

# **Welcome to the September 2017 edition of the Sydney Branch E-Letter**

Hopefully you have all received and have enjoyed reading the August edition of SNIB. This is comprehensive tri-annual newsletter featuring articles on past news, up and coming events as well as Committee news from Sydney Branch President Anne Kennedy.

So to avoid information overload, this months E-Letter will be short, but sweet!

## **Coming events in brief**

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| <b>Saturday 2 September</b>      | <b>Southern Highlands Social</b>                   |
| <b>Saturday 9 September</b>      | <b>Hunter Valley Ball</b>                          |
| <b>Saturday 9 September</b>      | <b>Cooma Tartan Ball</b>                           |
| <b>Saturday 30 September</b>     | <b>SoTR Chaotic Ceilidh</b>                        |
| <b>Fri 6th - Sun 8th October</b> | <b>'A Capital Jig' Canberra Ball weekend</b>       |
| <b>7-14 October</b>              | <b>Dance SE Queensland Hurry - numbers limited</b> |
| <b>Saturday 14 October</b>       | <b>Blue Mountains Social</b>                       |
| <b>Saturday 14 October</b>       | <b>TLG Workshop</b>                                |
| <b>Saturday 28 October</b>       | <b>Epping Social</b>                               |
| <b>3-5 November</b>              | <b>Riverwood Downs Weekend.</b>                    |

**Saturday 11 November    TLG Meeting & Workshop**

**Saturday 25 November    HV St Andrew's Social**

**Monday 27 November    St Andrew's Day Kirkin' o' the Tartan**

**Saturday 2 December    End of Year Social**

## **Easy Dance Social**

The Sydney Branch Easy Dance Social was held last Saturday evening at Beecroft Community Centre.

Under the excellent instruction of Rosemary Gardner, organisation of Debbie Baker and the delicious supper coordinated by Jeanette Stephan a fabulous night was had by all.

Lots of laughter filled the hall, with 4 lucky people winning a double pass to see the film preview of Tommy's Honour, being held at The Palace Verona on Wednesday 6th September.

Many thanks also go to the other volunteers who contributed to the evening with food, setting up the hall, packing up, cleaning etc. Such events could not be possible without your generous contribution

### **Attending the Epping Club Spring Social on 28th October?**

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Epping SCD club will be holding practice sessions for the dances on the Social program.

Practice sessions will be held at St Aidans Church Hall, Downing St, Epping from 7.30pm-9.00pm on the Thursday of the following dates:

Sept 14th, 21st & 28th

Oct 12th, 19th & 26th

Cost is \$60 for the 6 sessions & all are welcome.

For further information or to book please contact

Jane on 9869 0567 [jngbs2@gmail.com](mailto:jngbs2@gmail.com)

or Anne on 9868 3778 or [annelure@gmail.com](mailto:annelure@gmail.com)

## September Activities

### Saturday 2nd September - Southern Highlands

#### Scottish Country Dancers Annual Social.

See in the Spring by visiting Bowral in the beautiful Southern Highlands. Not only have a great time at the Saturday evening Social, but you may even catch the beginning of the Tulip festival. There are also lots of Country Markets to attend where you can pick up some handmade crafts or yummy jams & pickles.

- Where: Bowral Uniting Church, Cnr Bedooley & Boolwey Streets, Bowral (parking available at rear of church)
- Time: 7.30pm
- Cost: \$12.00 with an excellent supper provided
- Please contact Tricia on 0414 874152 or Helen on 0409 244271 or email [eilidhmarg@hotmail.com](mailto:eilidhmarg@hotmail.com)

### Saturday 9th September - Hunter Valley 2017 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](mailto:kbourke444@gmail.com) or 0403 762775
- Enquiries: Allyn Douglass: [hvrscds@gmail.com](mailto:hvrscds@gmail.com) or 0422747965
- For further information, crib etc, please see RSCDS website

## Saturday 9th September - 64th Cooma Tartan Ball

- The Monaro Caledonian Society Inc present the 64th Tartan Ball
- Tickets \$55.00 and includes Dinner. B.Y.O. Drinks
- St Pauls Anglican Church Hall, Commissioner St Cooma
- 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
- Contact Eileen on 6452 5154 or [eileen.pevere1@bigpond.com](mailto:eileen.pevere1@bigpond.com) or Patricia on 6452 1973 or [ppatricia2@yahoo.com](mailto:ppatricia2@yahoo.com)
- Please see RSCD website for crib

## 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](mailto:info@sotr.org.au) or [rscds website](#).

# October Activities

## Saturday 7th October - Canberra Ball

Where: Albert Hall, Canberra

Time: 6.30pm

Cost: Dancers \$60 & non dancers \$30

Enjoy the music of Chris Duncan & Catherine Strutt.

For tickets please email: [capitaljig2017@gmail.com](mailto:capitaljig2017@gmail.com)

Program, crib & further information see Cancerra RSCDS website:

[www.rscds-canberra.org](http://www.rscds-canberra.org).

## Saturday 14th October - Blue Mountains Social

- New venue - Presbyterian Church Hall Winmalee
- Starts at 7.00pm
- Cost \$10 with a lovely supper provided
- For crib please see RSCDS Sydney website

## Saturday 14th October TLG workshop

**SCD Chain Rule - a figure in which dancers meet & pass each other in a continuous sequence.**

- Where: Abbotsford Presbyterian Church Halls, Great North Rd Abbotsford
- When: 9.30am -1.00pm, tea/coffee available from 9.00am - morning tea supplied.
- To register please contact Morag Napier on 9712 2918 or [moragnap@optusnet.com.au](mailto:moragnap@optusnet.com.au) or Diana Hastie on [diana.hastie@bigpond.com](mailto:diana.hastie@bigpond.com) by 10th October.

- **Saturday 28th October - Epping Social**
- Another great Social not to be missed so put this one in your calendar as well!
- Live music with Chris Duncan & Catherine Strutt
- 7pm for 7.30pm start
- Beecroft Community Centre
- See RSCDS website for more information & crib

## Going on holiday? No need to miss out on dancing!

Please see below for the further afield & overseas functions, where you can dance, socialise & make new friends

- **6 th-8 th October – RSCDS Nova Scotia, Canada**
  - Fall Weekend Workshop in Dartmouth For further information: [www.rscdsnovascotia.ca/2017-Fall-Ad.htm](http://www.rscdsnovascotia.ca/2017-Fall-Ad.htm)
- **7 th-14th October - Dance SE Queensland**
  - Limited places For further information see [www.rscds.org.au](http://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-3 rd 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>

- 6 th- 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](tel:+18883557744)

## Sydney Branch Bookshop

For all of your RSCDS dance reference needs & music, please contact Brian Charlton  
on [sydbranbooks@gmail.com](mailto:sydbranbooks@gmail.com)

### Latest publications:

- Francis Walduck Dance Books @ \$5.00 each
- Book 51 & CD - email Brian to order now
- Spark O Water - Dances of Nova Scotia
- Epublications are available from RSCDS.org

Brian has a large collection of older stock that are available at cost price or "make an offer".

See the Sydney RSCDS website for a list of available stock or contact Brian on the email address above.

## ***Vale Margaret Sim & Kevin Connolly***

It was with great sadness that the Scottish Country Dancing Community said farewell to two dedicated and influential members.

Margaret Sim passed away on 3rd August after a long illness. Margaret was not only a dedicated teacher, but an Honour Roll & Branch Award recipient.

Kevin Connolly passed away on 18th August in Tumut, NSW aged 90. Kevin was one of the first teacher examiners in Australia and was active in this role from 1976 until 1990. During the 1950's Kevin toured Europe and South Africa with Dr Milligan, demonstrating and promoting SCD.

We are so lucky to have had such dedicated people amongst us. Their legacy lives on in every class, workshop & social held & enjoyed by so many.

Thank you Margaret & Kevin.

Morag Napier has been kind enough to complete and submit obituaries for both Margaret and Kevin for publication in The Scottish Country Dancer magazine, due out in October.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to place an article in the newsletter, or would like to promote your event. Any comments/feedback on the newsletter format or content would be welcome.

Until next month!

Cheers Tracey