

RSCDS Sydney Branch E-Letter July 2017

Dear Dancers,

Welcome to the July issue of our monthly newsletter. This is my first attempt at putting together a public notice as well as being on a committee, let alone as Secretary. As Janice stated previously, Pat Charlton is a hard act to follow and it is comforting to know that Pat, current & previous committee members are very supportive during this period of changeover of committee members.

Please find below the up & coming events for near & far to keep one & all happily dancing through the cold winter months and into Spring and Summer.

Date	Event	Date	Event
1st July	TLG Teachers W/shop	7th Oct	Canberra Ball
9-16th July	Aust Winter School - Adelaide	7-14th Oct	Dance S.E. Queensland
22nd July	Winter Social	14th Oct	Blue Mountains Social
5th August	Wollongong Afternoon Social	14th Oct	TLG Workshop
11-13th August	Hobart Concert,Ball & Picnic	28th Oct	Epping Social
19th August	TLG W/shop	3rd-5th Nov	Riverwood Downs Weekend
26th August	Branch Easy Dance Social	11th Nov	TLG Meeting & W/shop
2nd Sept	Southern Highlands Social	25th Nov	Hunter Valley St Andrews Social
9th Sept	Hunter Valley Ball	27th Nov	St Andrews Day Kirkin'o'the Tartan
30th Sept	SoTR Chaotic Ceilidh	2nd December	End of Year Social

RSCDS Sydney Branch & Club events.

I just wanted to quickly mention the RSCDS Winter Ball which was held on 24th June. It was a wonderful night, with dancers coming from as far as Dublin! Fantastic music from Iain Mckenzie, excellent MCing from Brian Charlton & Sheena Caswell. The centre was expertly decorated by the committee. Beautiful cold climate floral arrangements including heather, from the Blue Mountains decorated the tables & put together beautifully by Lindsay Benaud. Gorgeous biscuits decorated in Scottish theme by Robyn King & catering and all of the other intricate bits & pieces needed to bring together a wonderful event, overseen by Jeanette Stephan.

July Activities:

- **9th – 16th July - 42nd Australian Winter School, Hahndorf Adelaide**
- <http://rscdsadelaide.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Information-flyer.pdf>
- For further information, email: ws2017@rscdsadelaide.org.au

- **17 July - Term commences for Wesley School for Seniors**
- Wesley Centre, Pitt St Sydney

- Keep dancing, Keep fit & make friends without having to venture out of a night
 - Mondays 12.30pm-2.00pm for Advanced Dancers
 - Tuesdays 2.00pm-4.00pm for General Dancers
 - Please contact teacher Govin on: 9398 4370 or email govind@exemail.com.au
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- **21st July Friday – Killara's "Getting to Know you Social"**
 - 7.30pm – 10.00pm, Uniting Church Hall, 8 Karranga Avenue, Killara.
 - Delicious supper included & great music
 - Just need to bring soft shoes, loose clothing – no experience necessary & only a 7 minute walk from Killara Station.
 - For further information call Julie Sekhon on 9498 3817 or Anna Underhill on 0411 36 1156.
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- **Saturday, 22nd July - Sydney Branch Winter Social**
 - An event not to be missed!
 - Ermington Community Centre, 8 River Rd, Ermington.
 - **Drinks & Nibbles 7.00pm, Dancing from 7.30pm.**
 - **\$20 RSCDS members, \$25 non-members with an excellent supper included.**
 - **Bring Family & Friends, dancers & non dancers, for a wonderful, fun filled evening, which includes the fabulous sound of visiting U.K musicians Ian Robertson & Jim Lindsay, direct from the Adelaide Winter School.**
 - **Contact Debbie Baker on 0447 292 467, or see RSCDS website for further information & crib.**
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- **Thursday 27th July 7.30pm -9.00pm– Dancers Technique & Improvement class. \$10.00/session.**
 - St Alban Church – Lower Hall, Pembroke St, Epping.
 - Held approximately once a month
 - Finding that Pas de Basque step a little tricky, or how about that All Round Pousette? Come along for 1 ½ hours of concentrated instruction with one of our expert teachers.
 - Please contact Morag Napier on 9712-2918 or moragnap@optusnet.com.au for further information .

August Activities:

- **Saturday 5th August – Wollongong Afternoon Social \$15.00**
- From 2.00pm Ribbonwood Centre 93-109 Princes Hwy Dapto.
- Live music with Iain McKenzie
- Great & varied selection of dances –please see crib on RSCDS website
- Contact Arnold & Joan on 02 42281986 or Grace & Ian on 02 42293480, 0407 556209 or graceianhalliday@hotmail.com.

- **11th-13th August – Hobart Winter Ball Weekend.**
 - Head South with your winter woollies for a weekend full of music & dancing.
 - Friday night – Spirit of Scotland concert by ARIA award winning musicians Chris Duncan & Catherine Strutt. \$20 Adult/\$18 conc/\$5 for u12.
 - Saturday Night - Winter Ball in the beautiful Hobart Town Hall \$35/U18s \$15 & non dancers \$20. Supper included.
 - Sunday Picnic – Richmond Village Green & Town Hall. Bring family, friends & picnic food/chairs/rugs & enjoy some fun music with Chris & Catherine.....byo musical instrument if you like and play along with!
 - Contact Tascal Scottish Country Dancers on ord.sally@gmail.com or 03 6231 6585.
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- **Saturday 19th August – TLG Workshop, Turning Under Movements (& the secrets of La Baratte) \$15 RSCDS members/\$20 non members**
 - Abbotsford Presbyterian Church Hall, Great North Rd, Abbotsford
 - 9.30am-1.00pm with morning tea supplied.
 - Please register by 14th August & pay on the day, credit cards accepted.
 - To register please contact Morag Napier on 9712 2918 or moragnap@optusnet.com.au or Diana Hastie on diana.hastie@bigpond.com.
 - Information Flyer available on Sydney RSCDS website.
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- **Saturday 26th August – Branch Easy Dance Social**
 - More information to follow soon!
 - Always a great evening of music, easy dancing & lots of laughter – bring your family & friends and hit the dancefloor.

September Activities:

- **Saturday 2nd Sept - Southern Highlands Social**
 - Further Information to follow
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- **Saturday 9th Sept Hunter Valley 2017 Branch Ball**
 - Music by Iain Mckenzie & Emma Nixon
 - Maitland Town Hall \$45/\$50
 - 7.00pm – Drinks & Nibbles, Grand March & Dancing from 7.30pm
 - Tickets available from Kathryn: kbourke444@gmail.com or 0403 762775
 - Enquiries: Allyn Douglass: hvrscds@gmail.com or 0422747965
 - For further information, crib etc, please see RSCDS website.

- **Saturday 30th Sept – SoTR Chaotic Ceilidh. Abraham Mott Hall, 15A Argyle St, Millers Point.**
- Music by Chris Duncan & Catherine Strutt
- A night of energetic & popular dances.
- Supper provided. (BYO alcohol)
- Tickets go on sale approx. 2 weeks before the event & sell out fast!
- For further information email: info@sotr.org.au or rscds website.

Need an excuse for a holiday? Please see below for the further *afield & overseas* functions, where you can dance, socialise & make new friends:

6th-8th October – RSCDS Nova Scotia, Canada

Fall Weekend Workshop in Dartmouth

For further information: www.rscdsnovascotia.ca/2017-Fall-Ad.htm

7th-14th October - Dance SE Queensland

Limited places

For further information see www.rscds.org.au

17th-19th November – Asilomar Weekend, San Francisco, USA.

Teachers from across USA, Canada & Scotland facilitating

For more information : <http://asilomar.rscds-sf.org>

1st-3rd December – SCD weekend, Curia, Portugal

Includes a Welcome Ball & a Gala Ball

Stay in the beautiful Curia Palace Hotel Spa and Golf Resort Hotel.

(You can't get more Scottish than dancing, music & golf all in the one place outside Scotland!)

For further information see:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4n9U1u1yRfia0pJZmpURF9VSHc/view?usp=sharing>

6th- 14th December – Celtic Colours Festival, Cape Breton Island Nova Scotia, Canada

International Festival – Island wide Celebration of everything Celtic.

49 Concerts, Dancing, Workshops, Food, against the autumn backdrop of Canada.

Tickets on sale from July 11

Further information: <https://celtic-colours.com> or phone +1 888 355 7744.

Other news:

Mosman Club: We have received the sad news that unfortunately Mosman SCD Club, has ceased dancing on 31st May. This is due to renovation of the current premises used by the club & the unaffordability of other suitable locations. If you know any of the Mosman dancers, please welcome them into your club & encourage them to keep dancing.

40th Anniversary Bundanoon Booklet

Booklets still available

Please contact Alastair Saunders
Bundanoon Highland Gathering Inc
PO Box 74, Bundanoon 2578
Ph: 02 4883 7471.

Information on these events & more can be found on our website: www.rscds.org.au as well as the Facebook page Dancedownunder.

I encourage you all to get together and support our sister clubs by attending socials/balls & other activities to keep the joy of Scottish Country Dancing alive.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further assistance or information on: sydney@rscds.org.au or 0417 221328. I am happy to print & send out information for those members who are not computer users.

Happy Dancing
Tracey Waight
RSCDS – Secretary, Sydney Branch.