

The Banana Benders Bugle

July 2009

50th. NATIONAL SQUARE DANCING CONVENTION

Square dancing in Australia blasted into the future as we celebrated the 50TH ANSDC in Perth June 4 - 8 2009. Despite fires, floods, economic uncertainty and threats of a swine flu pandemic looming, over 900 square dancers were rewarded for being bold and coming for gold. The official opening was done by the Mayor of the Town of Vincent – Nick Catania and coordinated by our convenor, Richard Muir.

In the opening ceremony the audience was tantalised with a magnificent dance routine to the theme of 'Paint Your Wagon' then a stirring performance of the songs 'I Still Call Australia Home' & 'Advance Australia Fair' all done by the Australian National Youth Choir and Dance Troop.

A very impressive replica of the star ship Enterprise from Star Trek loomed overhead. This was a dream of Richard Muir to blast into the future and was ably assisted by the great design and construction skills of a fellow dancer Colin Brown who worked hard over 6 months to complete a huge Enterprise spaceship around 8 metres long by 4 metres wide with colourful flashing lights.

Quality sound was delivered from the start of the convention by two banks of 4 Yak Stack speakers mounted high on special tilting speaker stands.

These speaker stands have been kindly donated by the 50TH ANSDC committee to all future ANSDC committees to ensure the

highest quality components for future conventions.

The 'Be Bold Come For Gold' theme stirred the imagination of many and presented a sea of gold amongst the 51 dress sets in a colourful display on the dance floor for all to be proud of. Around 50 callers & Curers gave the dancers many opportunities to experience their own unique skills and delivered a high standard of fun and friendship set to music that everyone enjoyed and raved about.

We had a minutes silence to show our respect to family and friends of the Brown family.

Dancers showed their appreciation of being able to dance to a live recording of Graham Rigby, who was unable to attend his 50TH consecutive Australian National Convention as a caller and dancer.

Congratulations to Allan Eades who was awarded a certificate for 25 years of calling.

Not to be outdone the 50TH made history with a complete and orderly evacuation of the centre midstream on Sunday night with a fire alarm. In true square dance spirit dancers returned quickly to their square dance sets nearly half an hour later and danced as though nothing had happened!!!!

There is so much more to report about and congratulate people for and we hope you get all the news in good time as to all the things that took place over this wonderful long

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weekend of fun and friendship set to music.

On behalf of the SDSWA we thank all the dancers, callers, cuers and volunteers who have supported our 50TH ANSDC and hope all the visitors had a fantastic time touring the 'wild west'.

Finally we must thank Richard & Heather Muir along with all their committee and many volunteers for delivering such a memorable celebration of 50 ANSDC's.

Steve Longwood

President

[Square Dance Society of Western Australia \(Inc\)](#)

WAVELL WHIRLAWAYS

Since last reporting we have had a few dancers away with ill health, at the 50th National Convention, or touring, (in some cases the world). Club still going strong in spite of all these things.

Beginners are coming along at a great pace.

Club visit from EZ Squares Caboolture: nearly two squares. Thanks to Glenn Wilson for giving us some very good calls along with Sid.

CARINA CAROUSELS

INVITE YOU

To their 17th Birthday dance.

Thursday, 9th July 2009

Dancing from 1pm.

Senior Citizens' Hall

1 Edmond St. Carina

A plate for afternoon tea would be appreciated.

**WE DO NOT STOP PLAYING
BECAUSE WE GROW OLD.**

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STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Back home from the National Clogging Convention in Perth, we all needed a strong cup of tea, some paracetamol and (several) good lie-downs to re-energise after a truly great three days and nights of dancing (plus of course the lead-in night on Thursday). Sightseeing also added wonderfully to the experience.

CONGRATULATIONS to the West Australia Committee for the excellent organising of the event, presenting us with a great dance floor and clear, spot-on sound. We sure had a "Real Good Time".

Victoria won the Showcase with their dance "Thank Abba for the Music". Well done guys and girls- our congratulations to you all.

The WA Committee were very appreciative of the support from Queensland Cloggers.

All pumped up and ready to go is the Committee for next Year's National Clogging Convention in Bendigo, Victoria, on the 10th-11th September.

Thanks to Dian G. for taking good care of our dancers at Fifty Plus in the Brisbane City Hall (Mondays) and Double Jingle at Lutwyche (Thursday mornings) whilst we were away.

Get Rhytym were back into it with two demos in the fourth week of June. Great effort, thoroughly enjoyed by dancers and our audiences alike. As one onlooker commented "I don't know what you call it, but I like it."

Aussie Clog at Redland Bay is only weeks away, so sort your gear, pack your shoes, Olive B. has planned a great weekend for you.

Something old, something new, Clogging has all the dances for you. Best wishes,
Frances

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**NEVER CRITISE A PERSON UNTIL
YOU HAVE WALKED IN THEIR
SHOES**

Round Dance Corner — July

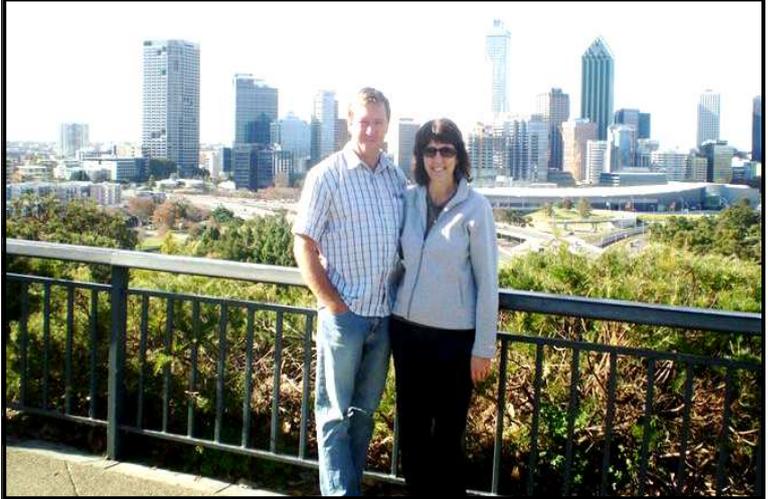
A Few comments about Round Dancing in Perth.

Dancers at national thoroughly enjoyed themselves – dancing and sightseeing after the dancing

Major changes to the National List – 30 dances removed and replacements are now required.

Largest change in Category A (easy level) with 17 dances gone.

Round dance sessions for 2010 National in Wodonga



Paula & Warwick Armstrong in Perth for the Convention. They conducted two teaching sessions at the National.

The K. D. Round Dance evening -Saturday 18th. July

St. Agnes Church Hall, Mt. Gravatt—7.30

Although no longer running the River City Rounds, Linda Williamson will be hosting the Annual K-D Round Dance Evening, an event she has held since 1992 when she first took over the running of the K-D club. This dance is one of the feature dances of the calendar, and all club level dancers are well looked after by Linda's programming. Linda would appreciate some assistance with supper items.

Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners.

‘ CHRISTMAS IN JULY ‘

David Smythe calling

and the dancers all coming in their Christmas finery.

Friday 24th night is the normal Club night, with the Hall decorated for the occasion by Daniel McCarthy.

Saturday 25th

2.30pm. – 5pm. Plus. Cost \$4-00

5.45pm A two course Chicken Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings will be served Cost \$6-00

7-7.30pm. Introduction to Plus.

7.30 - 11pm. Mainstream, and whatever David throws at us. Cost \$5-00.

It would be appreciated if we could have **RSVP by 20th** for catering purposes.

Phone Treasurer Maureen 4121 7407 or Email Secretary Helen, kmeyerco@big.net.au



Rambling Eights

CHRISTMAS in JULY DANCE



FRIDAY 31st July

ST PIUS ~ Golda Ave. Salisbury

COME ALONG !! YOU ARE WELCOME !!

The fun starts 7.30 pm

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES AND LUCKY DOOR PRIZES



Admission \$5.50

Rambling Eights Dancers will provide a Christmassy Supper

Visiting Callers and Cuers are Welcome

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

The Club is hosting the Queensland Callers' Association meeting in Bundaberg again this year on the weekend of 8-9 August. Bring your dancing shoes and join us here for a good weekend of Square and Round Dancing with a variety of callers.

Our little group of Round Dancers is growing with a couple of new dancers and some dancers refreshing previous lessons. Shirley Kelly is doing an excellent job teaching and taking the part of both female and male positions for dancing.

Several members travelled to Maryborough recently where Michael Mills, one of Shirley's trainees now living in Rockhampton, had been invited to call.

Pam Garson

Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners.

Saturday saw us entertained by Michael Mills from Rockhampton. Six of Michael's Dancers came with him. We welcomed dancers from Rockhampton, Gympie, Bundaberg and Hervey Bay - in all over four sets took to the Floor. Thank you Michael and Rachelle for a great time. You saw how we enjoyed it all.

July 4th we are hosting the Wide Bay Caller School. Always a good night with the Callers giving us an entertaining evening, after going through lectures during the day.

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GOLDEN WEDDING ANNAVERSARY FOR ANN & GEORGE

On the 20th June 1959 a beautiful seventeen year old Ann Muller walked down the aisle to marry a twenty two year old carpenter, George Stevens. They had very little of the physical comforts to start a married life but that did not matter too much. They had each other.

George worked hard and within a few years they could pay cash for their first home. At one time they lived in a caravan when they worked in the western Queensland building homes.

Their family came along and eventually they ended up chicken farming not too far from

where they now live. (Hence the title of "Chicken George".)

The first time we ever saw this couple was at a Halloween Dance in Gumdale. A lady dressed as a witch came into the hall followed by this energetic bloke dressed as the devil poking everyone with his trident spear. We later discovered that the male getup was rather appropriate for this bloke, in the very nicest kind of way.

When Ann and George retired the Boss told George that they were not going to sit around and do nothing; they were going square dancing. What a blessing that has been for those of us who have had the pleasure of their company on the dance floor and at their home.

Admittedly when the thought strikes him you may not be too sure what George is up to but he is always back in the right place by the time the caller has collected his/her wits. Ann is a most generous hostess and the feature that we all appreciate about this couple is the sincerity of their friendship.

In excess of seven squares gathered at Gumdale's dance to celebrate their fifty years of marriage and we all had an excellent night. There were five callers in attendance; Peter Story, David Pearce, Noel McKenzie, Gene Medford and Graham Brandon.

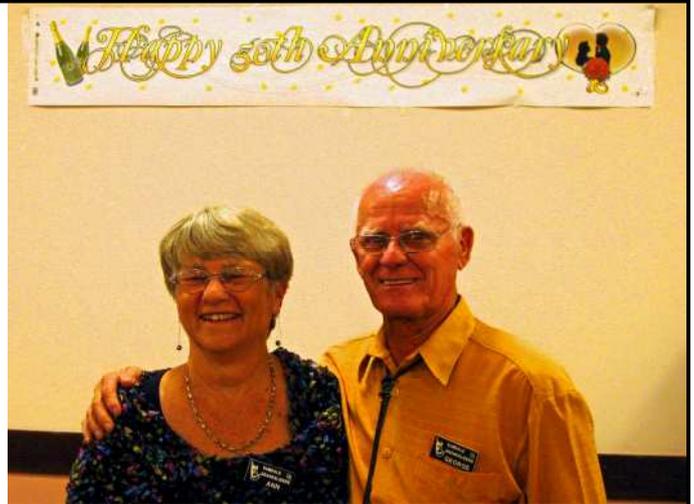
Ann and George had selected their favourite pieces of music for some calls and this gave a very nice feeling to a great informal evening. All who attended came with the intention of celebrating and having a good time and that we did. A very generous and tasteful supper finished off the evening.

Towards the end of the evening both Ann and George addressed the dancers and expressed their thanks to all present and for all the cards and gifts.

These days Ann and George are often on the 'wallaby' to some part of Australia or some other country but we are all happy to see them return.

Congratulations You Two and best wishes for a long and healthy future.

Marjie & Noel Miller.



HELLO FROM PINE RIVERS

I think winter is upon us. Our club is doing good. We are getting 3 squares. There has been a few away with sickness, convention and holidays that's put the numbers down a bit, so hopefully we will be back up to 4 sets soon.

Our School Days dance went down very well with 6 and 7 squares considering some may have left for the convention. It was great to see so many dress for the theme- it was a truly good night. Kate.

ALAN'S ALLEMANDERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB INC

INVITE YOU TO THEIR

34th BIRTHDAY DANCE

FRIDAY 17th JULY 2009 7.30pm TO 10.00pm

AT LOGAN CITY SQUARE DANCE CENTRE

161A MAGNESIUM DRIVE, CRESTMEAD

ADMISSION \$6

PLEASE BRING A PLATE

Salad Bowl Squares

The club continues to move along in leaps and bounds with several new beginners arriving and finding their feet, whilst our "older" beginners are still progressing well and dancing in the mainstream brackets with great confidence. The different levels of dancing are well catered for and three squares is becoming the norm on Friday nights.

Soup night will have been and gone but we are looking forward to Christmas in July.

Happy dancing, Chris Heyworth 3393 4091

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Burleigh Square Dance Club Inc 21st Birthday Celebration



Feel free to dress up to add to the atmosphere.
Square dance attire not compulsory.

Where: Maher Hall, 42 Matilda Street, Burleigh Heads

Cost: \$6 per person plus a plate for supper

More Info: Phone Joy on (07) 55 233 047 or Karen on 0415 832 137

Come and have fun with us!

Join us to celebrate our **BIG** birthday
on Saturday 18 July 2009
from 7 pm

**All Square Dancers Invited,
especially past members and friends.**



Christmas in July Dance

Tuesday 14th July 2009

10am - 2.30PM

Morning MS. Afternoon Plus

BYO Lunch 12—12.30

Admission \$6

Lucky door prize and Raffles

At Alexandra Hills Community Hall
Cnr. Finucane & Windemere Rds.

Please bring a plate



SUNCOASTERS

While Nev & Bev are having a well-earned break for a while, the Suncoaster dancers are having a veritable banquet of home-grown, interstate and international callers. We really enjoyed the international flavour of Bill and Liz Baritomp: Bill being Canadian born, married to an Englishwoman, living in New Zealand and calling in Australia. How's that for getting around!!

We have been having 3 squares on the Monday plus nights, and even though the weather tempts us to sit by the roaring log fire at home, who could resist such an opportunity. We have also been richly entertained by the really great calling of our own Kay Walker.

Then along came Jack Leaver with his wife Barbara and the fun continues. How good for us it is to have such a variety of terrific callers. Bill and Liz are coming back after the National Convention for a while and then Bill will hand over to Graham Elliott from S.A.

Our Tuesday beginners are getting on famously and revelling in dancing to a variety of different voices and styles.

The round dance sessions have been very ably covered by Paul Green and Shirley Morton with Kay Walker stepping into the breach on one occasion. We sure do miss Nev and Bev but feel glad they are having a great trip and we certainly are enjoying our visiting callers.

EZ SQUARES are the Host Club for the SUNSHINE STATE ROUNDUP and GALA DANCE.

These two events will be held in the Burpengary Community Hall, 111 Station Road, Burpengary on the afternoon and evening of **August 22nd**.

A few years back one would often hear announcements about these events and included would be the words "you should support these events". In essence that is correct. My thinking, being a blunt bushie, was these events should be good enough so that dancers would want to attend.

Well, that time has arrived! With EZ Squares being the host Club we can be assured of a well organised gathering. If dancers attend in the numbers they did in '08 all can be confident of a very enjoyable experience.

In the past, Clubs have hosted events and on some occasions did not get much remuneration for their toil. EZ Squares will be recompensed for their efforts in hosting these events this year and hopefully their efforts will give their Club's coffers a boost.

The Society is asking if any Club interested in hosting this year's **Christmas Party** to contact David Pearce Ph. 3263 1408 in the next week or two. Under the financial arrangements the Society is trying this year Club's are being rewarded for doing these tasks. Plans for this annual event will be confirmed within the next couple of weeks so time is an important factor.

STOP PRESS ! STOP PRESS !

After considerable pressure to hold another 'Big Dance' on Russell Island before the scheduled October 'Island –style' dance, it was decided at the recent quarterly meeting to present the event advertised in the following add following....

It is so complimentary and encouraging to know that although we are somewhat isolated from our sister clubs on the mainland we can arouse that desire to return to the beautiful Moreton Bay for a great day of fun ,frolic, great company and great food ! I know this is rather short notice but impromptu events are often the best.

Make sure you come along to join in plenty of great dancing and an early visit from Santa. Remember to be good so you can be sure to get a present.

MORETON BAY SDC

INVITES YOU TO COME AND JOIN US SATURDAY 25th JULY 10am - 2pm

CHRISTMAS in JULY

RUSSELL ISLAND RECREATION HALL

just up from the jetty

RUSSELL ISLAND

Host - Caller Noel McKenzie

Entry \$10.00, includes bottomless Tea/coffee/juice

and a SUMPTUOUS sit-down LUNCH

Please bring a small gift (no more than \$5 value) for Santa's sack.

NO RAFFLES

Put the date in your diary NOW !!

Ferries depart Redland Bay jetty 9.30 & 10.10am

For more info. ring Patsy 3409 5576 or Mary 3409 1505. RSVP 18th July for catering purposes

The new Supermarket near our house has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain.

When you approach the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and witness the scent of fresh hay.

When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying.

The veggie department features the smell of fresh buttered corn.

I don't buy toilet paper there any more.