

Welcome to the December 2018 edition of Sydney Branch Newsletter.

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Please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members with comments, concerns, suggestions or just for a chat.

Sydney Branch has had a busy 2018. We have been approached by community groups, corporations & requests for assistance with private functions in regards to running lessons and ceilidhs. These activities have been very successful not only financially for our members, but it has also raised the profile of Scottish Country Dancing and Sydney Branch across the region. Our final event of 2018, the End of Year Social is being held at Ermington Community Centre on 8th December. We hope to see as many dancers there as possible. This years MC will be Trish Nicholls along with musicians Black Bear Duo. It will be a great evening with 16 popular dances on the program as well as plenty of Christmas cake to be enjoyed by all.

The Day of Dance and Sydney Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 2nd February 2019 at Ermington Community Centre. Entry is free for members & \$10 for non members (you can pay for your membership on the day). The 2019 theme is Scotland Downunder. Come along and dance the day away. (don't forget to bring your lunch and coffee cup as well). It is also important to attend the AGM if you are able. The meeting lasts approximately 30 minutes. This is an opportunity for you to have your say & help direct the course of SCD in Sydney for the next 12 months. All committee positions become vacant at the AGM and I will be sending out nomination forms via email for all committee positions in early January. There will also be a link on rscds.org.au website in relation to AGM forms & information. Please consider volunteering for a position on the committee. It is wonderful to have a mix of new people with new ideas along with those who have knowledge and experience.

As the year quickly draws to a close, lots of us will be thinking about spending precious time with our family and friends over the Christmas period. This is also the time of year that we need to think about those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Our thoughts have moved to NSW Farmers who are suffering from this dreadful drought. While we think about pursuing bigger ideas in this area, we are kicking off our first fund raiser for this cause. At the 2019 AGM we will be raffling off 2 bottles of Johnny Walker Black Scotch Whiskey with

all proceeds going to the drought relief. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets will be available at the End of Year Social as well as at the Day of Dance. Please contact Jeanette Stephan directly (rjsteph.js@gmail.com) if you would like to sell tickets at your class/club or will not be attending the above functions to purchase your tickets on the spot.

Wishing all our members an enjoyable Christmas and a happy and healthy
2019.

Dancing Achievement Award (DAA)

**Sydney Branch is looking for expressions of interest for DAA candidates
at Intermediate and Advanced levels in 2019.**

- Develop your personal dancing with individual critique and improvement
- Enjoy the teamwork and take this RSCDS recognised assessment
- Courses will run for 4 to 5 weeks plus the assessment.
- You will be required to learn the prescribed dances prior to the course.
- At assessment you will dance a reel, a jig and a strathspey as first couple
- Contact moragnap@optusnet.com.au to enquire further or register your interest
- For detailed information about DAA please go to:
www.rscds.org/article/dancing-achievement-award-daa

Nelson Heather Centre Scottish Dancers

St Andrews Party

1st December 2018

Northern Beaches

Nelson Heather Centre Warriewood (B Line bus route)

Time: 6.30pm to 10.30pm

20 great dances including Monymusk, Piper and the Penguin & Anna Holdens
Strathspey

Tickets: to be sold prior to event. Cost yet to be advised

Details: Noreen Rogers 0413 033526 or ernooro@hotmail.com

For list of dances please see: https://rscds.org.au/mgxroot/page_10797.html

Sydney Branch Class - Party night

Monday 3rd December

Reg Byrne Community Centre

Wentworthville

Branch class at Wentworthville is holding a party night starting at 7.30pm.

Easy, fun programme

All Welcome

contact Jeanette Stephan on rjsteph.js@gmail.com or Dianne Stocks

on dlstocks@toorale.net

Sydney Branch End of Year Social

Featuring the Black Bear Duo on the release of their new dance CD

Saturday 8th December 2018

Where: Ermington Community Hall, 10 River Road Ermington

Cost: RSCDS members:\$20/ non-members \$25/ U18's \$10

Supper is provided.

Come along and enjoy the last Branch event of 2018. Catch up with friends and dance many of the popular dances on the programme. You will also have the chance to purchase Iain & Emma's newly released CD.

RSCDS, New Zealand Branch Inc
Nelson Summer School 2018/19
28 December 2018 - 5 January 2019

Nelson is a city on the South Island of New Zealand, facing Tasman Bay. It's known for local arts and crafts stores, and art galleries. It's also a popular base for nearby vineyards and the Abel Tasman National Park. Established by English settlers in 1841, the city's history is showcased at Founders Heritage Park, a living museum with a vintage railway.

With guest teachers:

- Duncan Brown - UK
- Hazel Fish - Waimate
- Diana Hastie - Sydney
- Janet Favel - Dunedin
- Debbie Roxburgh - Wanganui
- Caristiona Tait - Australia
- Andrea Wells - Lower Hutt
- Rachel East - Dunedin

Organiser - Doug Mills

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SCOTLAND DOWNUNDER
Day of Dance and Sydney Branch AGM
Saturday, 2nd February, 2019

Where: Ermington Community Centre, River Road Ermington

When: 9.30am for registration and a welcome cuppa. Dancing starts at 10.30am, AGM starts 3.00pm (approx)

Cost: Free for members & \$10 for non members (you can pay your membership on the day)

Morning and afternoon teas supplied

Bring your own lunch and a mug

All dances will be taught-all levels welcome!

Have your say and learn what the Branch is doing for you and Scottish Country Dancing in Australia.

Stand for the committee-Vote for the committee

Join us for a fun day's dancing!

48th Gosford Opening Social

Saturday 23rd February 2019

East Gosford Progress Hall

Cnr Henry Parry Drive & Wells Street

Admission \$25 (students \$15) purchased at the door
includes supper and lucky door prize

Drinks and nibbles at 7:00pm Dancing from 7:30pm

Programme devised by Fran Bucello

Music by Iain Mackenzie and Emma Nixon

enquiries: Janice - 4388 2253 or Kathryn - 4392 7758

The 44th Australian Winter School - July 7 to 13, 2019.

The Melbourne & District Branch extends a warm invitation to all dancers to meet at University College, College Drive, University of Melbourne, Parkville for a fun filled week of Scottish Country Dancing with great teachers and musicians.

Information: Accommodation is in modern student rooms. All have double beds with ensuite facilities. Meals will be provided in the College Dining room. Class and evening venues will be located in the surrounding area.

Contact email: familyreed@bigpond.com

2018 Calendar of Events

December

1st December	Nelson Heather Centre Scottish Dancers St Andrews Party
3rd December	Sydney Branch class Christmas Party Wentworthville
8th December	Sydney Branch End of Year Social
22nd December	
28th Dec- Jan 19	New Zealand Summer School in Nelson

Calendar of events

February - June 2019

Date	Event
2nd Feb Saturday	AGM & day of Dance
9th Feb Saturday	

16th Feb Saturday	TLG W/shop & AGM
23rd Feb Saturday	H.V Gosford opening Social
1st March Friday	Katoomba Weekend
2nd March Saturday	Katoomba Weekend
3rd March Sunday	Katoomba Weekend
8th March Friday	H.V Colleges opening Social
9th March Saturday	
16th March Saturday	Easy Dance Social - Ermington
22nd-31st March	Dance Tassie
23rd March Saturday	Killara Social
30th March Saturday	SoTR - Chaotic Ceilidh
30th March Saturday	H.V Welcome Social
6th April Saturday	Brigadoon @ Bundanoon
13th April Saturday	School holidays
20th April Saturday	Easter
27th April Saturday	School holidays
4th May Saturday	HV Day of Dance
11th May Saturday	
18th May Saturday	Know your Dance Social
25th May Saturday	
1st June Saturday	Beecroft Matinee Social
8th June Saturday	Queens B'day Long weekend
15th June Saturday	
22nd June Saturday	Branch Annual Ball
29th June Saturday	

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to place an article in the newsletter, or would like to promote your event.

Tracey Waight