

**To The Square Dancers of Queensland,
Re Special Meeting on 2 December 2006**

The people who attend this meeting will include : -

Those who want to live in the past and mourn for "how it used to be".

Those who see the need for change but are too timid, or too quiet of voice to speak up, and when they do they get dismissed with phrases like "What would they know?" Rarely do they speak up again.

Those who believe that when they die the movement should die with them.

Those who are rocket-propelled and whose unbounded ideas would have us e.g. dancing on Mars as our next State Convention venue. Modification of their ideas sometimes provides the answer.

Those who speak on and on ad nauseam and contribute little of substance, their dissertation going round and round in circles epitomizing, I suppose, why we are going nowhere.

Those who clearly have something of value to say but are interrupted to such a degree that they lose the thread of their thoughts and sit down and shut up.

Clearly, the role of an understanding Chairperson can be a hard one. Letting speakers have their say, not being over restrictive or suffering from that dreaded disease called Rudeus Interruptis in trying to impose their thoughts and ideas on the meeting and causing many to say to themselves "Why do I bother?"

THE PAST. YES, let's hear briefly why it was so successful in the past, way-back-when. Maybe there was something being done then which has been neglected or forgotten about that could be resurrected and made to work successfully for the organisation/activity again. Let us hear BRIEFLY about not only the successes but also the failed ideas..Perhaps they were ideas before their time and may work now.

THE PRESENT. Where are we now?

Is there a feeling of success, goodwill and enjoyment permeating through our organisation/activity?

How do members/participants feel about what is currently happening in their organisation/Club?

How can things be improved that will have a wider beneficial impact than in just our/their own neck of the woods.

Is GOODWILL and FELLOWSHIP a myth in the current climate?

THE FUTURE. Where are we headed?

Do we genuinely want to see a resurgence of interest in our organisation/activity?

Is there a future for us?

How can we GROW and PROSPER in the future?

Is funding needed to help us achieve our aims and objectives for the future? If YES how will those funds be obtained?

ABOVE ALL ELSE, MEETINGS SUCH AS OURS ON THE 2nd DECEMBER WILL BE DOOMED TO FAIL UNLESS THERE IS FAIR DEBATE, GOODWILL AND AN URGE FOR ACTION, NOT JUST TALK!

THIS MEETING COULD BE THE CATALYST TO SPARK A RESURGENCE IN SQUARE DANCING. PLEASE BE THERE.

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VALE - Bill COLES

It was with much sorrow that the funeral of our late friend, Bill Coles, was conducted on Wednesday 25th October 2006 in Caloundra, after losing his long term battle with cancer at 79 years of age. Bill is survived by his gracious wife and our long term friend, Beryl and their family.

Bill and Beryl, started Square Dancing with Dr Ivor Burge in February 1973. The couple became very close friends of so many dancers, some of whom became callers, in the thirty-three years that followed. They travelled extensively and attracted many of their newly found overseas friends back to Australia to meet their Australian friends.

Bill took office bearing positions in Ivor's clubs of the time (Curly-Qs and Suzy-Qs). They were foundation members of Sunset Squares in Brisbane with Bill holding the position of President for two years. When Bill, a graduate Electrical Engineer, retired from his employment as the manager for Brisbane City Council Transport, he moved to Caloundra where he joined the Lighthouse Squares dancing all of their available programs through to A-2. He was their President in 1995. He was the delegate to the Square Dancing Society in 1989 & 1990 with Sunset Squares and in 1999 to 2002 for the Lighthouse Squares. It was during his efforts as the Transport Officer for the 2003 National Convention, that Bill discovered that he had developed bowel cancer.

Though having to undergo treatment, Bill maintained his commitment to the National Convention and ensured that the transport for more than 1,500 dancers was maintained at an extremely high standard. One of Bill's favourite Singing Calls was a C O Guest number, "Adios Amigo". We now say Adios Amigo to one of the stalwart and pillars of the modern Square Dancing era in South East Qld.

DAVID SMYTHE

Vale Kath Edwards

Our friend, KATH EDWARDS, long time Square Dancer, craft hobbyist, and former President of Mothar Mountain Moonshiners Square Dance Club in Gympie, passed away in Hospital on 31st October.

Wife of the Club's resident Caller and current President, Kath and Doug met and began their participation in Square Dancing at the Bellmore Bells and Wagon Wheels Clubs at Punchbowl and Bankstown in Sydney in the 50's, and were tutored by Ron Jones.

Kath's funeral was held on Monday 6th November at the Gympie Crematorium.

On behalf of the Square Dancing community we extend our sincere sympathy to Doug and family.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER
 11 GOLD at Bald Hills Community Hall 2pm.
 11 Logan City Sq, Dance
 26 Society General Meeting & AGM

DECEMBER
 2 Special Combined General Meeting.
 8 Rambling 8s' final dance for 2006
 16 Town and Country Christmas Dance
 31 Logan City New Year Dance.
 30 Pine Rivers "Claytons New Year" Danc.
 31 Lighthouse Squares New Year Dance

FEBRUARY 2007
 2 Rambling 8s'
 10 Logan City Birthday Party.
 18 QCA Quarterly meeting & AGM
 21 Rambling 8s 21st. Birthday

MARCH
 16 - 18 Rambling 8s Irish Camp.
 24 Lighthouse Squares Saturday Special
 31 Pine Rivers Senior Citizens inc.

MAY
 20 QCA Quarterly Meeting

JUNE
 23 Lighthouse Squares 27th. Birthday Dance
 30 Pine Rivers Senior Citizens inc.

AUGUST
 11 QCA Quarterly Meeting

SEPTEMBER
 21,22,23 QLD. STATE CONVENTION

OCTOBER
 26 QCA Gala Dance incorporating Amateur Callers Contest.

NOVEMBER
 18 QCA Quarterly Meeting

25,26 & 27 April 2008 Cane Country Squares Silver Anniversary

Party, Closing and Opening dates.
 As one goes along in this Bugle business one learns.

I have now learned that it is very difficult to assemble a list of dates. About the only way I did not receive a date was on a message stick.

Nevertheless I hope the adjacent list helps a little to plan your dancing in the next few months.
 Noel M.

Party, Closing, and Opening Dates.			
	Party / Dance.	Closing	Opening
	Cane Country Squares	9 Dec. 06	8 Dec. 06
	Gumdale Grandsliders	6 Dec. 06	7 Feb. 07
	Light House Squares	11 Dec. 06	11 Dec. 06
	Morton Bay	9 Dec. 06	3 Feb. 07
	North Side Promenaders		7 Dec. 06
	Pine Rivers Senior Citizens		12 Dec. 06
	Ramblin 8s		30 Jan.
	Rocky Combined Christmas Party	16 Dec. 06	
	Rocky Plus		6 Dec. 06
	Rocky Squares 8s		11 Dec. 06
			28 Jan. 07
			29 Jan. 07

There will be no 'My Scribble' in this edition of the Bugle. I feel the article on the front page expresses some facts that have a huge bearing on the health of the Square Dance movement in Queensland. It is not difficult to understand why some dancers are delegates to the Society in name only. It does take a bit of dedication to attend meetings particularly when the meetings are related to something most of us look at as a pleasurable pass time and probably feel it should just go ahead on its own momentum.

The facts are Square dancing does need some help to prosper. This year there is a notable decline in numbers at clubs and the reversal of that fact has to be the most important topic at the Dec. 2 meeting. This meeting is open to EVERYBODY. Please give your attendance careful consideration.
 Noel Miller.

**PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS INC.
Clayton's New Year Dance**

Community Hall, Anzac Avenue Kallangur

7 P.M. December 30th 2006

\$6 per head and this includes supper.

LIGHTHOUSE SQUARES

NEW YEAR EVE PARTY

CCSA HALL, CALOUNDRA.

\$6 per adult, \$1 per student accompanied by adult.
Dancers are asked to BAP of nibbles & supper.

8 P.M. till late With David Smythe, Rod Dinte and
visiting callers.

Dress is cool / tropical. A varied dancing program
with enough excitement for non-square dancers.

Further information is available from David and
Margaret ph 5492 1254 and Rod & Noleen ph
5492 2122.

QCA Dates for 2007

During 2007, the QCA will be holding its
AGM on Sun 18th Feb.

Quarterly Meetings will be held Sun 18th Feb,
Sun 20th May, Sat 11th Aug (in Bundaberg),
and Sun 18th Nov.

The Qld State Convention, hosted by the
Lighthouse Squares on behalf of the QCA, will
be held at Morayfield Community Hall on the
weekend 21-22-23 September 2007.

The QCA Gala Dance featuring the Amateur
Callers Contest will be held at Nyanda State
High School Salisbury on Friday evening 26th
October 2007.

Yours in Square dancing and Kind regards,
David Smythe

Square Dancing Society of Qld Inc

General Meeting and AGM
9.30 26th. November, 2006.

**Red Cross Centre,
Newdgate Street, Greenslopes**
(opposite the hospital)

Not at the Church Hall, Geebung
as previously advised.

The Gumdale Knock out Hoedown.

"On Wednesday, 23 August Gumdale Grandsliders
hosted a knock-out hoedown dance. The knockout
hoedown consisted of one mainstream hoedown at
the current mainstream level and much laughter
echoed in the hall as squares battled to keep
dancing – sometimes under laughter difficulties. The
square that lasted the longest really committed
themselves to keeping the square dancing as long as
possible.

Jane Evans and Jane Raynor stood on the sidelines
and judged which square had broken down and had
to leave the floor, but it was really obvious to the
dancers themselves when this occurred.

A wonderful, fun evening was had by all and eve-
ryone agreed that it would be good to repeat this
next year - hope to see you there."

Gumdale Grandsliders has also commenced a class
through the U3A at Cleveland.

"Every Wednesday at 1.00pm a small, happy group
meets at Cleveland through the auspices of the
University of the Third Age to learn square
dancing. Peter Storey, a caller who moved to
Australia from New Zealand, is teaching this group
basic square dancing with the hope that they will
disperse to local square dance clubs upon
completion of the course. Angels from the
Gumdale Grandsliders Club are helping Peter and
the new dancers. We all look forward to meeting
them when they join us next year."

Carole MacKinney.

P.S. I misplaced the original article about this
event. Thanks Carole for submitting a replacement
article. My apologies. NM.

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

A night of fun, games and dancing, dancing, dancing plus eighty (give or take a couple or three) Cloggers made for a great afternoon and night when Gympie's MOONSHINE CLOGGERS celebrated their 21st Birthday.

Mothar Mountain Hall, that bush-hall place way out of town amongst the tall trees, with it's bug-eyed big green frogs in the loos, saw 3 p.m. as the start of celebrations, with a star-filled night to light the way home.

To those of us with happy memories of the Gold Rush dancing weekends which are no more but will never be forgotten: do you remember the fantastic spread put on? Well, the Gympie crew haven't lost their culinary skills as they put on drinks and "nibbles" about 5:30 p.m. which, because of the variety and quantity, had some visitors thinking this was dinner, only to find an hour later mountains of home-made delicious food waiting to be enjoyed as the "real" dinner. And the deserts- something that had to be seen to be believed! But wait, yes there was more with supper being served, including the impressive birthday cake made by Dawn L.

Thanks to Edith, Jenny, Dennis and their willing, wonderful supporters who made it an occasion to remember and smile about; as so many said as they moved in the direction of home "What a happy, fantastic time." Says it all, Gympie, says it all!

The following Monday night saw the Dance group CROCK 14 from the Czech Republic, on holidays in Australia, visit Chug-a-Lugs Cloggers at Greenslopes. What a beautiful, fun-loving, talented team. They, in unison with local Cloggers, danced up a storm.

Closing and Opening Dates (keep the Christmas break-up closing days/nights free on your social Calendar).

Chug-a-Lugs (Greenslopes, Monday PM)

C- 11th DEC. O- 5th FEB.

Double Jingle (Lutwyche, Tuesday PM)

C- 11th DEC. O- 30th JAN.

Double Jingle (Lutwyche, Thursday AM)

C- 14th DEC. O- 1st FEB.

Fifty Plus (City Hall, Monday AM)

C- 11th DEC. O- TBA

E.Z. Squares (Caboolture, Sunday PM)

C- 17th DEC. O- TBA

SunState (Runcorn, Thursday PM)

C- 14th DEC. O- 1st JAN.

Apple Jack Cloggers, (Roachdale Sth. Tuesdays PM)

C - 12th DEC. O 6th- FEB.

Have a safe and restive holiday break- Bless you all!

Keep Clogging, Keep Happy,

Frances

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QRDA.

Normally David Pitt forwards a Round Dance report to go in the Bugle. Unfortunately David is not well at present. Let us hope that it is not too long before he is back to a comfortable and recovering situation.

I would like to record my appreciation for the courtesy, help and cooperation he and Sylvia have extended to me when I was trying to do a couple of jobs for square dancing and for Davids contributions to the Bugle.

Noel Miller.

Jim Vickers-Willis Web Site Launched

Hi.

I thought members of your association might be interested to know that a new web site is on the Internet that includes some valuable square dance heritage information. The site is a celebration of the life of Jim Vickers-Willis, who achieved much despite contracting polio in the 1950s which left him with severe paralysis - Jim at the time was one of Australia's most popular pioneer square dance callers.

Jim had a remarkable life both during and after the boom - which is detailed on the site. The site includes a showcasing of some of Australia's other pioneer callers of the 1950s including audio files to listen to their different styles (I really like Irene Hewitt's version of Oh Johnny!) plus also some historical notes written by Jim, Jack Murphy (Vic) and Graham Rigby (Qld) about their recollections of how square dancing developed in Australia in the 50's.

We are trying to earn some money from the site to keep it operating and to raise some funds to continue the fight against polio so anything you can do to publicise the site to the square dancing community locally and nationally would of course be very much appreciated. Jim is still with us - aged 88. Best wishes,
Tony Vickers-Willis

I received the above courtesy of Nev McLachlan. I have trimmed the letter a bit to fit it in. I did try "Jim Vickers Willis" on the web and found it very interesting and some good old calls. N.M.

Hervey Bay Square Dance Club Inc.

It was great to have Rod & Noeleen Dinte with us again on the 2nd September. Rod called in on his way to the State Convention in Rockhampton to give the plus, mainstream and beginner dancers a night of good dancing.

The caravanning group were off again when they travelled to the State Convention on the 7th to 10th September. The weather catered for all tastes – hot, cold, calm and windy – we had it all. The Convention was great as there was good calling, good dancing, a good venue and it was lovely to meet up with old friends and to make new ones too.

Col and Heather Jones had a short break in the Bay on their way home from the State Convention and called for our Club on 13th September. An added bonus was when Alan and Jane Evans dropped in on their way home and he and Col did some joint calls.

Our Club was fortunate to have Charles and Carol Barnes call in on their way through to Mackay on 20th September. Charles programmed a night of very interesting dancing and had us doing exciting things on the diagonal, and other thrilling stuff as well! Charles is rather knowledgeable about good sound gear too. Great night, Charles!

It was exhilarating to have a night of good mainstream dancing, as only Andrew Read can provide, on 23rd September when he, Maria and family came to the Bay for a few days. Even though he was tired from travelling, he still had his sense of humour that kept bubbling through all night. Even his daughter got into the act with a song between brackets. Good calling with short breaks, what a night.

Neville Went
Secretary/Publicity

Moreton Bay Squares

Oh! What a day!!!!

28th October saw us celebrating our Annual "Island Dream Day" bash which proved to be a very happy and successful event. A wonderful day with five callers, and dancers travelling from Rockhampton all the way down to the Gold Coast.

Seven Squares filled the floor dancing Mainstream, Plus, Rounds and even a contra dance for good measure. Our Noel McKenzie did a great job in organising a very enjoyable programme. It was 'catch up time' for some old friends, making for some great conversation and lots of laughter. It was a pleasure to see some very new dancers up having a go and enjoying the experience.

After a very enjoyable lunch and more dancing it was time to go home. As we said goodbye to the dancers it was obvious by the smiling faces and comments just how much they had enjoyed the day. This is a most rewarding feeling for our committee and we thank you one and all for your support.

We are already looking ahead to next year (the good Lord willing) when old and new may meet again.

As this will be our last chance for the year, we at Moreton Bay Squares take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a bright, happy & healthy New Year.

Our Club will be in recess from 9/12/2006 until 3/02/2007, and in the meantime hope to meet you all at some of the up and coming Christmas break-ups.

Yours in the love of dancing,
Nellie Forbes (President)

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS INC.

Our 'Springtime' theme dance on 30th September 2006 was a great success. Everyone had a wonderful time. We had 8 sets dancing at one stage. There were 7 callers in attendance including 4 State callers. Fun and friendship, that's what it's all about. The laughter, I am sure, could have been heard for miles around. Gary Petersen and his wife Nikki were dressed as Spring cleaners with plastic springs through their hair, plus rubber gloves, window cleaners, feather mops etc. Nikki had on a very short skirt with a little white apron. They really set the theme.

Our Club has been fortunate in dancing 3 to 4 sets all through the year and last month we had 2 new dancers join. We are still averaging a demonstration at least once each week. A group of our dancers attended Dancing in the Park, with Glenn Wilson. The New Farm Park GOLD event was enjoyed by 8 sets of adults plus one of children. A lot of people joined in to try Square Dancing. It was a really great day. Congratulations to Glenn for his tremendous efforts in this project. Please keep an eye out for flyers advertising future 'come and try dances'. Our dancers will support this activity as much as possible. Thanks Glenn for giving all of the people involved a fun day.

Margaret Baines

TOWN and COUNTRY

Town and Country Square Dance Club will close for the Christmas break on the 16th December and reopen on the 8th February, 2007. These dates are for our Rochedale Club.

Next year, we will be inviting mainstream dancers who would like to learn plus, to join us on Thursday nights, starting at 8pm, so keep 8th February in your diary.

Ipswich Club will finish for the year on the 6th December and re-open on the 14th February, 2007.

I still have four weeks to go with the students at Chapel Hill State School. They are doing very well and enjoying themselves.

Like most Clubs, our numbers have been down, but should bounce back now that most travellers have returned home to prepare for the Christmas break. Cheers for now and good dancing. We would love to see you at our Christmas Dance. However if this is not possible, we would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Regards,

Noel and Merle McKenzie

Cane Country Squares

Our club have been invited to give a demonstration of Square Dancing at a Country Dance at Apple Tree creek not far out of Bundaberg. We look forward to participating and hope it encourages some new dancers for our next beginners' class in the New Year. Dancing at public functions is good publicity for our club.

Another year will soon be drawing to a close. Our last club dance for the year will be held on 8th December. This year it is Cane Country Squares' turn to host the District Christmas Dance on Saturday 9th December here in Bundaberg. We look forward to seeing as many as possible join us for the end of year fun, a chat and a "cuppa" with some tasty Christmas supper. All are welcome.

Pam Garson

Publicity Officer/Cane Country Squares.

BIG Thank You to all the contributors

to the Bugle this year. An Especially Big Thank You to the patient and extremely helpful Don Look, without whom this newsletter would probably be illegible. (Talking is my preferred communication method, no spelling.)

On behalf of Marjie and myself,

A Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to All.
Noel

Rocky Twirlers and Rocky Square 8's

2006 has been an eventful year for both our Clubs; we have maintained dancer numbers throughout the year and have seen some new dancers join our ranks.

Early this year we had the privilege of having Michael Mills and Rachel Kelly relocate to Rockhampton (a little bird tells me that they will both have the last name of Mills fairly early in 2007). Michael now co-calls with Rob for the Twirlers.

June Dalliston proved just what a good Leader she is in pulling a community together to organise the 27th Qld State Convention. It was a privilege to be part of the team where all Dancers in Rocky worked together. June now has less sleepless nights.

A very big 'thank you' to the Rockhampton City Council for repainting our Hall.

Many other activities occurred during the year but then a lot of you know about them.

I think probably the most disturbing event during the year occurred on 13/10/06 when Laurie Miles experience a heart attack and scared the hell out of us. Folks, Laurie will have a couple of by-passes and then we know that he will bounce back. He's too tough to just fade away. Get well quickly Laurie, we want you back on stage beside Michael and Rob ASAP.

First of all, on behalf of the Dancers of both Clubs we wish each and every Square Dancer and all of our friends a happy and joyous Festive season, and look forward to seeing you all again in 2007

Last but not least, the best of the festive season from June, Laurie, Kathy, Rob, Rachel, and Michael.

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Growing Old & Living Dangerously (GOLD!)

Square Dancing is now part of Brisbane City Council's Healthy & Active Lifestyles GOLD.

The next event involving Square Dancing will be held on

**Saturday, 11th November 2006,
Bald Hills Memorial Hall,**

Gympie Rd., Bald Hills 2pm - 4pm.

Leaders & Dancers from Clubs local to this venue- please get along and promote your Club for the 2007 Square Dance year.

Please wear normal everyday casual "street clothes" (not square dance attire) and participate fully in the "very easy" dance level on the day.

There are no costs associated with the dancing. Clubs in the vicinity should hand out flyers promoting your Club. Judging from a previous event this is a well worthwhile promotion.

The Brisbane City Council will be promoting this event through their website and in their own flyers. Any free advertising is better than none.

This particular event is not being organised by the Square Dance Society. Any inquiries should be directed to Glenn Wilson Ph. 3261 4177 Mob. 0413 017778.

Email glenn61@optusnet.com.au

I have edited Glenn's original notice used in the last Bugle. I heard that a total of nine sets of Dancers had a crack at Square Dancing at the last event. Any Club in the surrounding area to this event would be negligent if they were not there in force handing out flyers. Opportunities like this do not come up often and it would cost a fortune to get the same results from advertising. Good on you Glenn, and congratulations on your initiative.

Noel Miller.

THANK YOU TO THE SQUARE DANCERS OF QUEENSLAND

As we rapidly approach the end of 2006, I wonder where it went.

I would like to record my appreciation to the members of the Society for entrusting me with the position of Promotions Officer for the Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc. I look back on the year and wonder just what I've achieved. Then I take into account that Promotion is not a one-person job, but the job of every dancer in our activity.

I wish to thank those who sent me information and suggestions- keep up the good work.

In particular I would like to thank Noel Miller for his unending patience in sorting out the articles that I forward to him for publication in the Bugle- keep up the good work Noel.

I wish to thank Leighton and the rest of the Executive team for their guidance and help during the past twelve months.

Don't forget the special meeting on the 02/12/06. This is a meeting for all to have their say, and to give your suggestions as to where you would like Square Dancing to go in the future.

Remember this is OUR activity we are talking about. Please don't just sit on your hands.

Let's all make 2007 and onwards the best that Queensland Square Dancing has ever seen.

Let's find ways to support all Clubs, not just our own. Yes I know that fuel and other travel cost's are all on the rise, but however by car pooling and billeting each other when people travel, the cost can be reduced significantly.

Please remember that no matter who we are or what we do within the movement we are all Square Dancers.

My wife Kathy and I we would like to wish each and everyone of you a safe and joyous Christmas and New Year, and we hope to see you all on a dance floor somewhere in 2007.

Rob Fry Promotions Officer