

# *The Banana Benders Bugle*

March 2009

## QUEENSLAND PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This time of the year as Clubs start opening their doors to a New Year, reminds me of plants opening up as the sun's rays hit them, opening up one by one, each Club nominating their own date to resume dancing again, hence the lack of information at this time

However, Hervey Bay started the year with three squares, not bad when you realise that a lot of the members' children were still on school holidays.

A very interesting milestone was achieved by Margaret Baine's Pine Rivers (5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month) special dances, when they celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> special on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. (That's over 12 years). Unfortunately, it fell on a holiday period and the numbers were below the norm, but that didn't stop the five squares that attended from having a great time. Congratulations Margaret.

Well by the time this goes to press we will have had our AGM (28<sup>th</sup> Feb), and hopefully, filled all positions.

Happy Dancing  
Alec Webster  
Queensland President

## **THE SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INC.**

The Society AGM was held at Innes Street, Geebung on February 29th 2009

The office holders for the ensuing year are;

President:-	Alec Webster
Vice President: -	Noel Miller
Treasure: -	Alan Rayner.
Executive Assistant: -	Sandra Bloomfield
Registrar: -	Alan Rayner

Regional Co-ordinators

North Queensland : -	Julie Jensen
Central Queensland : -	Shirley Kelly.

Elected Square Dancers: -

Nellie Forbes, Ann Dix  
Leighton Bloomfield, Maurice Pearce

Secretary, Publicity and Promotions Officer: - There were no nominations for these positions  
And this will be referred to the Management Committee to come up with a solution.

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## STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

First off, Happy 80th Birthday to our dear friend, Peggy, a regular at both 50+ Club (Monday) and Double Jingle Cloggers (Thursday).

A group of Peggy's co-Cloggers trooped off to her son's home south of Brisbane to join family and friends, all of whom had a great afternoon and enjoyed the Clogging demonstration of which Peggy was a part.

The Older Women's Network hosted a Clogging demonstration at Logan, with members enthusiastic about our fun activity.

STORMKING 2009 looks like being another winner. Registrations are still being accepted by Edith and Jenny for this mid-March Clogging bonanza, so give them a call.

Convenors for the National Convention mid-year in Perth have had numbers boosted by the special airfare and accommodation rates being offered.

Two Brisbane regulars, Valda Glynn and Donna Cartwright have been checking out the scene in Dubai. Who knows what may develop for Clogging.

Our heartfelt condolences to all those members of the Clogging and Square Dance communities and their families and friends who have had such a traumatic time both in North Queensland and Victoria. Our thoughts are with you.

Best Wishes for fun times on the dance floor,  
Frances  
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## Logan City Square Dance Centre

celebrated their fifth birthday on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Feb with Feature Caller Mike Davey keeping all dancers on their toes. The afternoon session had six sets of Plus and eight squares of Main Stream enjoyed the evening session. A great time was enjoyed by the attendees.

All the dancers are now looking forward to the 15<sup>th</sup> March when Nev McLachlan will be the feature caller

## CARINA CAROUSELS

WELCOME DANCERS  
AT THE SENIORS' HALL  
1 EDMOND STREET CARINA  
EVERY THURSDAY AT 1PM.

WE ARE HAPPY TO TEACH NEW DANCERS.  
ENTRY IS \$4.

## Mackay & District

The Mackay & District Square Dancing Club has resumed dancing for the year and celebrated it's 35th Birthday on Saturday 7th Febr.

Unfortunately I will miss the Perth Convention this year, as Anita, Alana and I will be in the States.

Jerry Story has recorded Martin's favourite karaoke song "Eagle Rock" by Daddy Cool as a square dance. The CD can be purchased now by going to the website:

[www.grandsquareinc.com.au](http://www.grandsquareinc.com.au)

## THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE HALL IS THE NEWEST DANCER ON THE FLOOR.

Rob Fry

## The Happy Trails Square Dancing Club

meet every Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Meals on Wheels Hall at Southport on Queen Street. Experienced dancers and those wishing to learn to square dance are most welcome to join us for two and a half hours of fun and friendship.

Fred Ellis

## Tugun Twirler News

Our new caller, Frances, is doing a wonderful job with the plus session. Dancers enjoyed dressing up in Aussie theme for our welcome back party. We are looking forward to the Club's 33rd birthday on Wednesday, 25th March. All previous club callers are welcome to attend on this night.

March is a very busy month for our dancers as every weekend some will be attending other birthday dances and some will attend Rambling 8s Camp at Lake Perseverance with David Pearce.

Glad to see dancers coming out to dance even with storms again this year. Last year it rained nearly every Wednesday night on the Gold Coast.  
Yours in dancing  
Corinne

**2009**  
**DANCING AT THE SUNSHINE COAST SQUARE DANCE CENTRE.**

Welcome back to what will be a different year at "The Centre". Nev & Bev are planning to have 3 months off to travel to the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention in Perth but have organised some exciting Callers to keep the dancers entertained here at "The Centre". Our dancing programme will still be the same. Just in case you are not aware of that programme, here it is.

Monday Nights	Convention Rounds Phase IV & V 5.45 - 7.15 pm Plus 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Tuesday Nights	Convention Rounds Phase II - III 5.45 - 6.45 pm Mainstream Workshop 7.00 - 7.30 pm Learning Basics/Mainstream 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Wednesday	Learning Basics 9.30 - 11.30 am Mainstream Workshop 11.30 am Plus W'shop 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays	Clogging 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm Convention Rounds Phase V - III 7.00 - 7.45 pm Mainstream Dance 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Sunday	A1 & A2 Dance 4.30 - 7.00 pm

Our "A" Dance will be the only dance that may not be the same so it might be a good idea to ring first.

We will not be holding our annual Easter Festival- Nev's 40<sup>th</sup> year of calling will just slip by quietly and the Anniversary Week-end will be just the Saturday night dance. WHY? Because 2010 will be a very exciting year at "The Centre". In 2010 Suncoasters will be 40 and "The Centre" will be 25. What do we have planned? A very exciting Easter Festival, The Clubs 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday may be very different and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "The Centre" will see the return of Jerry Jestin from the USA. So keep these dates free. Get that caravan ready to tow to the Centre or your tent ready to pitch - but you will need to get in quick and book the campsite.

Keep watching this spot for future updates. BUT to get ready for this exciting year here are the list of Callers, and their dates, who will keep our dancers entertained during 2009.

Bill Baritomp - a Canadian now living in New Zealand- mid-May to Mid-June calls Basic, Mainstream, Plus and A1.

Jack Leaver - another New Zealander – mid-June to end of June calls Basics - A1.

Graham Elliott - from South Australia 2 weeks in July calls Basics – Plus.

Jeff Garbutt - from Western Australia July to mid August. Calls Basics to A.

Rounds will be looked after by Paul Green and Clogging by Wendy.

Contact number for "The Centre" is (07) 5445 1238 - who knows who will answer

Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on

We could learn a lot from crayons... Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.

**Lake Perseverance Camp  
Is Filling Up Fast.**

**but we can still fit a few more  
dancers in if you would like to come  
along for the fun, 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**Please contact David or Faith if you  
need more information.**

**Regards, David**

**Phone 32631408**

## **PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS**

I hope you all had a good rest and are ready to get back to dancing again. It is nice to have the break at the end of the year but by the time the 6 weeks or so are over it is good to get back and renew friendships.

We have started back well with 4 sets the first week and 5 the second. We have also had 5 new dancers who all seem to be really enjoying it.

Since my last report we have also had two dances, namely our "New Year's Eve" and "Margaret's 50th Anniversary Dance". Our numbers were down on both dances and it was particularly disappointing for Margaret's big dance that more hadn't attended. Those who did had a great time. We have a bit of a break now until our next 5th Saturday dance as it isn't until 30th May. Our theme for that dance is "School Days" and I am sure there will be some interesting outfits that night. A camera might be a must on the night.

## **A WISE OLD BLOKE**

A guy is 70 years old and loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, 'Pick me up.' He looked around and couldn't see any one.

He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, 'Pick me up.' He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog. The man said, 'Are you talking to me?'

The frog said, 'Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!'

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket.

Then the frog said, 'What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride.'

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, 'Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog.'

## **Rambling Eights Birthday Party became a Charity Event.**

Along with many other Square Dancers, dancers from Rambling Eights knew some victims of the horrific Bush Fires that engulfed Victoria last week.

Several of us had known Adrian and Mirrabelle Brown and danced with them at festivals and conventions. For their parents to loose a complete family in one tragic disaster must have been totally devastating.

As a Club, we decided to donate all of the proceeds of the Birthday Night's dance to the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal.

Dancers donated more prizes for the raffle, individual donations were accepted from dancers, plus the doormoney and the callers proceeds all went to the Appeal.

We were proud to send over \$800.00 to the Red Cross Appeal Fund.

The actual Party was a success, with more than six sets in the hall, (that's quite a crowd in St Pius, Salisbury). David and Noel kept the dancers on their toes all night and we even welcomed some new dancers who are interested in learning.

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## Upbeat C.h.a.o.s. Club News

We started back dancing on the 9th February with just over 2 Squares of dancers willing to brave the hot weather. Our 2nd night back saw 4 Squares on the floor having a wow of a time. Please note that we have a casual dress policy for the warmer months ie:- February and March, where both men and ladies can wear cooler casual clothes to our club nights for comfort. We have found that the dancers appreciate the flexibility given on the Square Dance attire issue.

Our club birthday actually falls on the 7th of February and we used to have a weekend dance with a feature Caller, but after 4 attempts and not covering the costs our last 4 birthdays have just been on club nights a bit later in the year when it is a bit cooler. Speaking of which we are holding our 9th Birthday on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> March and the theme is "Beach Party" and a plate would be appreciated for Supper. The programme will be 'Mainstream', 'Plus' and Rounds. For more information see the Flyer in this edition of the Bugle.

I have had enquiries about when I will be teaching 'Plus' again and at this stage it will be after our Birthday. Anyone interested who has a solid grounding in the 'Mainstream' program feel free to contact me on 0403 240 129 {If I don't answer please leave a message and I'll get back to you.} Also after recovering from a few repairs, Corinne is back on the 1st and 3rd Mondays with Round dancing from 6-30pm to 7-30pm.

Till next time, Dare to be Square, It's Fun with Flair! Gary Petersen

## MORETON BAY SQUARES.

The year has begun in earnest with plans for the Club's 18th Birthday well in hand. Being on **Saturday 7th March** there was no time to waste!

It will be themed a **'Mad-hatter's Ball'** and we are anticipating that it will be as equally successful as our last Feature Dance when we filled Russell Is. Rec. Hall with dancers from up and down the coast. Dancers are invited to wear their 'Weirdest Hat' to win a prize but most importantly to enjoy the dancing and fellowship of the day, including the Club's renowned luscious lunch.

**Dancing commences at 10am finishing at 2pm. The cost? A mere \$10.00 ! Ferries from Redland Bay 9.30am & 10.10am.**

Buy return ticket at jetty only ( Don't forget to use your pension concession.)

Also put **SAT. 3rd OCTOBER** in your diary as this is the date of our **ISLAND-STYLE - DANCE**, and you know what a great time is had by all at that one!!

Our hearts and deepest sympathy went out to Trudy Mueller of Macleay Island on the death of her beloved husband Kurt on 31st Jan. Trudy has been a loyal, active member of the Club for 15years, since first arriving on the island. Although not a dancer, Kurt supported Trudy's dancing by often attending weekends at other clubs' functions or hosting barbecue dances at their home. He will be sadly missed.

The new committee and members are rearing to go full steam ahead for a sensational 2009 with plenty of inter-club dancing and promotion of this unsurpassed activity called SQUARE DANCING! Our Club meets every Saturday morning 10am - 12.15pm at Russell Is. Rec. Hall. Do come along and join in with our friendly, relaxed group. Or simply come and watch, then enjoy a morning tea with us.

More info. Mary 3409 1505 or Patsy 3409 5576

## MARTIN KLIBBE MEMORIAL DANCE

**10th 11th 12th July 2009**

2 Full Days & Nights Dancing Friday & Saturday evenings 7 p.m. - 10.30p.m.;  
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Registrations Early Bird \$85.00 - Closing 31 March 2009 Cost after 31 March 2009 - \$110.00  
Venue: P.C.Y.C. Complex North Mackay

International Callers: **Tony Oxendine** (U.S.A.). **Kenny Reece** (Germany) and wife Angelika.  
GSI International Board Member Kim Curlee U.S.A. will attend.

Direct flights to Mackay are available Transport can be arranged

Website. [www.grandsquareinc.com.au](http://www.grandsquareinc.com.au) Phone 33412229

Contacts: Dawn Klibbe 0749597350; Alana Klibbe 0438113447; Anita O'Pray 0749425141

## WAVELL WHIRLWAYS

Wavell Whirlways was started by Sid and Betty Leighton on 19th March 1969. It was in an old hall that was in front of the hall in which we now dance. When it rained we could not dance due to a leaky roof which left us with a wet floor. Some of us have the fond memory of watching the rat run across the rafters with a red hibiscus flower in it's mouth. Other memories are of dancing with a broom when numbers were down too low.

Over the years when numbers were down like that, Sid did think of closing but he persisted and is now about to celebrate 40 years of dancing in the same Community Hall. We have seen many dancers come and go over the years with a lot of young ones getting married and having families in that forty years. We have had lots of different themed nights for birthdays and other nights such as Easter Bonnet, Valentines, Halloween, and Christmas in July. We dance on the nights of State Of Origin but Lord help anyone who dares to wear **BLUE** on the night.

Sid actually helped to build the Hall and donated a lot of time and effort into making it what it is today. Wavell has also donated the Fans to the Community Hall. We have also been involved in the fundraising efforts for the hall. We had three of our girls (in different years) compete for the Miss Northern Suburbs Quest with great success.

As a club we attended Warana Festivities and Carnival of Flowers and many other big nights and Conventions in those forty years

We are hoping to see a lot of those dancers back for our big night. It is with this in mind that we are calling on all dancers to attend and help in the celebrations.

### 50<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention Committee

We have less than four months to go and the registrations are flying in – I wonder who might be the 1000<sup>th</sup> registration? The standard registrations are now \$90.00 and until the 31/3/2009 it's only an extra \$5.00 to have your pack posted so that you are better prepared on arrival to the great event.

Would you like 50 quick and easy recipes to knock up for those club outings or visiting your friends? – We have just the recipe book for you at only \$5.00 plus postage. You can also order them via Bob Tanner email rowland.tanner@bigpond.com.au

Have you checked out the web pages on our links page yet? - [www.squaredance.org.au/Associations/State-Societies/Western-Australia/2009/Links](http://www.squaredance.org.au/Associations/State-Societies/Western-Australia/2009/Links)

I have had lots of fun adding in more and more exciting places to explore and visit. Check them out for real or over the net to make sure your visit to the wild west is the best.

You could enjoy a Ferris wheel ride right next to the Swan Bell Tower, explore the universe at the Gravity Centre, see the flowers at Araluen Botanic Park, get electrified at Tesla Downunder, or check out our downloadable lists so that you come well prepared.

Also check out what's on at the local and country square dance clubs – you may wish to extend your stay and help celebrate Steve Turner's 40 years of calling on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009. We are so lucky to have him back here in the west and look forward to celebrating all his achievements.

I was surfing the net and was saddened to learn of the loss of a legend in square dance circles. Jim Vickers-Willis (Square dancer, caller – activist 16/7/1918-30/12/2008) gave so much to square dancing in Australia and we owe so much to him for the progress and spread of square dance throughout Australia. You can read the write-up given in The Age newspapers by going to the link <http://www.theage.com.au/national/lord-of-the-square-dance-was-prosex-and-antivietnam-war-20090107-7c0r.html?page=-1> The link to his home web page is <http://www.vickers-willis.com/html/squaredancinghome.htm>

Keep those registrations coming in!!!! Until the next report – keep up the fun and laughter while you dance toward June and **Be Bold, Come For Gold.**

Regards,

Steve Longwood  
Publicity Manager

[50<sup>th</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention Perth 2009](http://www.squaredance.org.au/Associations/State-Societies/Western-Australia/2009)

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Go directly to the 50<sup>th</sup> web pages at <http://www.squaredance.org.au/Associations/State-Societies/Western-Australia/2009>

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP !!**



**The Square Dancing Society of Qld. is planning more special dance events this year.**

**In August, we plan to hold The Sunshine State Round-Up combined with the Queensland callers Gala Dance.**

**The afternoon session will be the Gala Dance run by the Callers Association and will include an amateur caller contest.**

**The evening dance will be one of the feature dances of this calendar year with all the special activities we have come to expect from a Round-Up.**

**Where do you fit in? Very Good Question!**

**We are looking for a group of dancers, they may just be friends or may all come from one club, to plan and bring together the various tasks that make an ordinary dance a “Spectacular” one.**

**This team will work with the guidance of the events coordinator, David Pearce, but will have the joy of choosing things like the hall to be used, the theme for the decorations, and how to arrange special “Dance Suppers” to satisfy hungry dancers.**

**The team will be a sub committee of the Society and have the support of all committee members. They will have the privilege of knowing that they contributed is a major way to the happiness of Queensland dancers in 2009.**

**We are also asking for volunteers to join a team to run the Society Christmas party. This is normally held on the last Saturday in November. The decorations may be different but the fun should be pretty much the same. I may be able to give you Santa’s Private phone No.**

**We need to get these teams in place in the next few weeks, so please talk to your friends about doing it this year. Please tell Alec or David if you can be part of them.**

**David Pearce or our President, Alec Webster will tell you more details if you need some. Now it’s over to you!.**

## Upbeat C.h.a.o.s.

Come along and join the Fun at our "Beach Party Night" to celebrate our "9th Birthday"

**Where:-** Deception Bay Community Hall  
Cnr. Ewart Street and Raymond Terrace  
(A large well-lit carpark)

**When:-** Monday 30th March  
**Time:-** 7-30pm to 10-00 ish

**Program:-** 'Mainstream', 'Plus' & 'Rounds'  
**Cost:-** \$6-00 (a plate for supper appreciated)  
N.B. Square Dance attire not required!!  
(more info phone Gary 0403 240 129)

## Northside Promenaders 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. (05/02/09)

What a great night! 5+ squares of dancers from all over the Northern suburbs of Brisbane as well as 5 new dancers who want to learn how it's done.

It's hard to believe it's been 5 years but Helen had the photo album out to prove it. As they are now stepping down from managing the club, Helen Welsh and Russell Mole were presented with a plaque for all their hard work over the past 5 years.

Helen and Rosalie cut the birthday cake, which was decorated in the club colours of blue and white. The club of course, goes on, hopefully bigger and better into the future, managed by Rosalie and myself. John, Russell and myself built a new stage for the hall during the Christmas break, I feel a lot safer now.

Rosalie is in the process of replacing all the curtains in the kitchen. Our new, large size notice board still has a little room on it; so please send me any flyers for your dances. Come and see the changes, visitors are welcome, anytime.

All the best, Glenn Wilson.

### BUGLE.

Thank you for cooperating with all articles. This edition is wall to wall words and I still have some late entries up my sleeve. Some articles were over the 400 word mark but they are worth reading so no editing. Thank You. Noel Miller

## The Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners Square Dance Club

is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

Venue. Girl Guides' Hall. 73 North Street, Maryborough.

Caller Andrew Reid .

Plus 2.30pm – 5pm.  
BBQ Tea 5.45pm.  
Intro to Plus 7pm -7.30pm.  
Mainstream etc 7.30pm – 11pm.

RSVP Helen 07 4121 4617 by 12<sup>th</sup>. March.

## SUNSHINE COAST EASTER FESTIVAL

This festival has been held annually for over 30 years with only a few exceptions. 2009 will be another exception.

Nev & Bev are taking long service leave this year and will be away for three (3) months from May until August. They are taking advantage of the Easter break this year to prepare and pack for their journey which will take them to South Australian, Western Australia and the Northern Territory by 4WD and caravan.

In 2010, The Easter Festival will be back, bigger and brighter than ever. 2010 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Suncoasters Square Dance Club Inc and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre and so with this double celebration, 2010 will be a big year.

During Nev & Bev's absence dancing will continue with guest callers maintaining the full program. We have international and interstate callers lined up and they will be holidaying in Nev and Bev's house to be close by to keep the program rolling.

In May we have Bill Baritomba (NZ/Canada): June - Jack Leaver ( New Zealand): July - Graham Elliott (South Australia) and Jeff Garbutt (Western Australia). Jeff will be staying on in August until Nev and Bev's return.

If you want to keep up with all the news from Buderim send us your email address now and we will include you in all news from our Club and the Centre.



**Sid and Betty Leighton**

and the dancers at

**WAVELL WHIRLWAYS**

Invite you to help

Celebrate forty years of Square Dancing at Wavell.

Wednesday 18th March Commencing at 7pm.

At Wavell Heights Community Centre

Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights.

Admission Free.

Bring a plate for supper.

**Please notify your intention of attending by ringing 3315 6007 ASAP**

**CANE COUNTRY SQUARES, BUNDABERG**

A couple of our dancers gained some extra practice in square dancing over the holidays. Shirley Kelly and Pam Garson joined a group of 18 Australians who ventured to the Philippines to introduce Square Dancing at Benguet State University near Baguio. This is to be incorporated as part of their Physical Education programme. In just two weeks, students and staff were trained by well known caller Brian Hotchkies from Sydney. The trip was a dream come true for organisers Hazel and Glyn Jones from Sydney and consisted of 15 members from that area, one from South Australia and two Queenslanders. Four sets of student dancers performed an immaculate dance presentation including "Left Alemande Thar" for officials and visitors at our farewell dinner. Australian dancers were thrilled by the vigour and enthusiasm of nearly 2000 participating students.

Some students were very enthusiastic to learn while others came on to the floor with "long faces". However, in a very short time with Brian's calling there was a change of attitude and the smiles on their faces and skip in their steps showed they were enjoying the dancing. We had 29 sets on the floor at one stage. Oh! what a handful for us directing from outside the squares. Most times we participated in the squares to show dancers what the calls meant. Experienced dancers learnt some new moves too, such as "Double Bow Knot, Duck and Dive and Rip and Snort" which the young folk thought were fun movements.

On the final night in La Trinidad we Australians were entertained by country Philippine young people at the University for their "Olympics" when they performed their interpretative dances wearing their traditional costumes and playing unusual instruments. All were invited later to emulate some of their dancing techniques.

Children of Bethesda Mission, Baguio proudly escorted us to their classrooms to show us workbooks and achievement sheets on the classroom wall. They entertained us with a biblical play, singing and square danced with us before partaking in a traditional Philippine meal. This was a very special day of interaction for the children and visitors alike. Each child will treasure the story books presented to them.

Manilla Hoedowners (the only club in the Philippines) invited us to a dinner/dance on our last night before leaving the Philippines. Brian enthralled them with double squares where members moved from one square to another and back again, as well as 12 person sets. It was a lively change from dancing to tapes.

We have very happy memories of the people who looked after us and made our trip enjoyable as well as the enthusiasm of the students. We were fascinated by the sights and different culture of their country. May they continue to enjoy their square dancing for many years to come.

Pam Garson

## ARMIDALE SPRING FESTIVAL OCTOBER 16, 17, 18 2009

SQUARES    STEVE TURNER & PAUL LONG  
ROUNDS    MARILYN LAMBDEN  
CLOGGING    SUELLEN GUEST

The Armidale Eights invite you to their 33rd Spring Festival for another exciting experience of dancing, fun and friendship.

This will be Steve's last appearance as a leader at a weekend event so let's give him the tremendous farewell he so richly deserves.

There will be squares, rounds and clogging. Friday night and Saturday afternoon and evening dancing is at the University's Lazenby Hall. First class facilities ensure a great atmosphere for dancing. Sound is excellent and the floor is beaut. And, of course, we have outstanding leaders. Supper is provided on both nights.

On Sunday morning we move to a local woolshed for more dancing and a BBQ lunch. There will be a brief session of A level after the mainstream session finishes. This will be followed, outside the woolshed, by a time where we discover the musical and other talents of dancers, callers and cuers. Afternoon tea is provided. It proved to be a great setting for our open air concert last year. Armidale has a wide variety of accommodation, including motels in the usual price range, two quality van parks, B & Bs, and farmstays There are at least 44 eating places catering for a wide range of tastes and prices. Details can be obtained from the Armidale Tourist Information Centre on 1800 627 736

A registration form will appear in the June Review but in the meantime make sure you have the dates in your diary and accommodation booked.

Forms may be obtained from David Williams (02) 6775 1707, [dwilliam@northnet.com.au](mailto:dwilliam@northnet.com.au) or downloaded from our website at [www.armidaleeights.net](http://www.armidaleeights.net)

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 catalogue: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'  
Eleanor Roosevelt

### SALAD BOWL SQUARES

The club resumed activity several week back and the rusty spots are slowly fading away as we get used to dancing again. The muggy nights have not been much fun, but our willingness to dance keeps us out on the floor. We had a red and white or black theme for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – either Black Friday or the day before Valentine's Day.

We have some beginners following the recent advertorial in the local paper – thanks to Dale Andrew for his foresight.

Our beginners' class will commence in earnest from 7pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February - this is also our theme night for the month which is Hawaiian/ Tropical. We expect to see looks of grass skirts and hula dancers.

We are looking forward to the visit by the Society executive as well on Friday 27th February so this will have been and gone by the time this edition of the Bugle is published.

Kay has an interstate calling commitment on Friday 6 March, so the club is planning a visit to David Pearce at Salisbury.

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