

The Banana Benders Bugle

November 2007

COMMENT: - I asked for suggestions on suitable venues to promote square dancing and received a jovial contribution from 'Roy' suggesting some novel situations to promote square dancing and a second contribution from Texas, USA. I was a little bowled over and thankful to receive the Jim Pead's letter. 'Roy's' comments will have to be retyped as it came by snail mail so they will appear at a later date. Jim's contribution is in the right column.

I have recently reread the Report of Special meeting held 2nd.Dec. 2006. Admittedly some possible momentum was lost with the delayed Report nevertheless there were some suggestions made at that gathering that the majority thought were good ideas to entice new dancers onto the floor. Has anyone tried any of these ideas to date and what were the results.

The Special Meeting suggested "that a central body be established to govern promotion rather than the apparent fragmented situation currently being experienced" but the nothing has happened there either. We definitely don't need another committee but we do need some push from somewhere. In hindsight I don't think we need a body to 'govern promotion'. We need a body to develop and supply the clubs with an affordable method of recruiting new dancers. What's your opinion?

There is an article by Calvin Campbell on page 7. Well worth a read.

Noel Miller

Contact The Bugle:- burtrax@bigpond.net.au

Noel Miller, 29 Bluegrass Crest. Eight Mile Plains
4113 Ph. 3841 6619

Hi Noel,

I was reading Lets Square Dance, publication of BAASDC (British Association of American Square Dance Clubs). Like many in square dancing they are having trouble recruiting classes.

They took a survey and found that only 15 or so clubs, countrywide, are actually holding classes. Another dozen or so clubs say that if someone "asks" they will undertake to teach him or her to dance. The clubs all claim that they have "asked everyone" to come to square dancing and have found the task insurmountable.

They formed a new committee "RPM" for "Recruit, Promote, Maintain" who concluded that it would be best to simply try to start new Clubs where there are none now. That way, it will be a fresh start for new Clubs, and callers. They expect that the trial will be costly in time, energy and money, but they expect it to pay off. They hope to start dozens of BRAND NEW clubs scattered across England. They recognize that they will have to support these new Clubs until they are established.

Anyone interested could contact Walt Burr, president of the British Caller's Association for further info.

Jim Pead, A Texas dancer.

*Grandmas are moms with lots of frosting.
What a bargain grandchildren are! I give them my loose change, and they give me a million dollars' worth of pleasure. Author Unknown*

Reproduced courtesy of

Gumdale Grandsliders' Melbourne Cup

Join in the fun!!

Cup sweeps

Prizes for "owners" of place getters in the "Gumdale Cup"

With a phantom call of the "Gumdale Cup"

"Horsey" dances called by Alan Evans

Fancy Hat Parade

Prizes for best decorated hat

Dance Mainstream and Plus brackets.

10.00 am. 6th. November

Admission \$6.00

Lunch will be served around midday.

Watch the Melbourne Cup Race with us.

A "Luncheon" plate would be appreciated.

Alexandra Hills Community Hall

Cnr. Finucane & Windemere Rds.

Alexandra Hills.

SALAD BOWL SQUARES

YOU ARE INVITED

to our

TROPICAL EVENING

When: 7.30 p.m. Friday 30th November

Where: St Jame's Anglican Hall

Station Street

Wellington Point

Mainstream with 2 Plus tips, Rounds

Caller: Jason Dean

Cuer: Linda Williamson

Cost: \$6.00

**Supper will be ice-cream with assorted toppings
(no need to bring a plate)**

Welsh man walking through a field, sees a man drinking water from a pool with his hand.

The Welsh man shouts "Paid a yfed y dwr mae'r gwartheg yn cachu yn y Dwr"

(Don't drink the water, it's full of cow dung.)

The man shouts back "I'm English, Speak English, I don't understand you".

The Welsh man shouts back "Use both hands, you'll get more in."

LOGAN CITY SQUARE DANCERS Inc.

4th ANNIVERSARY DANCE

FEATURING CALLER

CHRIS FROGGATT N.S.W.

9th FEBRUARY 2008

Logan City Square Dance Centre
161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead

Saturday afternoon Plus 2pm - 4.30pm

Saturday evening Rounds 7pm - Squares 7.30pm

**Admission; Afternoon \$7.00 per person Evening \$8.00 per person or \$13.00
for both sessions**

Juniors under (16 yrs) \$5.00 afternoon \$6.00 evening or \$9.00 for both sessions

Enquiries; Jane Rayner 07 3299 7717 Email; cysquare@optusnet.com.au

The hall will remain open between sessions for those wishing to stay on.

Queensland Round Dance Association

There has been lots happening with the Round Dancing lately, and even more to come. We hosted Karen & Dick Fisher from the United States a few weeks ago and what a time it was. The first weekend was well attended with some dancers from interstate.

Mambo was introduced for the first time, as well as going through a Jive, Foxtrot, Waltz & a Rumba. The second weekend was a little quieter (and harder) with a Paso Doble done to compliment the one recently added to the National List. With this were a Bolero, Waltz, and a Quickstep.

Thanks again to all in the committee for helping out, and to Dallas, Jan & Ronda for the expertise in the kitchen for the two weekends.

Dances coming up are:

Allemander Rounds – 17/11/07 at Jimboomba, an easy level dance for the recent beginners. Anyone is welcome. This would also be suitable for anyone who usually only does the Rounds at the major Square Dances. What a great hall with plenty of country atmosphere.

Valentine Rounds – 27/10/07 at Camp Hill. A combined night for all levels with some money to be raised for charity. Ken & Val always do a great job with this night and always great fun.

Combined Christmas dinner at the Moreton Bay Sports club – 6/12/07. No dancing, but just a great time. Some money to be raised for charity through the night.

QRDA combined Christmas dance at St Joachim's parish hall. A dance for all levels from newbies to experienced. The grand finale for the year.

Thanks again to all who have supported the dances through the year, and for the work the teachers have done in introducing members of the public to our activity.

Warwick Armstrong
President QRDA.

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING OH! WHAT A FEELING- CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

The GET RYHTHM DANCE TEAM were thrilled to be invited to be part of the 2007 Lord Mayor's Christmas Parties in the Brisbane City Hall from 3rd - 7th December. There will be a morning and afternoon Concert each day, with morning tea (9:15 am) and afternoon tea (12:15 pm) provided with table service.

It's all free, but you must get an ENTRY TICKET by 'phoning the Brisbane City Council on 3403 8473 from 9 am Tuesday 13th Nov.

A word to the wise- please don't 'phone before 9 am or before the 13th. SEE YOU THERE!

Clubs are getting in December-mode as Christmas Party-time is only a Kangaroo hop or two away (six white Boomers and all that-remember?)

Clogging Clubs closing dates (read Christmas Party) and 2008 start-up dates are:

CHUG-A-LUGS (Greenslopes)

10th Dec. 2007, re-open 4th Feb 2008.

DOUBLE JINGLE (Morning, Lutwyche)

13th Dec. 2007, re-open 7th Feb. 2008.

SUNSTATE (Runcorn)

13th Dec. 2007, re-open 7th Feb. 2008.

It is an open invitation to Cloggers and their families to come along.

The Clogging demo. at the WATER-WISE Garden Awards in Fortitude Valley 23rd Oct. went over big with the audience. For the garden-minded, it was a great morning and our dancers had a terrific time. Our thanks to John & Margaret McCallum for inviting us. (If ever you want some top-class catering, just ask Beryl).

See you soon,
Best Wishes,

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times already!"

Tugun Twirlers

Those tea Bags are everywhere but next month I will expand on some costumes starting with T.

Brian Brislane was great with his choreography and the sound was very clear when he filled in for an ill Gary. Round dancers are now learning Mickey Mouse and next month will be learning Green Alligators and Buffy. It's great to see non-square dancers picking up Round Dancing, and they are looking forward to learning Squares next year. Thanks to Eric Bradshaw for filling in for me while I was away cruising. Quiet a few members are looking forward to the Russell Island Dance.

Upbeat CHAOS

New Plus Class are breezing through the movements. It won't take long to finish the plus program at this rate. Some are a little puzzled as what to wear for roaring 20's as they were not around then. We will let you know next month. Round dance nights for November are 12th and 26th. Thanks to Margaret Baines and Russell Wall for running the nights when Gary was ill.

Yours in Dancing
Corinne Bradshaw

MORETON BAY SQUARES

Hi Everyone,

Time is still passing very quickly. We are still dancing 2 squares most Saturdays and our newer dancers are progressing very well with a lot of laughs and goodwill.

What a great weekend the State Convention was. Congratulations to all the people who put in such a great effort to make our Convention a huge success. The whole weekend had such a good feeling and the calling was of a high standard. All at Moreton Bay had a great time.

A reminder that our Island Day Dance will be on 3rd November, and we are looking forward to seeing you all there.

We are looking forward to seeing all our friends at the State Roundup. It will be a great night for all.
Friends in Square Dancing

Ann Dix Secretary
MORETON BAY SQUARES

No act of kindness, no matter how big or how small is every wasted.

Anthony Bertossi Pride of Australia Award nominee quoting his father, CM 19/6/07

How the Bugle will Travel

I lay in bed trying to sleep the other night and of all things I thought of "The Bugle" and one of those mysterious things that happened -----

On Monday afternoon I was dancing at "United Friends Square Dance Club," and Graham Lawson asked me if I had a Bugle in my car. "No, but I have one at home which you can have" I replied - I was sure my wife Marjorie had printed our copy and it was sitting on our dining table. Graham asked me to leave it in our letterbox and he would be there to pick it up about 4pm. When I got home "No Bugle" on the table, Marjorie had tidied up and son Scott had taken that copy to Carseldine.

Another copy was printed and put it in the letterbox where Graham collected it and took it to Ferny Hills. Next day in the mail was a letter addressed to Bruce and Marjorie McKenzie, no return address and it had only been marked Processed Northgate MC. Inside was a copy of the "Bugle" (we have never had one sent to us before). So the Bugle will travel even by snail mail for you critics out there!!!

David and I went to S-Bar-B Club on the Friday fortnightly dance and put the 'mailed' Bugle copy in the bag to take with us. That club had their copies but as we were helping Graham with his equipment at the end of the night, he requested a copy for someone else but none was available. I produced our 'mailed' copy and I gave it to him and off it went either to Aspley or Bribie Island. This Bugle travels Via computers, emails, copiers, people, bags, cars, wife, children and Australia Post etc.

Bruce McKenzie B ' N ' M Squares

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES, BUNDABERG

Congratulations to Callers Matthew Mills, Michael Mills and Peter Clarke who gained accreditation to call for State Square Dance Conventions following their achievements at the recent State Convention held at Morayfield. Our own Caller Shirley Kelly trained all three of these Callers in Bundaberg. Well done Shirley.

We are privileged to have Caller Shirley Kelly, co-Caller Matthew Mills, as well as Norm Grunwald and Arch Stepney, all local Callers, to give us variety of calls and movements to keep us alert for the next move as we dance.

Our Club members are gearing up for our Silver Anniversary to be held on Anzac weekend 25/26/27 April next year. A full weekend of activities is being planned. Please keep the date free to join us in Bundaberg. Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Clogging and training session will all be included – something to suit everyone.

Pam Garson
Publicity Officer/Cane Country Squares

Wavell Whirlaways

Caller: Sid Leighton: Dancing now for 38 years.

On Saturday 6th October, 39 dancers wove our way up the Brisbane River from Newstead House to St Lucia. We passed under many of our bridges and marvelled at the lights of Brisbane and how our little town has grown up.

On boarding the boat "The Condor," we were greeted by the crew and a few nibbles to whet our appetite for the BBQ that was being cooked on board as we cruised the river. Dessert and tea and coffee followed the main meal. Then it was time to fold away the tables and chairs and get ready to dance on the river. Callers on the night were Sid, Graham Brandon and Graham Rigby. Dances called were appropriate to the night. A little line and round dancing were squeezed in as well.

We would like to thank Robyn for all her work preparing for the night. Club members are now looking forward to The 50th Sunshine State Roundup and the Society Xmas party followed by our Xmas Party breakup.

Happy dancing,
Margaret Casey and June Lambert

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

If you weren't at the Community Hall Kallangur on the 29th September you missed a really great night. 93 dancers attended our "Spring in the South Pacific" dance and a good percentage came dressed for the theme. It was a very colorful night. Many thanks to all our helpers in the setting up and clearing away, as well as our wonderful kitchen ladies. An extra big thank-you to Ann and Ray Naysmith for the design of our stage. I think we really outdid ourselves this time.

At our dances we like to cater for our newer dancers, and so we alternate the evening with a bracket of Basic and a bracket of Mainstream. We also try to include a bracket of Plus. This time though we also had line dancing cued by Warren Fleming and a Contra by the master himself, Graham Rigby. In all we had 8 callers, which lends to the variety of the evening.

Now that I have whet your appetite, what are you doing on 29th December??? This is the date for our next dance. It will be a Pre-New Year Western Style Dance, so polish up those six guns and spurs and come along and join us. The cost is still only \$5 which includes supper. If you require any further information please contact either Margaret 3285 2130 or Jan 32051696.

Our club provided a dress set at both the State Convention in September and the Sunshine State Roundup in October. We are also looking forward to seeing you all at the Society Christmas Party in November. Keep dancing and most of all having fun.

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**Carina Carousels
Christmas Dance**

Thursday 6th December, at 1pm.

**RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES.
FUN FOR EVERYONE.**

**A PLATE FOR AFTERNOON TEA
WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
PLEASE JOIN US.**

**SENIOR CITIZENS HALL
1 EDMOND ST. CARINA.
Phone Shirley:3324 9482.**

Gumdale Grandsliders Square Dance Club inc

final dance for 2007 on Wednesday 12th. December.
The Club will reopen on Tuesday 5th. February 2008
Kev Mahoney

Pine Rivers Senior Citizens

"Pre New Year Western Style Dance"

7p.m. until 11p.m.
29th December

All for \$5 (including supper)
Students \$2.

There will be lucky door prizes and raffles.

Kallangur Community Hall,
1480 Anzac Avenue Kallangur

LOGAN CITY SQUARE DANCERS INC

Saturday Dance

10th November

Feature Caller

Nev McLachlan

(Suncoast S.D. Club, Buderim)

Enquiries; ph; (07) 3299 7717 or
(07) 3803 0247

To the world you may be one person,
but to one person you may be the
world.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- 3 MORETON BAY SQUARES ISLAND DAY DANCE
- 6 Gumdale Melbourne Cup Day
- 6 Carina Carousels at 1p.m.
- 10 Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Saturday Dance
- 10 Harvey Bay Graduation Dance.
- 18 Q.C.A. Quarterly Meeting/Caller & training session
- 21 Wynnum Wheelers Final Dance
- 24 **Society Christmas Party**
- 25 Society General Meeting & A.G.M.
- 30 Ice-cream Night at Salad Bowl Squares

DECEMBER

- 12 Gumdale Xmas Dance
- 14 Salad Bowl Squares Christmas Break Up Party
- 29 Pine Rivers "Claytons" New Years' Eve Dance
- 31 Logan City Square Dancers Inc. New

Retired people

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

Well for example, the other day I went into town and went to a shop in George Street. I was only in there for about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

I went up to him and said, "Come on mate, how about giving a senior a break?"

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a creep.

He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tyres.

So I called him a piece of dog dodo.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first.

Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes.

The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Personally, I didn't give a damn. I came into town by train.

I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired. It's important at my age.

Will Square Dancing Just Fade Away?

By Calvin Campbell

To give a historical perspective. In the late thirties, square dancing was almost dead. The revival sparked by Henry Ford in the 20's had run out. Pappy Shaw and Herb Greggerson found remnants of square dancing in the rural areas and their exhibitions teams plus the events occurring after WWII provided the spark for the surge in interest. Without these people and these events we would not have had the popularity of square dancing that occurred in the late forties and fifties. By the way, the number of basics during the peak was less than 50. The initial learning period was 10 weeks.

The message is yes, it can just fade away. Other dance forms have faded away. Square dancing is no different. Most dance forms faded away when they become so complex that the general population could not participate in them without an extended training period. At this point the dance becomes so specialized that only a small percentage of the population had the time and resources to enjoy it. Eventually the elite population that was left either got bored with the constant

drive to keep from getting bored or died off.

The long term survival of any dance form has always depended on going back to the roots of the dance form. These were the times when the dance appealed to a large cross section of people. Square dancing is doing very well as a casual recreation in the form of one-night-stands. That is one root. The 1998 version of Square Dancing is probably going to take one of two different tracks. Either SD will follow the path of specialization until the dancers gets bored or die off or it will eventually find that simple is better.

Those who do not study history are doomed to repeat it.

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

25TH. ANNIVERSARY

**Anzac Weekend
2008**

Feature Callers:

Nev McLachlan, Steve Turner & Bill McHardy

**Come Celebrate this time with us.
A weekend full of Fun, Dancing and Great Times**

Enquires:- Contact Shirley Kelly 0741 592308, Matthew Mills 0741 525051

Dear Society Member,

On the next page you will see the first evidence of changes in personal of the Square Dancing Society of Queensland inc. The upcoming election is a little more complex than a normal annual election as there are a number of new positions that need filling with the incoming new constitution and a large number of new members of the Society. Adding to the complexities three members in the existing executive have announced that they will be retiring.

In this Bugle the Secretary is advising all members who have joined the Society in recent times that they are eligible to nominate for any position on either the executive or the management committee.

Unfortunately a large percentage of members will say 'not on your life. Somebody else can do that. I just want to dance.' The problems come when there are not enough 'somebody' willing to spend two or three hours about every three months to fulfill the minimum requirements of The Department of Fair Trading. That is all some of these positions require.

A coupe of years back a survey was taken and one of the questions asked was 'What would the Clubs like the Society to do/provide? The majority of replies can be summed up as: - advertising, clear simple learning literature, promote square dancing and make dancing fun and friendly.

Obviously advertising, promotion of square dancing is within the orbit of the Society activities. Clear simple learning instructions are available but making dancing fun and friendly is in the hands of ever member and caller.

This election is an opportunity to become a little involved and encourage the Society to implement changes you would like to see happen in our square dancing. New members in any committee usually means a re-energized body. Please do not dismiss this occasion without giving it some consideration.

If you do not understand the function or the duties involved with any position mentioned in the nomination forms please let me know by 14th. November. I will do my best to answer an query in the December Bugle which should come out about Nov. 20 -25.

Noel Miller. (see the front page for my address).

And to tidy up.

A couple of articles were held over because of the bulk in this Bugle. I probably could have not included any mirth in this edition and that may have allowed there inclusion but then 'the Bugle would have been too serious' and that would be true. One of the main aims in square dancing is fun hence the little inclusions.

There will be one more Bugle this year and the dates for contributions and delivery are mentioned in the above article.

I am a very slow learner but I'll give this a go. I have no fixed pattern for the Bugle. I just do what I think people would like to see included. If anyone has any suggestions re this newsletter they would be gratefully received.
NM

The Secret of a long marriage.

At the church's marriage marathon, the minister asked Seamus on his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Seamus replied to the audience "Well, I've treated her well, spent money on her, but mostly I took her traveling on special occasions."

The minister inquired "Trips to where?"

"For our 25th anniversary, I took her to Irland ."

The minister then said, "Seamus, you are a terrific example to all husbands. Please tell the audience what you are planning for your wife on your 50th anniversary?"

Seamus said, "I'm gonna go get her."

Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc

The next general meeting of the Society will be held on **25th November 2007** at the Red Cross Centre, Newdgate Street, Greenslopes commencing at 9.30am.

The agenda is published in this issue.

All members of the Society are welcome to attend and have full voting rights. For those who have recently joined the Society, welcome aboard. Your input is valuable and we hope to see as many of you as possible attend the meeting.

In keeping with the new constitution of the Society, the next Annual General Meeting will now be held in February 2008; date, time and venue to be advised.

The AGM is when Office bearers are elected to hold office for the new year. All positions are open and a nomination form is published with this issue and available from your club or by contacting the Society Secretary; Jane Rayner 3200 5491.

Please note that should you wish to nominate someone for office, the potential nominee must agree to said nomination; the nomination must have a proposer (you) and a seconder and the nomination is to be accompanied by a short resume of the potential nominees' ability to handle the position applied for. Self nominations are acceptable but must have a seconder. Nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than **20th December 2007**. Nominations received after this date will be deemed invalid.

In the event of no written nominations being received, nominations will be called from the floor at the AGM.

Positions available are as follows;

Executive;

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Executive Assistant Incorporating Web Master/Librarian

Non Executive Positions;

Promotions & Publicity Coordinator

Registrar

Country Regions' Coordinator.

Society Functions/Events Coordinator.

State Newsletter Editor

Review State Editor/Distributor

Four (4) Elected Square Dancers

For further inquiries please contact Society Secretary Jane Rayner; 32005491.

PONDERABLES

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

REGULATIONS OF THE "SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INC."

APPENDIX B

PRESCRIBED FORM - NOMINATION FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE for 2008

Positions Available for Management Committee:

Executive; PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER
 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT incorporating Web Master/Librarian

Non Executive Positions;

PROMOTIONS & PUBLICITY COORDINATOR
REGISTRAR
COUNTRY REGIONS' COORDINATOR (Sth. Eastern; Northern; Central; Western);
SOCIETY FUNCTIONS/EVENTS COORDINATOR.
STATE NEWSLETTER EDITOR
REVIEW STATE EDITOR/DISTRIBUTOR
FOUR (4) ELECTED SQUARE DANCERS

Nominee to fill in this form and return to the General Secretary at least sixty (60) clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nomination must be agreed to by the Nominee and signed by the Proposer, Secunder and Nominee. All nominations should be accompanied by a resume of the nominee's experience sufficient to serve as a guide to his/her suitability to hold the position applied for.

(Self nominations are acceptable but must have a seconder)

The Nominee below has been approached and agreed to his/her nomination.

Name of Nominee.....

Address of Nominee.....

.....p/code.....

Phone.....Fax.....Mobile.....

Email.....

for the position of.....

Proposer.....Signature..... Ph.....

Secunder.....Signature.....Ph.....

Nominee's Signature of Acceptance.....

Nominees' Resume.....

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[Further notes may be made on an attached sheet]

All Committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and nominations must be received by the Secretary by the **20th December 2007.**

New Year's Eve Dance

(31st December)

Proudly hosted by Logan City Square Dancers Inc.

*Logan City Square Dance Centre
161A Magnesium Drive, Crestmead*

Theme; **“Dancing with the Stars”**

Dress; **Evening wear** *(not square dance)*

Commencing 8pm

Admission; \$6.00 per person.

Come along and join the party. Not just a square dance; there'll be old time, rounds, all sorts

Raffle and general party fun.

Supper too; a food contribution would be appreciated, thank you.

Enquiries; Jane Rayner (07) 3299 7717; email; cysquare@optusnet.com.au



T.A.W.S.

**CARAVAN & CAMPING WEEKEND
BUDERIM SQUARE DANCE CENTRE
13-15 JUNE 2008**

All TAWS members (and those who are not yet TAWS members) are invited to attend a Caravan & Camping Weekend on 13/14/15 June 2008 at the Buderim Square Dance Centre, Dixon Road, Buderim. The weekend will be based on good dancing, fun and friendship, so please put these dates into your diary and plan to join with us after the 49th Australian National Square Dance Convention in June 2008.

The dancing programme will be Mainstream through to A2 with all levels well catered for. One of the activities planned for the weekend will be a “wine and cheese tasting”. The full programme will be published early in the new year.

For further information, please contact Mal and Chris Parrington on 0415 812 772 or Leighton and Sandra Bloomfield on 0410 680 229.

49th AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

5-9 JUNE 2008

It's all about...*Choice*

Your *Choice* of where to dance and when...

For the first time at a National Convention there will be 3 halls for square dancing and 2 halls specifically for round dancing and clogging.

What does this mean?

It means that extra dance sessions can be included in the programme.

It means that there is a greater *Choice* of dance sessions; square dancing, round dancing and clogging.

The *Choices* are.....

Square Dancing –

- Main Venue...Sleeman Sports Complex
- Pavillions No. 1 and No. 2.....In the grounds of the Sleeman Sports Complex
- And don't forget...dancing in the pool (heated)

Round Dancing -

- 2 halls... Community Hall and Memorial Hall, Smith Street, Cleveland

Clogging -

- Memorial Hall, Smith Street, Cleveland
(a regular shuttle bus will run between the Main Venue and Smith Street halls)

Are we spoilt??? Yes we are... Spoilt for *Choice*!! What a convention it will be!

Have you registered yet? Just **\$100.00** (till 28th February 2008, then \$110.00) buys you all this and more for your convention dollar. It's certainly value for money.

Register now for your special price. See registration form in this issue; download from our website www.2008national.squaredance.org.au or contact Publicity Officer, Jane Rayner; 07 3299 7717, email: ozcon@optusnet.com.au

See You There

Caller/Cuer registrations close November 30 this year.

**VOLUNTEERS needed for setup and dismantle at convention venue,
as well as other areas throughout the Convention.**

**If you can help please contact Sandra Bloomfield;
email; smbloomfield1@optushome.com.au or phone; 07 3341 2229**