

SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY



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Cordially invite Dancers, Callers and Cuers to Bribie Island for our

'A.G.M. Dance' "Beach Party" *hosted by 'Bribie Island Squares'*

at > "Bribie Island Recreation Hall"
156 First Avenue Bribie Island

{on right hand side between Sports fields heading to Woorim}

When > Sunday 13th March 2016

Starts > 1-00pm Society A.G.M.
{everyone is welcome}

Rolling Afternoon Tea >
{please bring a plate}

Dancing > 2-30pm to 5-00pm
{Mainstream, Rounds, Plus}

Cost > \$10-00 {Society members \$8-00}

N.B. Why not spend the day at Bribie, there are lots of great Venues catering for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Or catch your own feed, take a relaxing walk on one of our beaches or have a swim. Just remember to get cleaned up for the dance!

**** Bring your spare change for Bribie Island Squares Special Raffle ****

REPRODUCED COURTESY OF:

Rambling Eights 30th Anniversary

When Rambling Eights started to think about their Thirtieth Anniversary we were dancing at the St. Pius School Hall at Salisbury. That hall could comfortably hold 15 squares of dancers. Our initial plans were made with this accommodation in mind. But things were about to change.

We decided that we wanted to celebrate our special anniversary in memorable way. We decided to ask Brian Hotchkies to be our caller for the night. Brian had helped David in his early stages as a caller and club leader at Armidale. He had visited and encouraged him throughout his early years as a caller and David thought it entirely fitting for him to be a major feature of our 30 years in Brisbane.

David contacted Brian and was happy to hear that he was able to come north to Queensland on our birthday weekend and call for us. Dancers and committees who have engaged Brian for a dance know that he does so much more than just call. He helped us with planning, and programming for a successful event as well as satisfying dancers appetite for fun.

In June last year our club relocated to the Lynndon Bowls, at Holland Park West. We were just settled in there when we were told that the property was to be sold and redeveloped. After several anxious weeks of searching we discovered another Bowls Club – Holland Park. The hall was a little bigger than the other club but had been untried for our activity. We were pleasantly surprised that we were able to dance nine squares in this hall. There were nearly 100 dancers in the hall most of the time. Thank you to dancers who shared this party with us. Dancers came from many parts of Queensland and from NSW.

Brian's calling was up to his best standard. Indeed, dancers who had not met Brian before were overwhelmed by his calling, the figures and routines he had them dancing at the same time having so much fun. Thanks must go to the Rambling Eights dancers who helped in so many ways. The decorated hall, the fine supper and the donated raffle prizes.

But the biggest THANK YOU must go to Brian for making our Thirtieth a Dance Party to remember.

Contributed by David & Faith Pearce

Vale - David Pitt



It is with great sadness that I acknowledge the passing of David Pitt on Friday 12th February after a long battle with cancer. David was a true gentleman and contributed greatly to Square and Round Dancing in Queensland. On behalf of the Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc. I offer our sincere condolences to his wife, Sylvia, their family and friends.

Lynette Macpherson - President

Memories of David John Pitt

David Pitt, his wife and children came into my life in 1971. They joined the fledgling Square Dance Group in Armidale on the New England tablelands. At that stage the group was an informal collection of couples who mostly belonged to the Armidale Methodist Church. We danced to records and tapes when we were able to get together at someone's home.

Before long David decided that he would like to call and bought some new records to learn. He made contacts with several callers who gave us notes and occasionally visited our group to help us learn what Square Dancing was all about. David learned to call dances along with Ron Matthews and David Pearce.

When the Armidale Eights was formed as a club David worked and supported the other callers. David had previously been involved in Choirs, Musical Societies, Theatre groups and even had a short stint singing Opera while he was quite young.

David's calling developed and his smooth singing voice came across with his choice of numbers. He was always interested in dancing and that dimension was highlighted when he became a leader and teacher of Rounds. David gleaned what he could from Round Dance leaders, especially those from over the Queensland border.

When David moved to Brisbane he carried on the strong interest in Round Dancing. With his new wife Sylvia, he continued enjoying Rounds at clubs in Brisbane. He joined groups and took positions on the Qld. Round Dance Association where he supported and filled in for cuers in their absence on occasions.

Throughout his life, David was keen and willing to help others. His selflessness came through in all aspects of his life. He loved his sports and played golf until the last weeks of his life on earth. Those who attended his funeral on 18th February could not help but be impressed and hugely thankful they had the privilege of sharing some of his life. His Funeral was held on what would have been his 79th birthday. On that day David's presence was with us, in the music, the memories and the blessings we all shared.

David Pearce



COME JOIN US

WHEN

EZ SQUARES CABOOLTURE

GOES.....

Down on the farm



It's a FREE NIGHT, but bring your change for raffle tickets in the money tree

It's at CT Williams Hall, Caboolture Showground (enter via gate 2) Beerburrum Rd Caboolture.

On Tuesday 29th March 2016 at 7.30pm

Please stay and join us for supper 

(a plate to help would be most appreciated.)

EZY SQUARES

Our club has started 2016 with a new format for our Tuesday night dancers. Beginners are starting at 7 pm followed by mainstream from 8 to 9.30. Plus is included after beginners if there are enough for a square. Feedback from club members on this new format has been very positive. So far all dancers are enjoying the learning, participation in helping the learners and brushing up on existing skills.

We are fortunate to have a number of good callers who attend including our senior caller Glenn, giving us a variety of good music and moves. We are also pleased with the number of new learners who are attending. We look forward to a good year.

On Tuesday 29th March we will be holding our first party night for the year. The theme is "Down on the Farm". This is a free night but bring change for raffle tickets. There will be four months this year with five Tuesdays and we will be holding a party night on each of these. Themes to be advised. See you there.

SQUARE DANCING IS FUN



**Have fun, make new friends
Learn Square Dancing
It is also good exercise, both physically
and mentally.**

Singles and Couples welcome

**Classes start
Saturday 20th February 2016**



**At 7.00p.m.
Maher Hall
42 Matilda Street
Burleigh Heads**

**Classes held weekly
Cost \$8.00 per person
For further information contact
Joy 5523 3047 or Pam 5576 7989
Website www.isquaredance.net**

SUNCOASTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Well we are now back into a new dancing year and we are happy to be back in the swing of it all. We have welcomed Nev and Bev back from their holidays and Suncoasters will have a busy time this year preparing for the National Convention at the end of June.

Suncoasters are currently welcoming new dancers and are having beginners' classes on Tuesday nights at 7.30p.m. – 9p.m. and on Wednesday mornings at 9.30a.m. at our hall at 260 Dixon Road, Buderim. If you know of anybody who may be interested, could you please pass this information on to them and encourage them to 'give it a go'.

We had a dance on Australia Day but unfortunately, it was a very stormy night which caused the numbers to be down. We have a few new dancers joining us and they are enjoying themselves immensely.

We hope you all have a great dancing year in 2016.

Cairns City Square Dance Club

As this is my first report for 2016 on behalf of Cairns City Squares I wish all other club members a happy and safe year.

The Club commenced its year on 5th February in the new venue we moved into late last year. Our numbers are average but we are enjoying the better facilities and continue to dance Mainstream and Easy Plus.

Our newest member Wendy is progressing well through Mainstream.

Margaret from Innisfail is back dancing with us each fortnight as Graham has recovered from his 2 hip operations and is looking very well.

We have not seen much of Dian and Henry this year as they have been away visiting friends and family. They will also be away on a trip to UK in April. That is all our news for this month until my next report in 2016.

Janet Hansen - Publicity Officer

Hervey Bay Square Dance Club

Hi from Hervey Bay

We are off and running for 2016. Learners are doing well and we have 3 returning after a few years break. The Birthday Bash held at a local restaurant, Harvey's on the Bay, was a great success. Nearly all our members with partners attended, as well as a few who don't dance anymore but want to keep up the friendships. It was a lovely afternoon. Another one is planned for the 3rd of April. At this one we will be celebrating 2 mile stones, Iris is turning 90 and Alf turns 85 during March. Many Happy Returns to both and all Birthday people.

Some of us went down to Brisbane and enjoyed dancing to Brian Hotchkies at Rambling Eights and Logan City Squares. Brian did his usual calls, sending squares around the floor and the tandem squares were also popular. It never ceases to amaze us how he can have us all mixed up and suddenly, after a move or two, we are back where we started.

Hervey Bay will be starting new learners on the 5th of March with a free Have-a-Go session. Advertising leaflets, radio interview and newspaper write ups have all gone out, inviting singles, couples and families to try it, so now we can just hope to attract new dancers. We start at 9.30am and finish about 11.30am at our usual venue, Dan Dinna House, 459 Boat Harbour Drive. Normal charge is \$3.00.

Kay Walker will be our first visiting caller for the year. If you are in the area please join us on the 12th of March for our 27th Birthday Party night, which is Mainstream and starts at 7pm. In the afternoon there will be PLUS from 2-4.30pm. We'd love to see you. For more information phone Glenda on 4125 3305, or visit www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au For now, keep well, travel safely and happy dancing, from all of us at Hervey Bay.

GUMDALE GRANDSLIDERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB INC.

2016 promises to be another year of great dancing, friendship and fun. We have welcomed three new dancers so far this year and our Tuesday Mainstream and Plus workshops are well attended despite the exceptional heat. Our Wednesday night Club Dance is also going well.

On our second Tuesday back, Alan wasn't well enough to call for us and asked Rod Dinte from Caboolture to his place. The dancers were impressed with his calling and good natured banter. We were all sad to hear that he had actually retired two days previously.

Also retiring is our President, Heather Pennington. She has headed our committee for the past three years and has done the job wonderfully well. Heather will still be dancing with us, but due to family commitments in New Zealand, she has to be away quite frequently.

Our AGM was held on 23rd February, after which our Committee for 2016 consists of Harold Liley (President), Kevin Mahoney (Vice President) Carole Mackinney (Secretary) and Teresa Supel (Treasurer).

We wish all dancers and callers a happy and healthy new year.

Taigum Twirlers Square Dance Club

Taigum Twirlers has started back strong this year with great numbers for all of our sessions. We have welcomed some new couples to our Round Dance class and got a surprise when quite a few new dancers turned up for our afternoon Square Dance session. Our official Beginners class starts on 2nd April but great to attract new dancers without even trying.

Our 6.15 Plus session has been a huge success with 2 squares coming early every week to learn Plus before our normal evening session. Saturdays are very busy, full-on days for Lyn and Sid but also very rewarding.

On 13th February, we celebrated our 4th Birthday with a Valentines theme night. It has been nice to welcome some visitors recently including Robyn Harris, June Wall and Lynn Marmin. And it is always lovely when Betty Leighton comes along to join us for the evening. Our next major function will be our Easter Eggstravaganza Dinner and Dance on 26th March (Easter Saturday).

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2016 Caller / Cuer Conference

Calling Queensland Callers, Trainees and would like to be Callers.

Did you know that the Australian Callers Federation (ACF) is hosting a Caller Cuer Conference prior to the National Convention? Paul Bristow (UK), Ken Ritucci (USA) and Steve Turner (Australia) will be featured presenters.

Qld. Square Dance Society is offering subsidies to callers/cuers who are the listed as Caller/Cuer for Society Affiliated clubs e.g. those that are listed on the club's affiliation form are eligible to receive \$ 50.00 for full time callers and \$ 30.00 for Trainee callers.

Application forms are available from the Square Dancing Society, the QCA, or from the conference website: <http://acfcallercuerconference2016.weebly.com>

To apply for this subsidy the caller is asked to forward to Society Secretary their receipt for payment to register to attend the Caller Conference. The Secretary will then forward a letter either advising of the acceptance or otherwise. If accepted then the letter will state required details e.g. their bank account so that the Treasurer can transfer the money. Be part of the National and attend the Conference to learn from some of the best Callers.

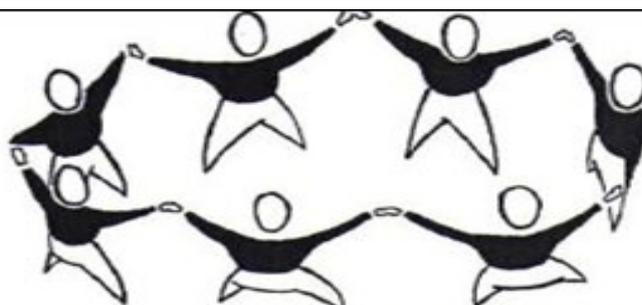
David Pearce. Publicity officer.

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EMERGENCY CALL for MEDICAL AID

- 1** When a dancer goes down, a second dancer attends to him/her
- 2** The remaining couples join hands and take a step backward. This will allow the injured person and the attendant air and room
- 3** Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arched circle
On seeing this signal, the caller or hall monitor will immediately respond and place an Emergency Call for Medical Aid if required.
Caller and Dancers should continue as usual while aid is administered.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2016 – AS AT 01/03/2016

Calendar of Events

Due to the number of events clubs wish to be promoted; a maximum of two lines is allowed for each event for Society Affiliated Clubs. Please ensure that a contact is included in the details, this may be a phone number or a web site address. All items for inclusion in the Calendar should be emailed to the Publicity Officer: - squaredanceqld.publicity@gmail.com .The calendar will display events for the next twelve months from the date of issue.

Please ensure that the requests are for special events and not just regular club nights.

Coming Attractions 2016

- 2nd Mar** Cane Country Squares 33rd Birthday, Rum City Band Hall, Bundaberg
Contact Shirley 4159 2308
- 12 Mar** Hervey Bay. Visiting caller Kay Walker 27th Birthday Party night. Mainstream and starts at 7pm. & PLUS from 2-4.30pm. We'd love to see you. For more information, phone Glenda on 4125 3305,
- 13 Mar** Qld. Society AGM. 'A.G.M. Dance' "Beach Party" hosted by 'Bribie Island Squares' at "Bribie Island Recreation Hall" 1-00pm Society A.G.M. {everyone is welcome} Dancing > 2-30pm to 5-00pm {Mainstream, Rounds, Plus}
- 18 Mar** Cairns City Squares, Club's Birthday Dance. Contact is President Ron, phone 40451737 or email rmoon2@bigpond.com
- 29 Mar** EZ Squares Caboolture Party Night. "Down on the Farm" 7.30pm. CT Williams Hall Beerburum Rd Caboolture
- 29 Mar** Ulysses Squares, Birthday Dance – Inter-Club. Contacts: Eddie 4045 2620. Or Cheryl 0402 455 895. Or Email: cherlamb@tpg.com.au THEME-Down on the Farm. Enq ph Geoff 0428682194 / 38821600
- 2nd & 3rd Apr** Cane Country Squares April Fool's Dance - Caller Michael Mills, Sat Plus 2-4pm, Rounds 7pm Basic & MS 7.30pm - Sun A 9.30am, Rounds 1pm Contact Shirley 4159 2308
- 20 Apr** Gumdale Grandsliders Birthday Dance 7.30 pm Alexandra Hills Contact Harold Liley 32071767 or haroldliley@gmail.com
- 5 May** Ulysses Squares. Annual General Meeting. Contacts: Eddie 4045 2620. Or Cheryl 0402 455 895. Or Email: cherlamb@tpg.com.au
- 13th May** Cane Country Squares - Annual Dance for Heart
- 14 May** Hervey Bay. Visiting caller James Reid. 2pm - 4.30 PLUS & 7pm – 11pm MS. Contact details; Coraleen 41942159, Samantha 41254173
- 20th May** Cane Country Squares AGM
- June 29th – July 3rd 2016** - and a Special 4th July Dance. 57th National Square Dance Convention at Buderim.
- 9 July** Hervey Bay. Visiting caller Gary Petersen. 2pm - 4.30 PLUS & 7pm – 11pm MS. Contact details; Coraleen 41942159, Samantha 41254173
- 17 July** Cairns City Squares, Annual General Meeting, Contact is President Ron on phone 40451737 or email rmoon2@bigpond.com
- 22 July** Rambling Eights. Christmas in July. Visiting callers welcome. Holland Park Bowls Club, Contact: David or Faith Pearce – 3263 1408 or www.ramblingeights.org
- 23 & 24 July** Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Plus & A Level weekend Featuring callers Alan Evans & Kay Walker
- 26 July** Gumdale Grandsliders - Mid Winter Soup Day 10.00am Contact Harold Liley 32071767 or haroldliley@gmail.com
- 10 Aug** Gumdale Grandsliders - Ekka Dance 7.30pm Contact Harold Liley 32071767 or haroldliley@gmail.com
- 13/14th August** QCA meeting & Dance held in Bundaberg

- 29/30th Oct Cane Country Squares** Guest Callers Nev & Bev McLachlan - contact Shirley 4159 2308
- 4th Nov Cane Country Squares** Charity Bowl
- 5 Nov Hervey Bay.** Visiting caller Andrew Reid. 2pm - 4.30 PLUS & 7pm – 11pm MS. Contact details; Coraleen 41942159, Samantha 41254173
- 19th Nov Cane Country Squares** Annual Free Christmas Dance, Bundaberg - contact Shirley 4159 2308
- 25 Nov Cairns City Squares,** Break up Dance. Contact is President Ron on phone 40451737 or email rmoon2@bigpond.com
- 26 Nov Qld Society** Christmas dance. Logan City Square Dancers have nominated to conduct this event. Details later.
- 29 Nov Ulysses Squares.** Christmas Dance – Inter-Club. Contacts: Eddie 4045 2620. Or Cheryl 0402 455 895. Or Email: cherlamb@tpg.com.au
- 6 Dec Ulysses Squares.** Christmas Break-up Dinner. Contacts: Eddie 4045 2620. Or Cheryl 0402 455 895. Or Email: cherlamb@tpg.com.au
- 9th Dec Cane Country Squares** Break-up for 2016
- 10 Dec Hervey Bay.** Visiting caller Glenn Wilson. Christmas Party. 2pm - 4.30 PLUS & 7pm – 11pm MS. Contact details; Coraleen 41942159, Samantha 41254173
- 13 Dec Gumdale Grandsliders Tuesday 13th** Christmas Party 10.00 am
- 14 Dec Gumdale Grandsliders Wednesday 14th** Christmas Party 7.30pm
Contact Harold Liley 32071767 or haroldliley@gmail.com
- 14 Dec Hervey Bay.** Christmas Dinner Party from 5.00pm. Food, Fun, Frivolity.
Contact details; Coraleen 41942159, Samantha 41254173

Let's not worry about closing and 2017 opening dates until mid-year. Thank you!