoria, NSW, South Australia, Western Australia, the ACT, Texas USA and Germany.

The types of content has not changed a lot. A little humour has been included because I was getting a little too serious. At times I have to come up with an article to complete a page and other times I have an opinion I would like to express. My spelling has not improved (thank the Lord for 'spell check') and after I send ever edition I see some mistake or other. Why I don't spot it on the check printing I will never know.

The contributors have all helped with the compilation by following some basic suggestions and this holiday I will attempt to find a way to reduce full page adds to half page adds. Yes, it is probably a very basic procedure but I am learning as I go along.

Compliments and 'thank you' arrive at times and that is encouraging. Any comment about the Bugle is welcome. One sits here and tries to make this newsletter interesting and constructive without being too boring or controversial. Sometimes it is not an easy balance to strike. A little 'guidance' from the readers is always appreciated.

There is a "sleeper", a second person, involved with the assembly of this newsletter. Without his checking I would make a lot more booboos. My sincere thanks to Don Look for all his ever-available council and help. I am indeed fortunate.

It would be great if a representative of each Club would contribute an article a couple of times a year in addition to the Clubs who regularly help fill these pages. Without contributions this newsletter would not exist.

My main frustration is the lack of dancers' opinions or their reluctance to air their thoughts on any subject. Without feed-back we are probing in the dark to supply what you want.

Nevertheless these two years have been very rewarding personally. Thank you all for your kind acceptance of this unpretentious newsletter. *Noel Miller*

## LOGAN CITY SQUARE DANCERS Inc.

### 4<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DANCE

FEATURING CALLER

**CHRIS FROGGATT** N.S.W.

**9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

Logan City Square Dance Centre  
161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead

Saturday afternoon Plus 2pm - 4.30pm

Saturday evening Rounds 7pm - Squares 7.30pm

**Afternoon \$7.00 per person Evening \$8.00 per person or \$13.00 for both sessions**

**Juniors under (16 yrs) \$5.00 afternoon \$6.00 evening or \$9.00 for both sessions**

Enquiries; Jane Rayner 07 3299 7717 Email; cysquare@optusnet.com.au

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

## Square Dancing Society of Queensland inc.

About mid February 2008 the Society will conduct an election of officers. (and then I'll shut up about it.)

Things are different this election. There are some 3-400 members eligible to nominate for a position where as previously each club had two representatives and most did not bother to attend any meetings.

The following information is being circulated to all Society members in the hope that if anyone is considering getting involved this information may help you make up your mind. If there are any questions I am happy to do my best to answer them. My address is on the front page.

All Committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and nominations must be received by the Secretary by the **20<sup>th</sup> December 2007**. If anyone would like a nomination form they are available from the Society Secretary, Phone Number 07 3299 7717  
E-mail Address(es): j.rayner1@optusnet.com.au

All nominations should be accompanied by a resume of the nominee's experience sufficient to serve as a guide to his/her suitability to hold the nominated position.

### **THIS IS ALL ABOUT THE POSITIONS IN THE SOCIETY AND THE DUTIES OF PERSONS TAKING ON THESE POSITIONS.**

This epistle is an assemblage of information from several areas. I went back to the Review of Square Dancing in Queensland Sub Committee meeting notes for the bulk of info with assistance of extracts supplied by Sandra Bloomfield in regard to the SP Review and Liberian information. Alan Rayner supplied his version on other points.

All this is to give dancers who may be thinking of getting involved with the administration of the Society some idea of what is required re the positions mentioned in the new Constitution. There is no doubt that as the Society functions in this new situation some duties will change. The aim is to see a practical, functioning organisation working for the improvement of square dancing in Queensland under the new Constitution. Yes, it is going to take work, goodwill and initiative to achieve the desired result, but all these attributes are available in persons in the square dance community.

In February 2008 the Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc. will be conducting it's first election under the recently accepted new Constitution. The below positions are all open for nominations.

**President** presides over meetings of the Executive, Management or General meetings of the Society. In chairing meetings they should be impartial, encourage debate, keep harmony among members and give public recognition of good works and show appreciation for all help received. The President is the figure-head of the Society. They are the host at all public functions. Many have tried to summarize the duties of a President and this is a very small picture of a minor part of that job.

**A Vice-president** is the standby person who is there to be of assistance to the President in any way they can, including presiding at Meetings in the absence of the President. There is no other description for this job.

**Secretary** is a most important position in any committee. They coordinate and keep records of the correspondence of the Society, keep full and correct Minutes of the proceedings of all meetings, have Minutes confirmed at the succeeding meeting of that type as an accurate record and signed by the presiding Chairperson to that effect. They also have custody of all books, documents and records of the Society other than those required to be kept and maintained by, or in the custody of, the Treasurer and the Registrar. Take charge of, and keep secure, the Common Seal, comply with the Act in all matters concerning:

- (i) the Rules of the Society
- (ii) the recording of Office Bearers of the Society
- (iii) the use of the Common Seal.

Perform such other duties as are required by the Act and have performed all such other duties as directed by the Management Committee in accordance with this Constitution.

**The TREASURER** is the usual fourth person in most executive committees.

They shall be responsible for all moneys received on behalf of the Society and shall issue receipts for those moneys. Deposit all moneys into such account or accounts of the Society as the Management Committee may from time to time direct.

Make authorised payments from the funds of the Society as directed by the correct committee and approved by the Management Committee, and in so doing ensure that all negotiable instruments issued by the Association are signed by two of the three authorised Committee Members. Comply with the Act in respect of the accounting records of the Society. Submit an up-to-date Financial Statement to each management committee meeting and General Meetings of members, including an audited financial report to the Annual General Meeting, have custody of all securities, books, documents and records of a financial nature and perform such other duties as are imposed by the Act on the Treasurer.

The above positions are normally standard positions for the Executive positions in any similar organisation with the exception of Executive Assistant.

#### **Executive Assistant, incorporating Web Master / Librarian.**

This position is an assistant situation for Secretary and Treasurer and looks after the Library. The position of Librarian covers the care of the library for the Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc. and the updating of the Red Book.

The Red Book is updated quarterly and a complete set of updated sheets is issued once a year, usually in February. Most of the updates are for club/caller listing changes. Committee changes (if any), and State Convention and National Convention pages are updated yearly. (Hopefully the Red Book will become part of the Society's web page in the not too distant future and this will alter these duties.)

A brief report has to be prepared, advising any changes required, for each quarterly meeting and a full report is required for the Annual General Meeting.

Normally the Register of Members is a document in the care of the Secretary. Because of the number of members involved it was decided to ease the workload of the Secretary by making this a stand-alone job.

**The Registrar** shall comply with the Act and this Constitution in respect of the Register of Members and Affiliates. Keep and maintain a Register of Members and Affiliates in accordance with Section 11 of the Model Rules of Associations' Incorporation Regulations 1995. Have custody of the Register at their place of residence and remove from the Register, under instructions from the Management Committee, the name of any Member who dies, who resigns or whose membership is terminated.

#### **REVIEW STATE EDITOR/DISTRIBUTOR.**

This position shall collate the Queensland material, e.g. advertisement (which must be prepaid), articles and reports, at the end of each month for onforwarding to the Coordinating National Editor in New South Wales.

The other major portion of their job is to handle the distribution of the Reviews throughout Queensland. It

would be helpful if the applicant is a resident of Brisbane, as many of the Brisbane clubs' Reviews are hand delivered thus saving postage costs.

Updating the diary entries.

A computer is essential as all material has to be emailed to the Coordinating National Editor.

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A report has to be prepared for the State Editor's meeting at each National Convention. If unable to attend the State Editor's meeting at a National Convention, a proxy can be appointed.

### **COUNTRY REGIONS' COORDINATOR.**

Having dancers and clubs from outside a practical travelling distance present at Meetings is a problem beyond the financial capabilities of the Society, thus a Country Regions' Coordinator was established. Their job is to represent the views of these dancers and clubs, communicate with them and present reports etc. on their behalf. It is far from a perfect arrangement, but give it time to develop and, with the suggestions and help of these represented dancers and clubs, it may end up being a very good thing.

**State Newsletter Editor.** In the new Constitution one of the main methods of communication between the Society and its members is a State newsletter. This position would encourage members to contribute articles, reports and items of interest to square dancers as well as act as a voice for the Society.

It is impractical financially to physically print and deliver copies of such a newsletter. Email, as the Bugle has operated, would be the delivery method.

### **Society Functions and Events Coordinator.**

The SFEC shall be the chairperson of a sub-committee organising functions to be hosted by the Society. They will communicate and negotiate with other organisations involved with these events and exercise a duty of care on behalf of the Society.

**Promotions and Publicity Coordinator:** - in the past this position has been to promote and publicize all the activities of Square Dancing and to forward ideas and recommendations to the Society for ratification where financial funds may be required. The Publicity part of this job is to publicize Society Functions by whatever practical means are available.

Promotion? This plainly does not work under the understood present arrangements. Hopefully the new person in this position, with their own hand picked team, will come up with ideas and methods to help the clubs promote square dancing. This is the most important operation in square dancing at this time and should be given every available assistance, encouragement and attention to achieve respectable results.

Finally, up to four independent square dancers are to be elected to make up the total necessary for the functioning of the Society Management Committee.

### **This has absolutely nothing to do with Square Dancing.**

This extract is from the newspaper in my home town. I knew the old gentleman who wrote it and I have always found it inspiring. The sentiments expressed are well worth while adopting in our endeavors. *This paper will be absolutely independent and will treat all without fear or favor. We shall try to and print only the truth. We shall expect the support of every citizen and businessman in town. The more liberal you are with your support the better we can serve your interests. We have no private interests to gain or selfish interests to serve. We are yours to serve but we expect you to pay for it. We promise to give you your money's worth. It is a meritorious ambition to excel, and though it is not given to all to succeed, laudable effort is none the less meritorious. We intend to centre our hopes on duty well performed and days well spent, and whether success or failure be our destiny we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we put up a creditable fight.*

Written by the late Tom Jackson in the first issue of the Home Hill Observer 8<sup>th</sup> February 1923