

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening to Everyone,

As the final days of May bring a taste of winter, we can all be happy that there are some wonderful days and nights of dancing ahead to warm us up. The Day of Dance last Saturday introduced some new dances, and thanks goes to Anne for getting the ball rolling beforehand and keeping it rolling on the day, to Jeanette, Debbie and Lindsay for the delicious food and behind the scenes work, and Anna welcoming. The seven wonderful teachers were Morag, Brian (who also prepared the music – thank you x2), Bill, Ruth, Jeanette, Debbie and Diana. It was lovely to have Helen assisting in the kitchen ☺. (If I have missed anyone, sincere apologies – I am relying on my notes from folk who were there)

Coming events in brief

3 June	Beecroft Matinee Social	11-13 Aug	Hobart Winter Ball weekend
17 June	Scots on the Rocks Chaotic Ceilidh	19 Aug	TLG Workshop
17 June	Hunter Valley High Tea Dance	26 Aug	Branch Easy Dance Social
22 June	Technique & Improvement Class	2 Sept	Southern Highlands Social
24 June	Sydney Branch Ball	9 Sept	Hunter Valley Ball
9-16 July	Winter School Adelaide	7 Oct	Canberra Ball
22 July	Sydney Branch Winter Social	2 Dec	Branch End of Year Social
5 August	Wollongong Afternoon Social		

The star attraction is, of course, the

Sydney Branch Ball - Saturday, 24 June 2017

Dress up - Polish your shoes - Share a meal and a laugh and have a grand time dancing the night away to the wonderful music of Iain Mckenzie

Get your ticket early – crib included with your ticket

Saturday 24 June 2017 Drinks 6.30pm Meal 7.00pm

North Ryde Community Centre, 201 Coxs Road, North Ryde

Piper: James Bruce \$60 (Students under 25 - \$30)

Tickets: email: sydney@rscds.org.au

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Technique & Improvement Class Thursday 22 June 2017 7.30-9pm

St Alban Church (Lower Hall) Pembroke St, Epping

Please contact **Morag Napier** to let her know you are interested in attending and to get more details. 9712 2918 moragnap@fastmail.fm

“Excellent class” – the 14 happy dancers from the May class had a wonderful night with Diana Hastie. **A chance for folk who know the steps and formations to brush up on technique before the Branch Ball. Classes held regularly.**

Sydney Branch Winter Social Saturday, 22nd July

The musicians, **Jim Lindsay** and **Ian Robertson**, will visit Sydney after the Adelaide Winter School. This is great news for those unable to attend the Winter School.

Drinks & nibbles 7pm Dancing 7.30pm Crib and Flyer on the Branch website

Ermington Community Centre 8 River Rd, Ermington

A few of my favourite dances are on the program. Are yours? Crib on the website www.rscds.org.au

Want to travel a little further away? 42nd Australian Winter School:

Hahndorf, Adelaide. 9-16th July, 2017

<http://rscdsadelaide.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Information-flyer.pdf>

For further information, e-mail ws2017@rscdsadelaide.org.au

Wesley School for Seniors Wesley Centre Pitt Street Sydney

Mondays 12.30 – 2pm Advanced	Tuesdays 2.00-4.00pm General
Term 2 finishes 30 June	Term 3 commences 17 July
https://www.wesleymission.org.au/home/our-services/wesley-seniors/wesley-school-for-seniors/term-timetable-and-how-to-enrol/	
<i>Govin would love to see you there</i>	

Club Events

Beecroft Matinee Social Saturday 3 June- Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, 6 Welham St, Beecroft. 2pm- 5 pm \$15 - Delicious refreshments provided.

It'll be the bees knees! And you may even be home before dark!

Enquiries: S Caswell 9868 2075 K Dixon 9869 8951

Scots on the Rocks Chaotic Ceilidh Saturday 17 June – always very popular –

Book online <http://sotr.org.au/chaos> \$35 8pm – 11pm Abraham Mott Hall, Argyle St, The Rocks More information: info@sotr.org.au

Not a night owl? Hunter Valley High Tea Easy Dance Social Saturday, 17 June 1.30-4.30pm Dancing at 2pm followed by High Tea Walk through dances \$10

Enquiries Allyn Douglass hvrs cds@gmail.com or 0422 7447 965

Hunter Valley Branch 2017 Ball Saturday 9th September

Maitland Town Hall on Music by Iain Mckenzie and Emma Nixon

Dress : Evening Attire Tickets \$45 or \$50 after 19th August

Pre-dance drinks & nibbles from 7pm Grand March & Dancing from 7:30pm Programme Devisors: Ros McKie and Belinda Robertson

40th Anniversary Bundanoon Booklet - some still available. Contact

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Dance SE Queensland 7-14 October – places limited – daytime tourist, night time dancer! More information: www.rscds.org.au

Not far enough away? The overseas opportunities are >>>

Join the RSCDS **Nova Scotia** Branch as they celebrate their 35th Anniversary with a Royal Tea Party in Truro on 7th May and a weekend workshop in Dartmouth 6th - 8th October. For more information on the Royal Tea Party, please contact Marlene Cormier-Cox: Marblemuse.1@xplornet.com

Consider joining them at the Fall Workshop Weekend 6th - 8th October 2017.

More information can be found at <http://www.rscdsnovascotia.ca/2017-Fall-Ad.htm>

Combine it with the Celtic Colours Festival on Cape Breton 6th - 14 th December. For more info look at <http://celtic-colours.com/>

Scottish Country Dance Weekend in Curia, Portugal, 1st - 3rd December 2017.

Details can be found here:- <http://moonluza.pt/events/19/eniv-december-weekend-in-portugal-curia-2017/?lang=en>

More information, flyers and cribs can be found on the website www.rscds.org.au Have a look at the Facebook page Dancedownunder for other news and join in the chat.

I've enjoyed bringing you the eletter the past few months and look forward to seeing you, and maybe dancing with you, on a dance floor near or far.

Regards

Janice Ford