

And Then The Rains Came

Returning from our Christmas break Noel and I were all ready organize our planned camp. Needless to say, from the 11th onwards, our plans along with everything else were washed down the various rivers.

When the Bremer River broke its banks, we knew a number of our members would be in trouble. At first we were unable to reach them by phone, email or road at the Bremer Village and it was a few days before we succeeded. Little families with all their worldly possessions on the footpaths ready to be munched up and taken away. Mud soaked paddocks strewn with trees, parts of sheds and all manner of debris.

We reached Bremer Waters, eventually. Here we saw, on the river, what could only be described as the streets of broken dreams. They had possibly paid more here for their lovely homes with views, close to bowling greens, tennis court, pool, etc. Outside of each, were piles of floor covering & what was once, beautiful new furniture, beds, dining room suites, Dawn Keenan's beautiful piano, she had just had restored, a family heirloom, lounge suites and various other items too numerous to list. Within minutes, all reduced to rubble by the equipment brought in to make it manageable. There lay the remnants of what was to have been the ultimate in comfort, for the "happily ever after" years, of so many of our friends.

I was with Dawn, when her beautiful china cabinet was munched up outside the window, we could hear it being relentlessly destroyed, shattering the glass. She had been through the same thing the day before when her piano had been crushed up. How much can people take, before they break, themselves?

The couple next door, we didn't know but the man sat down on a chair next to me, during one of our coffee breaks. He has terminal cancer and is now out of remission. Knowing he hasn't long to live, he explained to me that he had done everything to make his wife comfortable when he passed. He had bought the best furniture and furnishings he could afford, keeping a little in the bank for her so she wouldn't feel she was destitute. With tears in his eyes, he said "I didn't do enough; she would have been better off marrying someone else". He had let his Insurance lapse, because it had been \$600 last year but had jumped to \$1200 this year and he felt he just couldn't afford it. The river was a long way down from their place and it had never risen during the years they had been there.

Our Club members affected by the floods, number around fourteen, there could be more, we are having a meeting at the Humanities Centre on our first day back, the 7thFeb. We will have a better idea then. Some suffered worse than others. True to Square Dance tradition, so many came in to help who were not involved themselves, Kay & Kevin Ardrey, Pam Sims Anne & George Stevens.(Aren't they always there?) and quite a few others. We were touched by the fact, that our Square Dancing friends from Canada, Margaret Sorenson and John Cramb were visiting and we had lunch. I mentioned the gentleman with cancer & his wife and before they left, they gave us a very generous donation to be handed to them, by us personally, which we did. It was wonderful for us to witness their gratitude.

There are tears of sadness and tears of joy and we have experienced both. We are grateful for our own humbling experiences.

Merle McKenzie

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STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Relief mingled with sadness, that though there were no personal casualties amongst our dancing friends during YASI and the following rains, a number sustained property damage. We wish them well as they go about getting their lives back to normal.

We received an email from NAN & SAM SAPUPPO, our dear friends in Innisfail, who will be known to many of you.

If you would like to read what occurred to them, their family and neighbours, please let me know as I am sure Nan & Sam will be happy to share with you their YASI experience. It makes attention-grabbing reading.

Most Clubs have had enquiries for Beginners' Classes brought about by Demos, brochure distribution and the truly effective way- word of mouth. It is heartening the number of enquiries which start off with the words "My friend has been telling me how much they enjoy Clogging".

The ACA NATIONAL CLOGGING CONVENTION in Cairns at the middle of this year is still attracting attendees, with many going early or coming home at a later date so that they can enjoy the wonders and beauty of magical Far North Queensland whilst showing support for our up-North friends.

Currently we are busy looking at nominated dances so as to make a selection for Queensland's entry in the National Showcase at the Convention: then there will be a lot of practice to get it right.

Just a reminder- if you have any news for the BUGLE re Clogging, send me an email with the details before the 20th of each month so it will appear in the following month's BUGLE.

Dancing is one step at a time- soon you'll have the whole routine.

Happy days,

Frances

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To the Recipients & Correspondents of the Bugle.

Thanks for accepting the Bugle guide lines. I especially thank the recipients who went to the trouble of contacting me to voice their approval. It was very close to 100%

As we go along some problems will surface but I'm sure these problems will be overcome with a bit of good will on all sides.

We are not writing a column for Murdock on federal politics; we are producing a newsletter to inform all dancers who want to be informed about what has happened and what is planned in the square dancing fraternity and associated activities in Qld. This circular depends fully on your contributions. It would be good to hear from clubs who's activities never appear in these pages.

You will notice I have broken the guide lines in this edition. The front page I had previously mentioned. I have no hesitation in including Margaret & Graham Brandon's achievements. Not too many of us will equal them as regards their involvement in this pastime.

And a huge "Thank You" to Nev McLachlan for writing the article P 7.

Noel Miller

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS "EL DRAGON'S GOLDEN DANCE" 30th April Commencing 7p.m. 1480 Anzac Avenue, Kallangur

Society AGM.

Nominations have been received to fill most positions on the Management Committee.

The only remaining vacancy is Promotion and Publicity Officer.

To complete the Management Committee a number of dancers are required to attend meetings, about four a year, and we will call for interested dancers to do this at the AGM.

If all goes to plan some reports will be circulated before the meeting to expedite proceedings.

Traveling to Darwin ? QRDA is looking for 2 (more if available) couples who are going to the June Convention in Darwin and would be willing to demonstrate the Queensland Showcase round dance selection. It is an easy Waltz and should not present any difficulties to dancers who regularly do Square Dance Rounds.

If you are available and willing, could you contact Warwick Armstrong on 5546 3493 or the Secretary, Chris Heyworth on 3393 4091.

10 Years

The **Valentine Round Dance Club** celebrated their Tenth Birthday at a special dance in February. Ken and Val Bolton commenced dancing at the Camp Hill School of Arts Hall with a few couples and now dance at the

MURRARIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION HALL on Tuesday and Friday evenings and Sunday afternoon and nights.

The proceeds from their birthday dance was for flood victims.

Beginners classes: Valentines will be commencing classes on Tuesday evenings from 1st of March. Allemanders will be starting their classes on 14th April at Calamvale Community Hall.

Paula and Warwick Armstrong will be in America during March.

The Wednesday night dance at Calamvale and the Monday night dance at Jimboomba will both be cancelled during all of March. The Thursday night Calamvale dance will take place as per normal with Linda Williamson filling in for the Armstrongs.

He didn't like the casserole
And he didn't like my cake,
He said my biscuits were too hard
Not like his mother used to make.
I didn't perk the coffee right
He didn't like the stew,
I didn't mend his socks
The way his mother used to do.
I pondered for an answer
I was looking for a clue.
Then I turned around and
smacked the crap out of him....
Like his mother used to do.

David Williams – Health Update: Just a quick update on David Williams from the Armidale Eights, who was a pretty sick boy earlier in the month with very low salt levels, ending up in the intensive care unit for several days. He is now back home again feeling a lot better but will need to take things a bit easy for at least a couple of weeks. I'm sure we all wish him a very speedy full recovery and hope he is soon back dancing again.

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The problem with the world is that the intelligent and gifted people are full of doubts while the dull and boring ones are full of confidence. The Dunning-Kruger effect.

A WORTH WHILE WEB SITE.

On Saturday, at Karrinyup Shopping Centre (Western Australia) the Variety Club Youth Choir organized a FLASH MOB where they all were incognito in the Food Hall, and started standing up in groups singing "We are Australians" -

The purpose it to raise money for the QLD floods. Each time it is clicked on, money is raised thru google ads, SO PLEASE WATCH!!!!!! It is a beaut way of supporting those poor ozzies over on the eastern side of our country. Go to <http://www.youtube.com/storytellermedia>

Another one is :- **Welcome Back - Heathrow Airport**

SUNCOASTERS.

Mary Garlick has worked hard and long at re-developing the gardens at our Square Dance Centre and has turned them into a most pleasant place for a picnic-bbq. So next time you're up here, please take advantage and enjoy the new look. Mary was nominated for a BWMCA Quiet Achievers Award, because of her work with the garden, as was June McCarthy, our President, for her unflagging efficiency and enthusiasm. We're very pleased to have them as mainstays of our friendly club.

As usual, Barry and Helen Ball (now grandparents) did an incredible job of decorating for our Christmas party which was a great success, wonderful food, well organised and overall, a fun evening for all the dancers and their friends.

Nev and Bev have a number of commitments this year, and we're lucky to have Gary Petersen from Chaos as our co-caller, so club members can look forward to a variety of calls and music throughout the year. While Nev and Bev have been "away with the turtles" during the summer, Gary has kept the workshops going over the holidays, and we had our first Club dance on 19 February. A number of themed dances have been planned for later in the year and we hope that visiting dancers will join us.

Please view our add page 8

Being Australian is about driving in a German car to an Irish pub for A Belgian beer, then on the way home, grabbing an Indian curry or A Turkish kebab, to sit on Swedish furniture and watch American shows on a Japanese TV.

Oh and.... Only in Australia ... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

Only in Australia ... do people order double cheese-burgers, large fries and a DIET coke.

Only in Australia ... do banks leave both doors wide open and chain the pens to the counters.

GUMDALE GRANDSLIDERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB INC.

Even though the weather has been quite hot for dancing, this year has started well with good attendances at our Tuesday Mainstream workshop. It is great to see so many staying for lunch before heading for home or staying on for the Plus Workshop session in the afternoon.

We welcomed the new year of dancing in with an Australia Day dance and sausage sizzle which was enjoyed by everyone. It was great to see so many visitors join us. Dress was very casual with an Aussie theme. We had a lot of laughs as we all got back into the swing of dancing after the long break. It's amazing how the simplest of moves become so difficult to remember these days. I'm sure the heat had nothing to do with the "senior moments" that overtook us. It couldn't possibly be the fact that we may be getting forgetful as we get that little bit older!!..... Could it?

We recently changed the format of our Wednesday night dance. It has worked out to be popular. See ad below.

Congratulations to Marie McMillen and Charlie Boyd who have celebrated "special birthdays" during February.

To our members who have not been able to join us so far this year, we hope you are well and that you'll be back with us soon.

Our thanks go to everyone who has helped us to start the year off so well.

Harold & Bev Liley.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

GUMDALE GRANDSLIDERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB INC.

APD Mainstream alternating Plus tips.

Only in Australia ... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and lock our junk and cheap lawn mower in the garage.

3 Aussies die each year testing if a 9v battery works on their tongue.

31 Aussies have died since 1996 by watering their Christmas tree while the fairy lights were plugged in.

Rambling Eights Silver Anniversary

More than 100 dancers celebrated twenty five years of the Rambling Eights Club on Friday 18th February.

The “smallish” St Pius Hall was pretty much filled to capacity with members from the past, present members and visitors.

The purpose of the event was bringing together dancers who have belonged to the Club over the twenty five years and to give them an opportunity to reminisce and remember the fun times we had from 1985 until today. They also meet newer dancers who have started more recently.

Norma, Arthur, Teresa and Leon had researched the old membership lists looking for names and contact details of dancers who had moved on. Invitations were sent to dancers and complimentary tickets sent to those who responded.



Neville and Gloria Went travelled the greatest distance to be with us. They came from Hervey Bay. Rod Henderson and his wife Margaret came from Bribie Island, and many more attended from around the Brisbane area.

It was a special pleasure to have Garry and Shirley Leis, who were dancing with us in 1986 attend. According to a clipping from the South Pacific Square Dance Review from May 1987, Rambling Eights held a pre-Wedding party for them.

The hall was decorated of course with silver, but Brian O'Connor and Mary Wright had put together a collection of photos, articles, and other memorabilia for everyone to look over. “Was I there?” “How long ago was that?” “Boy, I remember that, they were fun times”.

A Raffle was held. All the proceeds will be forwarded to the Qld Flood Relief Appeal. Most dancers contributed generously to this raffle and we were able to donate \$400.00 to the Fund. This is especially pleasing as we know several dancers who have been personally and tragically affected by the flooding and storms.

David led the callers for the evening's program. Our trainee caller Barbara O'Connor called for us and we were pleased to welcome Noel McKenzie and Graham Brandon. Both these callers have supported the club on many occasions.

Jane Rayner, who was a Rambling Eights dancer in the past, took us back a few years when she cued two nice Round Dances.

Our Society President, Noel Miller, who brought his lovely wife Margie, presented greetings and congratulations on behalf of the Society and himself.

David cut the celebratory cake and led the Club into supper by singing along with Isla Grant “We will meet again my friends”.

Thank you all for attending, for supporting the Appeal Raffle and for being part of our Club over

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SATURDAY

26th MARCH 2011

7.00 p.m.

**WAVELL HEIGHTS
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EDINBURGH CASTLE RD
WAVELL HEIGHTS**

**ADMISSION: \$ 8.00
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Graham & Margaret Brandon

*Congratulations on your
60th Wedding Anniversary*

Married 3rd March 1951 at the Methodist Church in Dinmore. Graham was 24 and lived in West End Brisbane. He was an electrician and Margaret was 25 and lived in Dinmore. She was a machinist. They were engaged on the 3rd March 1950 and married 12 months later.

They started their square dance activity with Dr Ivor Burge at the learners' class at Salisbury State High School in 1972. In 1973 the Curly Q Club was formed and they danced with Curly Q's until the club closed. Graham held many positions on the Committee including President.

Graham and Margaret formed the Noosa Ocean Waves Club in May 1974 travelling to the coast on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month until its closure. During this time they also became involved with the Mothar Mountain Moonshiners calling for them from approx 1980 till 1984/85.

In 1979 Graham was the Tours Liaison Officer for the 20th National Convention.

After seeing a wheel chair demonstration in Canada he decided he could also do that and form the Montrose Wheelies (March 1979 – 1986). They danced at the Montrose Home for Crippled Children at Oxley and those of us who were dancing then will remember the fantastic display that they put on at the Convention in Cloudland Ballroom 1979. Not a dry eye was to be seen.

Graham enjoyed working with the kids and they even got him sitting in a chair to see whether movements could be done and how long it would take to do them. He even had a few mishaps and toppled the chair. He enjoyed his Monday afternoons with the kids until the regular group started to disband due to various reasons and yes the death of one of the kids was very hard to accept.

In February 1982 they formed the Toe Tapping Square Dancers operating this club on a weekly basis. Due to the down turn of numbers this club closed in 2008.

Graham was the Convenor of the 23rd Australian National Square Dance Convention (1982) and also Convenor of Expovention in 1988.

He was Vice President of the Square Dancing Society of Queensland for 1979 and President from 1980 – 1987. He has called at Canadian National Conventions in 1978, 1980, 1990, 1996 and 2004, US National Conventions 1981 and also at the Calgary Stampede in Canada. They attended many US Nationals.



They have also attended many Australian Nationals and many will remember Margaret turning up at the National in Tamworth in 2001 looking "awful" as she is constantly reminded. She has recovered well from the cancer and is now almost back to her usual self but still gets giddy if she is twirled too much. They formed another club, Carina Carousels, which celebrated their 18th birthday on the 22nd July 2010. Graham has been heavily involved with his calling but Margaret has been there always working alongside Graham being the welcoming face at the door, the left hand dancer when a man short, his partner when teaching Round Dancing, and as always the first to arrive and last to leave. Would this be because someone was talking? With the closure of clubs Graham and Margaret have now become more involved in the dancing side of the activity and dance regularly with Alan Evans and Kay Walker and are members of Suncoasters.

This is their square dancing life from 1972 till the present.

Believe it or not there was another life – Graham and Margaret started their own electrical contracting business which they ran for a very long time and eventually sold it to one of their trusted employees who still has this firm in operation. They would travel to Hastings Point just past Tweed Heads every week-end for fishing and they were also heavily involved in power boat racing travelling near and far for race meetings and also doing a lot of water ski-ing. Margaret worked with Meals on Wheel for many years even when Darren was a youngster in the car seat in the back of the car. They became involved with the Turtle programme that Nev and Bev are involved in and have travelled to Wreck Rock each Christmas since 1983. They are very proud of their children, Bevlyn, Leeann and Darren and their grandchildren, Jaylene, Ben, Matthew, Emma, Josh, Lara and Luke. Whilst attending the National Convention in Perth in 2009 it was discovered that there were 3 generations in attendance – Graham & Margaret, Bev and Ben - quite an achievement.

Nev McLachlan



Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre
Home of Suncoasters Square Dance Club Inc.
 260 Dixon Road, Buderim, Qld

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

APRIL 30 TH	5 TH SATURDAY DANCE THEME ' MASKED MADNESS'
MAY 21 ST	41 ST BIRTHDAY DANCE
JULY 15	OLD TIME BALL
JULY 30 TH	5 TH SATURDAY DANCE THEME ' BLACK & WHITE NIGHT
AUGUST 5 TH 6 TH 7 TH	26 TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK-END WITH THE 'MILLS BORTHERS'
OCTOBER 30 TH	5 TH SATURDAY DANCE THEME 'HAWAIIAN'

CALLER Nev McLachlan Assisted by Gary Petersen
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 Caravan/Tent sites available at "The Centre" for Square Dance Travellers.

Reilly went to trial for armed robbery. The jury foreman came out and announced, 'Not guilty.' 'That's grand!' shouted Reilly. 'Does that mean I can keep the money?'

'O'Ryan,' asked the druggist, 'did that mudpack I gave you improve your wife's appearance?' 'It did surely,' replied O'Ryan, 'but it keeps falling off!'

Moreton Bay Square Dance Club

20th Birthday Anniversary Dance

Russell Island Recreational Hall.

Cnr. Alison & High Sts.

Date: Saturday, 12th March 2011

Time: 10am - 2pm

Theme: Island Style

Admission: \$10 {includes lunch}

Caller: Noel McKenzie (& various guests)

Standard: Mainstream with some Plus

R.S.V.P. by 5th March (for catering)

Water taxi departing @ 9:30am from Weirham Creek Ferry Terminal - Banana St., Redland Bay. Allow 15mins to park! Arrives at Russell Island @ 9:50am. Venue is the first building on the left from jetty. Water Taxi costs \$8.40 or \$4.20 concession.

Lucky Door Prize

Raffles: \$1 each; 3 for \$2; 8 for \$5.

Need more info?

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FUN – SNAKES ALIVE

15th – 16th April 2011

Presented by EZ Squares caboolture

Burpengary Community Hall

Station Road – Burpengary

Starring – Brian Hotchkies

Registration Form (Print Please)

Weekend Tickets (\$25:00)

Session Tickets Available

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Receipt at Entry Desk on Arrival

FRIDAY

7:00 – 7:30PM Ezi Rounds

7:30 – 10:30pm Mainstream

SATURDAY

10:00 – 12:00pm Mainstream
with a Difference

1:00 – 3:00pm Plus with Pleasure

3:00 – 6:00pm Clogging

7:00 – 7:30pm Ezi Rounds

7:30 – 11:00pm Gala Squares

GO GREEN!!

Come along to CARINA.

Thursday 17th March.

From 1pm

At Seniors Hall

1 Edmond Street Carina.

A plate please.

The teacher started her class by saying
“Anyone who thinks there stupid, stand up”.

After a few seconds Little Johnny stood up.

“Do you think your stupid Little Johnny?”

“No, But I hate to see you standing there by
yourself.”

EZ Squares Party Nights

April 15th & 16th 'Snakes Alive Weekend' Burpengary Hall, Station Rd BURPENGARY

June 28th EZ Squares Caboolture Party Night (Theme.....Wild, Wild, West)

August 30th EZ Squares Caboolture Party Night (Theme.....Winter Wonderland)

November 29th EZ Squares Caboolture Party Night

(Theme....'N' Night dress as something starting with N)

December 6th EZ Squares Caboolture Last dance for 2011(Theme.....Christmas)

Events for The Bugle – March Edition 17.2.2011

MARCH

4-6 Mar Rockhampton – Michael Mills' 30th Party

12 Mar Moreton Bay Square Dance Club 20th Birthday Dance. See ad page 4

12 Mar Logan City Square Dancers Inc

Dance 7.30pm

12 Mar Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners SD Club 22nd Birthday Enq: Helen Meyer (07) 4121 4617

16 Mar Gumdale Grandsliders

St Patrick's Day Dance

16 March Hervey Bay Square Dance Club

Guest caller: Brian Hotchkies

Enq: squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com

18-20 Mar Rambling Eights' Camp

18-20 Mar Capricorn Waves SDC

8th Birthday, Nth Rockhampton, QLD

Featuring: Brian Hotchkies

21 Mar Hervey Bay Square Dance Club

Guest caller: Brian Hotchkies

26 Mar Qld Square Dancing Society

AGM Dance & Flood Relief Fundraiser

Dance followed by Society AGM and supper.

APRIL

2 Apr Hervey Bay Square Dance Club

Guest caller: David Smythe

9 April Logan City Square Dancers Inc

Dance 7.30pm

9 April Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners

SD Club Guest Caller: David Habler

30th April "EL DRAGON'S GOLDEN DANCE"

See ad page 2

Pregnancy Q & A

Q: Should I have a baby after 35?

A: No 35 is enough children.

Q: I am two months pregnant. When will my baby move?

A: With any luck right after he finishes university.

Q: What is the most reliable way of determining my child's sex?

A: Childbirth.

THIS IS WHY WE LOVE CHILDREN

I was driving along with my three young children on a warm summers evening when a woman in a convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked. As I was reeling from shock I heard my five year old shout, "Mum, she is not wearing a seat belt".

On the first day of school a first grader handed his teacher a note. The note read "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents".

While wandering through the YMCA a little boy wandered into the ladies dressing room. When he was spotted there was shrieks and yells and women grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy looked on in amazement and asked "What's the matter. Haven't you ever seen a little boy before".

.NEVER TICK OFF A NURSE

A big shot attorney had to spend a couple of days in the hospital. He was a royal pain to the nurses because he bossed them around just like he did his staff. None of the hospital staff wanted to have anything to do with him.

The head nurse was the only one who could stand up to him. She came into his room and announced, 'I have to take your temperature.' After complaining for several minutes, he finally settled down, crossed his arms and opened his mouth.

'No, I'm sorry,' the nurse stated, 'but for this reading, I can't use an oral thermometer.' This started another round of complaining but eventually he rolled over and bared his behind.

After feeling the nurse insert the thermometer, he heard her announce, 'I have to get something. Now you stay JUST LIKE THAT until I get back!'

She left the door to his room open on her way out. He cursed under his breath as he heard people walking past his door, laughing.

After a half hour, the man's doctor came into the room. 'What's going on here?' asked the doctor.

Angrily, the man answered, 'What's the matter, Doc? Haven't you ever seen someone having their temperature taken?'

After a pause, the doctor confessed....

'Not with a carnation.'