

# Welcome to the February 2019 edition of Sydney Branch Newsletter.

## Happy New Dancing Year

I hope everyone had a healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.....how the months fly by so quickly!

The dancing year for Sydney Branch commenced on the 2nd February with the Day of Dance and Annual General meeting, during which a new management committee was elected:

President: Jeanette Stephan

Vice President: Deb Baker

Secretary: Diana Hastie

Treasurer: Anna Underhill

Committee member: Sheri Evans

Committee member: Tracy Mackenzie

A huge welcome to committee new comers Tracy & Sheri, and well done to Jeanette, Deb, Anna and Diana for putting their hand up for another year. Many thanks to the outgoing committee members Alice Cuneo & Nicola Ashurst for all of their contribution to Sydney SCD over the past year/years.

Contact details for the committee members will be updated in next month's newsletter. Don't hesitate to email the Branch Secretary on: [sydney@rscds.org.au](mailto:sydney@rscds.org.au) or [sydney.branch@gmail.com](mailto:sydney.branch@gmail.com) if you have an enquiry.

Further details on Day of Dance and the Drought Appeal raffle results will be advised in the March edition of SNIB, so keep an eye out for that email!

**Sydney - Parramatta District Branch Class**  
**Reg Byrne Hall**  
**Wentworthville**

**Dance in an air conditioned and relaxed atmosphere**

Every Monday evening (except public holidays) from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Everybody welcome - beginners to experienced dancers

Members: \$7

Non members: \$10

Enquiries: Dianne Stocks (02) 9636-8248 or [distocks@toorale.net](mailto:distocks@toorale.net)

**For fitness, fun & friendship**

**Teachers Liason Group**  
**Teachers Workshop & Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday 16th February**  
**Abbotsford Presbyterian Hall (airconditioned)**  
**Great North Road, Abbotsford**

- **Tea/coffee from 9.45am (bring own lunch & your dance shoes)**
- **Group discussions on skill exercises'**
- **Teaching beginners - what & how?**
- **AGM to commence approximately 1.30pm**

This is a great opportunity to collaborate with your fellow teachers and exchange ideas and experiences.

For further details please contact TLG Secretary Morag Napier on:

[moragnap@optusnet.com.au](mailto:moragnap@optusnet.com.au) or 02 9712 2918

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.rscds.org/article/dancing-achievement-award-daa)

## **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

## **Katoomba Weekend 1-3 March 2019**

The very successful annual Katoomba weekend is sold out!

But don't despair as everyone is welcome to attend the Saturday evening Social

When: Saturday 2nd March @ 7.30pm

Where: St Hilda's Anglican Church, Katoomba

Cost: \$10 with supper included

Lots of fun dances including favourites: New Year's Jig, Miss Eleanor & Scott Meikle

Program & crib available on RSCDS Sydney Branch website

Enquiries: Jeanette Stephan on 0416 272301

### **Sydney Branch Easy Dance Social**

When: 16th March 2019

Where: Ermington Community Centre, River Rd, Ermington

Cost: Members \$10, non members \$15

- Dances' for everyone - bring a friend & showcase the joy of SCD!
- All dances' walked through
- A fun night for beginners supported by experienced dancers'
- Delicious supper included

Enquiries: [sydney.branch@gmail.com](mailto:sydney.branch@gmail.com)

### **Killara Scottish Country Dancers**

#### **" A Social Evening"**

**Saturday 23rd March @ 7.00pm**

**Live music with Iain Mackenzie**

Where: Killara Uniting Church Hall, 9 Karranga Ave, Killara (short walk from Killara station)

Cost: \$15 including supper

Program includes 15 well loved jigs, strathspeys, reels & even a medley (can you guess which one?)

Enquires contact: Julie Sekhon on 02 9498 3817 or Anna Underhill on 0411 361 156

Program & crib: [rscds.org.au/mgxroot/page\\_10797.html](http://rscds.org.au/mgxroot/page_10797.html)

# Chaotic Ceilidh

We run three Chaotic Ceilidhs each year. Featuring music by ARIA Award winning Chris Duncan & Catherine Strutt, it will be a night of energetic and popular dances. Includes supper (BYO alcohol).

Be warned, our ceilidhs sell out very fast, so keep an eye on this site or sign up to our newsletter to stay informed. Tickets are generally released 2 weeks before the Ceilidh and are available online via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com).

<b>Event</b>	Chaotic Ceilidh
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Saturday, 30 March 2019</b> Saturday, 29 June 2019 Saturday, 19 October 2019
<b>Time</b>	8.00 pm – 11.00 pm (ish)
<b>Location</b>	Abraham Mott Hall, Argyle Street, The Rocks
<b>Tickets</b>	\$35 PER PERSON – Tickets go on sale about two weeks before each Ceili <a href="#">Sign up to our newsletter</a> to be notified when tickets for will be on sale.

**Abraham Mott Hall – 15A Argyle Street, Millers Point, NSW, 2000**

*We are using a new online booking system. If you have difficulties printing your e-tickets, please contact us at [info@sotr.org.au](mailto:info@sotr.org.au).*

More information

Email us at [info@sotr.org.au](mailto:info@sotr.org.au) for more info.

## Harbord Scottish Country Dancers

Harbord is one of Sydney's many beachside suburbs, a stone's throw from the famous Manly Beach. We are one of the few Sydney clubs which dance throughout the year.

We meet and dance every **Thursday afternoon, from 2.30pm - 5pm** (new time commencing 10th Jan 19)

Where: St Peter's Uniting Church, 16 Marmora Street, Harbord.

Enquiries: Diana Newton on 02 9913 7943 or [djinoz@iinet.net.au](mailto:djinoz@iinet.net.au)

**Melbourne & District Branch Inc.**  
**44th Australian Winter School 7th – 13th July, 2019**

The early bird date has passed but there is still time to register for the Winter School.

**Final payment date is the 31st March, 2019.**

Venue: University College, The University of Melbourne, College Drive, Parkville, Melbourne, Victoria. Accommodation is in new modern student accommodation. All have double beds with ensuite facilities. The rooms are classed as single accommodation but can be shared by couples.

Bus transport from/to the Melbourne (Tullamarine) airport will be arranged. (see the Winter School website). Meals will be provided in the College Dining Room.

Classes and evening venues will be located in the nearby area to the College

Evening Functions include:

- 3 socials
- Formal dinner
- Formal Ball - celebrating 50th Anniversary of the Melbourne & District Branch Inc.

**We encourage newer dancers** to come and experience a week of great teaching, dancing, music, fun and friendship. If you have been dancing for 2 years or less we have a class for you. Everything is included in the fee.

For further information contact: Winter School Secretary Jo Reed

Email: [familyreed@bigpond.com](mailto:familyreed@bigpond.com)

Website: [melbourne2019ws.com](http://melbourne2019ws.com)

Online application forms are available on the website or download a copy of the form to complete and send to the Winter School Secretary.

## Calendar of events 2019

Mondays, 6.30pm	City Elementary Branch Class
Mondays, 7.30pm	Parramatta District Branch Class
Saturday 16 February	TLG AGM & Workshop
Saturday 23 February	Gosford Opening Social
1-3 March	Katoomba Weekend (fully booked)
Saturday 16 March	Easy Dance Social
22-31 March	Dance Tassie
Saturday 23 March	Killara Social
Saturday 30 March	SoTR Chaotic Ceilidh
Saturday 6 April	Brigadoon at Bundanoon
Saturday 4 May	HV Day of Dance
Saturday 18 May	Know Your Dance Social
Saturday 25 May	Nowra Social
Saturday 1 June	Beecroft Matinee Social
Saturday 22 June	Sydney Branch Ball
Saturday 29 June	SoTR Chaotic Ceilidh
7-13 July	44th Australian Winter School, Melbourne
Saturday 3 August	Wollongong Social
Saturday 17 August	Caringbah 40th Anniversary Social
Saturday 7 September	Southern Highlands Social
Saturday 14 September	HV Ball
saturday 19 October	Blue Mountains Social
Saturday 19 October	SoTR Chaotic Ceilidh
Saturday 26 October	Epping Social
1-3 November	Riverwood Downs Weekend
Saturday 30 November	HV St Andrews Social

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