

# SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INC.

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## The Bugle – October 2020

THE SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INC.

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ALL DANCERS OF QUEENSLAND ARE INVITED TO  
ATTEND THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE

### 64<sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION



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AT THE SUNSHINE COAST SQUARE DANCE CENTRE  
260 DIXON ROAD, BUDERIM

ON SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10.00 am  
(REFRESHMENTS AND GREETING) 10.30 am MEETING.

If unable to attend but interested in being involved with the Convention in any  
way please send your apology and comments to:

Nev and Bev McLachlan

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings Dancer's,

We hope you all continue to stay safe and well.

We are not aware of any Queensland Clubs who have successfully restarted dancing up to now, but take heart from the knowledge that Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania have all done so. We hope that this COVID virus is brought under control enough so that at least for the new year we can all feel confident to once more come together in this joyful activity.

Unfortunately, we have heard of more cancellations of events. These unfortunately include the 62nd National Convention that was to be held in Darwin next year and the Round Dance Association has given notice in this edition about a couple of their events due to

current conditions.

In this edition we look at the History of the National Conventions (taken with thanks from the Review) and take note that there are calls for people to nominate to be involved in the possibility for the 64th NATIONAL Convention to be hosted in this state in 2023. People often tell me that they would like to have a major dance event in their local area, so here's an opportunity for you to put your hand up to help arrange such an event. We urge you to get in touch with Nev and Bev McLachlan, or at least attend the meeting being held on 1 November 2020 at the Buderim Dance Centre to see and hear what is involved.

We would love to hear from you about any past, present or future stories about Christmas for our last edition of the Bugle for this year. Please feel free to contribute any photos, ideas or stories that you have.

Russell Wall, President, Square Dancing Society of Queensland

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To keep up with what is happening with the Society our website is:

[www.squaredancingsocietyofqueensland.org/](http://www.squaredancingsocietyofqueensland.org/)

## ***Queensland Round Dance Association Inc***

### ***Special notice***

Regrettably the following planned 2020 Round Dance events are cancelled.

## **QRDA Annual Ball & QRDA Christmas Dance**

For further information please contact:

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# 64<sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION 2023

The bid to host the 64<sup>th</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention in Queensland in 2023 was submitted to the National Convention Board AGM April and was accepted. We now have 6 months to formalise this bid and form a convention committee. The positions of Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer/Registrar, Publicity Manager and Programme Manager must be elected at the meeting and others will be appointed as and when necessary.

<b>CONVENOR/S</b>	Organise, coordinate and delegate. Liaise with the Australian National Convention Board.
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Handle all correspondence relating to the convention, organise for minutes of all meetings to be recorded and keep records for archives.
<b>TREASURER/REGISTRAR</b>	Receive and process all registrations. Bank monies. Prepare financial statements and arrange auditing.
<b>PUBLICITY/PROMOTION MANAGER</b>	Arrange for the convention to be publicised both within Australia and worldwide.
<b>PROGRAMME MANAGER</b>	Prepare all aspects of the convention programme. Liaise with National Caller and Cues bodies. Manage and direct a sub-committee of persons handling various aspects of the programme.
<b>FACILITIES MANAGER</b>	Coordinate and manage all aspects of the dance halls and other venues including child care, meeting rooms, refreshments, security and car parking.
<b>SOUND MANAGER</b>	Arrange sound equipment in all venues and recording of meetings.
<b>DECORATIONS COORDINATOR</b>	Arrange decorations of venues in keeping with a theme.
<b>HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR</b>	Arrange and manage refreshments, hosting/greeting.
<b>CHIEF MARSHAL</b>	Arrange and coordinate marshals for dance sessions.
<b>CHILD CARE COORDINATOR</b>	Arrange and coordinate a venue, carers and activities.
<b>YOUTH COORDINATOR</b>	Arrange and coordinate activities/venues for "young" dancers.
<b>TRANSPORT COORDINATOR</b>	Arrange and coordinate transport as appropriate or required.
<b>ACCOMMODATION COORDINATOR</b>	Prepare lists of available accommodation in all prices and types and assist delegates if required.

***There is scope to combine some of these positions and create others as needed.***

There are no limits. We need ideas and workers. Use your imagination.

Please consider attending this meeting even if not contemplating nominating for a committee position. If you wish to nominate for one of the positions above please write or call for an official nomination form and detailed description of the roles, responsibilities and qualifications for each position, even if you have previously registered an "expression of interest".

All nominations close on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October and if unable to attend the meeting it is essential that a nomination form be completed and returned by that date.

# The History Of Australian National Square Dance Conventions

## *From Page 6/7 National Convention Review*



The first National Square Dance Convention was held in Canberra in 1959 and was as a result of a Sydney dancer who had moved to Canberra, Frank Gilfelt, discussing with the National Eistedfod Committee the possibility of including a Square Dance segment in their yearly competitions. Upon their agreement he sent a letter to the Square Dance Society of NSW asking if they could supply teams. Jim White was given the task of replying. Four callers agreed to have their demonstration teams participate. Graham Rigby in Brisbane was also contacted and agreed to

participate. The competition was held over the Queen's Birthday weekend on the Saturday afternoon and a square dance evening for all dancers was arranged to be held in the small town of Hall. The next day a barbecue was held in the Cotter Dam Park as well as an impromptu meeting. At that meeting the success of the weekend and attendance by dancers from two states and one territory was considered sufficient to call it a convention and it was decided to have a similar function the following year in Sydney with Bill Rolph offering to run it. The next convention after Sydney was run by Graham Rigby in Brisbane but then came

the problem of where to hold the 4th, Newcastle offered and this is why Newcastle has had its own place in running Conventions rather than just being part of NSW. By then news had reached other states and so Ron Whyte of Victoria offered to hold the next convention followed by Colin Huddleston in South Australia. Eventually Tasmania and Western Australia joined leaving the Northern Territory, which held their first convention in 2011. National Convention 2018 Page 7 The vast majority of dancers attend National Conventions to enjoy four or five days



of almost continuous dancing but there is more to a convention than dancing. It is the annual meeting for all the bodies that govern all aspects of the activity. Without them and their decisions, you would not have successful uniform dancing or enjoy the new ideas introduced. The Annual General Meetings for callers and round dance instructors are held where they discuss trends and new dances to be introduced. Then

there is the National Square Dance Society meeting, the Round Dance Society meeting and the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday morning for dancers to have their say. Annual meetings for other organizations include the editors Articles or requests to email Bugle to [squaredanceqld.bugle@gmail.com](mailto:squaredanceqld.bugle@gmail.com) by 25th of each month. Page 5 of 8 of the Australian Square Dance Review, Solo dancers, TAWS and Junior Dancers (not lately). The Conventions are run in accordance with a Constitution and Operations Manual perfected over many years and overseen by the Convention Board. Whilst some may consider we hold too many meetings consider the following historical facts.....

Before National Conventions were held:

- We danced one of the following ways in Australia depending on where you danced or with whom.
- Three different promenades
- Sashayed and see sawed the opposite way to what you do now
- The man turned under in the movement 'Box the Gnat'
- Our dress code differed including one state where they danced in sandshoes.



So be thankful for conventions. I am sorry I can no longer dance with you.

Jim White Life Patron



Got an interesting, amusing or funny story that you remember or have a photo that has an interest amusing or funny story attached to it youd like to share? Please submit to [squaredanceqld.bugle@google.com](mailto:squaredanceqld.bugle@google.com) ! We'd love to receive it! We hear all these interesting histories all the time and would hate to lose the oral histories of square dance as our members age and leave the dance.



## ***DARWIN 2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION -URGENT UPDATE***



*To everyone who has already registered and those who were going to-*

*It is with heartfelt disappointment and sadness that we have to inform you that we can no longer 'Live our Dream' in Darwin 2021.*

*Due to Covid-19 it has become apparent that it isn't in the best interest of anyone's health to hold our 62<sup>nd</sup> National Convention next year.*

*This decision has been a very difficult one and agreed on by the Darwin Committee and the Australian National Square Dance Conventions Board.*

*There will of course be a full refund available to everyone who has already registered and paid.*

*Updates regarding future National Conventions will be provided by the ANSDC Board once the Board has considered all factors and completed their careful deliberations.*

*We would like to sincerely thank you all for the support shown for the Darwin National Convention and hope that we will all meet on the dance floor in the not too distant future.*

*Very sincerely*

*Marilyn van Sambeek*

*Convenor*

*62<sup>nd</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention*

*September 2020*

## Remembering Graham Rigby- Mr Square Dance

And

## S-Bar-B -Square Dance Club



The club S-Bar-B was called after St Barnabas Church at Red Hill and this was shortened to sound like a “Western” club.

He had several mottos among which was the following: “Fun and friendship is Square Dancing’s greatest reward”. He stated in an interview that one of the reasons for wearing a name badge was so that upon entering the dance hall you were immediately among friends, and as surely as the badge is there, people from all over Brisbane and all ages were participating and being referred to by name. He believed the greatest reward for holding his club was the fun and the warmth of friendship that it generated.

The age range of participants in club over the 54 years it existed, were from early twenties to late eighties. Square dancing was promoted by the club through public demonstrations at various events and giving classes at the local TAFE and encouraging those students to join in with the dancing at the club.

## Burleigh Square Dance Club



Recently some of the former executive members from Burleigh Square Dance Club ( Gold Coast) presented to Alan Evans a Certificate of Appreciation . The presentation was to acknowledge the many years that Alan called for Burleigh Squares and a way to say Thank You to both Alan & Jane for their support & friendship over the many years.

Former President (Peter Nolan) presented Alan with his Certificate. Also in attendance at the presentation were Assistant Secretary Shirley Robinson , Treasurer Sue Mackley, along with Pat Nolan & Jane Evans

Sue Mackley



METROPOLITAN SQUARES					
DAY	AREA	CLUB	LEVEL	CALLER	PHONE (07)
MON	Deception Bay	Upbeat Ch.a.o.s	P	Glenn Wilson	3261 4177
	Ipswich CBD	Town & Country Squares	B/M/P	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
TUES	Alexandra Hills	Gumdale Grandsliders	M/P	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Brisbane CBD	50+ Centre	B/M/P	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
WED	Alexandra Hills	Gumdale Grand Sliders	B/M/P	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Stafford	Wavell Whirlaways	M/P	Sid Leighton	0418 724 636
	Graceville	Uniting Squares Day	B/M	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
	Oxley 2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup>	Uniting Squares	A	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
THUR	Zillmere	Northside Promenaders	M/S/P	Glenn Wilson	3261 4177
	Crestmead	Logan City Dancers	A	Alan Evans	0405 316 469
	Bribie Island	Bribie Island Squares	M/P	Elaine Davis	5496 7471
FRI	Crestmead	Alan's Allemanders	M/P	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Ipswich	Town & Country Squares	M/P	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
SAT	Crestmead	Logan City Dancers	M	Guest Caller	0405 316 469
SUN	Graceville 1 <sup>st</sup> &3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kay's Plus	P/A	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
	Caboolture	E.Z. Squares	M/P	Elaine Davis	5496 7471
COUNTRY/REGIONAL SQUARES					
MON	Buderim	Suncoasters	P	Nev McLachlan	0417 729 263
	Buderim	Kangaroo Kapers	M/P	Robin Weltevreden	0418 750 239
	Hervey Bay	Hervey Bay S.D. Club	P	Laptop Playlists	0424949944
	Cairns	U3A Squares Cairns	P	Graham Durose	4054 4885
TUES	Buderim	Suncoasters	B/M	Nev McLachlan	0417 729 263
	Cairns	Ulysses Squares	B/M/P/R	Eddie Ebrington	4045 2620
WED	Hervey Bay	Hervey Bay S.D. Club	M	Laptop Playlists	0424 949 944
	Cairns	U3A Squares Cairns	B/M	Graham Durose	4054 4885
FRI	Bundaberg	Cane Country	R/M/P	Matthew Mills	0418479814,
	Cairns	Cairns City Squares	B/M/P	Laptop Playlists	4054 7534
	Rockhampton	Rocky Twirlers	B/M/P	Michael Mills	0408 703 910
	Townsville	Sun City S & R/D Club	B/M/P/R	Darryl, Julie	4788 8762
SAT	Buderim	Kangaroo Kapers	M/P	Robin Weltevreden	0418 750 239
	Buderim	Suncoasters 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>	R/M	Nev McLachlan	0417 729 263
	Hervey Bay	Hervey Bay S.D. Club	Lrng B/M	Laptop Playlists	0404655271
	Malanda	Waterfall Squares 3 <sup>rd</sup>	M/P	Graham Durose	4054 4885

METROPOLITAN ROUNDS					
MON	Jimboomba	Allemanders Rounds	Beg – Ph V	Paula Armstrong	5546 3493
WED	Calamvale	Allemanders R/D Club	Ph II-V	Paula Armstrong	5546 3493
THUR	Calamvale	Allemanders R/D Club	Beg – Ph III	Paula Armstrong	5546 3493
METROPOLITAN CLOGGING					
TUES	Coorparoo	Chug-A-Lug Cloggers	Basic to Adv	Frances	3391 6526
THUR	Lutwyche	Double Jingle Cloggers	Basic to Adv	Frances	0429851891
SUN	Caboolture	E.Z. Cloggers	Beg to Adv	Stephen Hope	0437 829 522
COUNTRY/REGIONAL ROUNDS & CLOGGING					
MON	Buderim	Suncoasters Rounds	Lrng II IV	Bev McLachlan	54451238, 042135442
MON	Buderim	Centre Cloggers	Basic/Int	Bev or Carol	0459900329

## The Square Dance Society of Queensland Inc.-Diary of Events

9-11 Oct	Shindig on the Mountain contact Gary Petersen <a href="mailto:therebelcaller@gmail.com">therebelcaller@gmail.com</a>
8 Nov	Society Christmas Dance hosted by Upbeat Chaos, Deception Bay
14 March 2021	Queensland Society AGM and Dance -nominations will be sought to hold this
15-16 May 2021	Suncoasters 51 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Party, Bev McLachlan 0427 135 442

