



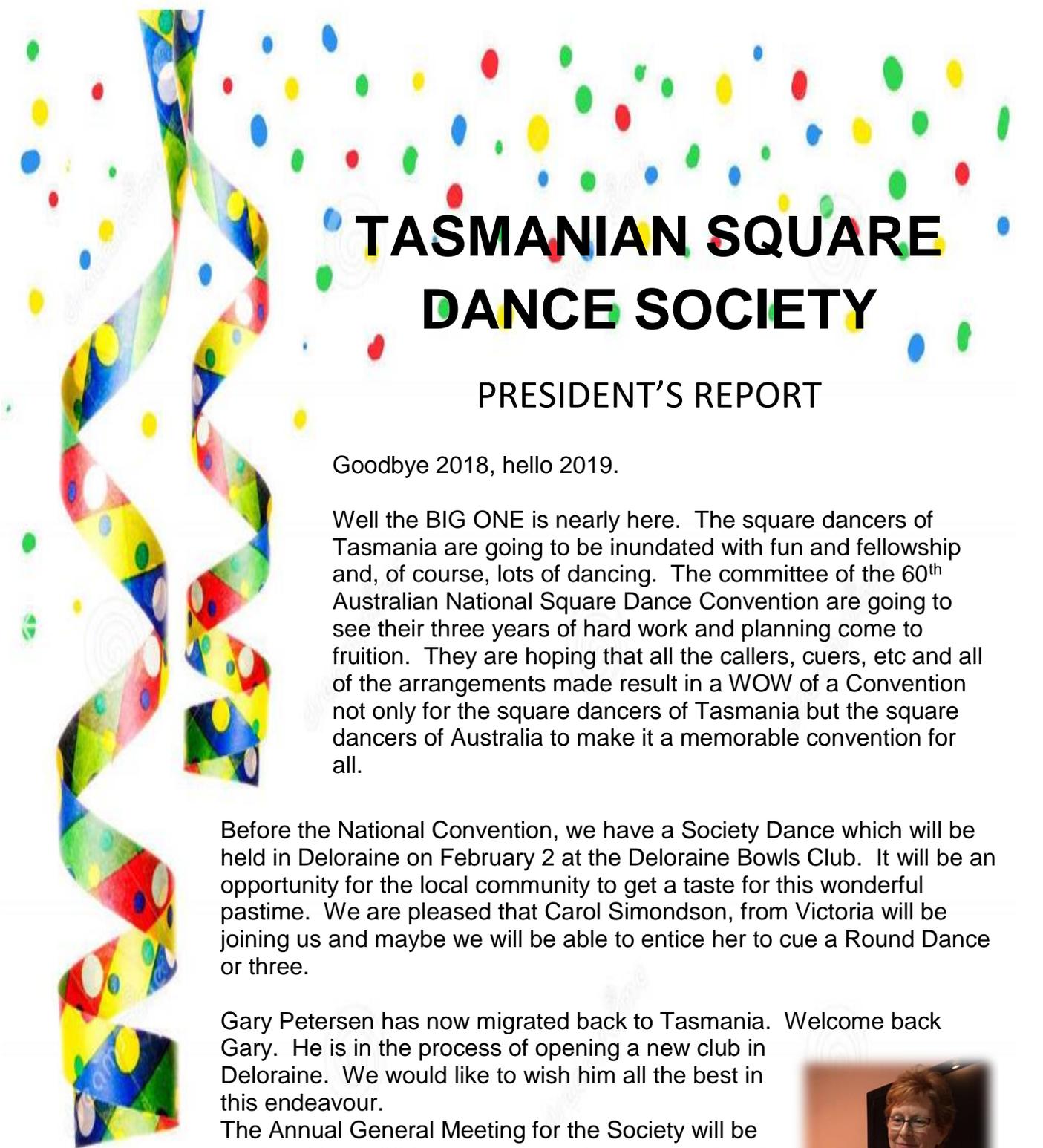
STEPPING OUT

TASMANIAN SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY INC

NOVEMBER to JANUARY , 2019



Happy New Year



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Goodbye 2018, hello 2019.

Well the BIG ONE is nearly here. The square dancers of Tasmania are going to be inundated with fun and fellowship and, of course, lots of dancing. The committee of the 60th Australian National Square Dance Convention are going to see their three years of hard work and planning come to fruition. They are hoping that all the callers, cuers, etc and all of the arrangements made result in a WOW of a Convention not only for the square dancers of Tasmania but the square dancers of Australia to make it a memorable convention for all.

Before the National Convention, we have a Society Dance which will be held in Deloraine on February 2 at the Deloraine Bowls Club. It will be an opportunity for the local community to get a taste for this wonderful pastime. We are pleased that Carol Simondson, from Victoria will be joining us and maybe we will be able to entice her to cue a Round Dance or three.

Gary Petersen has now migrated back to Tasmania. Welcome back Gary. He is in the process of opening a new club in Deloraine. We would like to wish him all the best in this endeavour.

The Annual General Meeting for the Society will be held on March 30 in Launceston where the updated Constitution will be presented.

I hope that all Society members and interested dancers attend. It is important that members have an input. If you are unable to attend please talk to one of your area representatives.

Until next time.
Kaye



Editorial

Welcome to this edition of Stepping Out. It seems such a short time since the last edition but looking at the information to follow – a lot has happened. To share an evening with Janet Cook was amazing – the turn out to support her was also amazing. There were so many new faces and a lot of unexpected visitors.

Christmas events seemingly kept coming with the Society Christmas Dance and Club Christmas breakup dinners – the Man in Red made guest appearances everywhere, delighting all as he went.

Another year has now past and a new one begun. May 2019 be all you wish it to be, plus some. Be safe and have fun 😊



Society Dance with Special Guest Caller and Guest Appearance

Firstly, a huge THANK YOU to Janet Cook who travelled to Tassie for the weekend to call at the Society Christmas Dance on the 24th of November. She called mainstream & plus and cued some round dances for us. Both afternoon and evening sessions attracted dancers from all over the state – including some surprises... Yvonne and Max, Gabi and Gordon, Debbie and Robbie!! Not to mention dancers young and old, newbies and oldies – from North, South East and West. The hall was full of excitement and had a real buzz about it.

Secondly, a hearty thanks to Santa for taking time out of his hectic schedule to visit us and share some Christmas joy to everyone. It really is amazing how he finds the time 😊

Meetings were also held on the same day – a necessity for any organisation. Although not the favourite part of a statewide get-together, they were well attended and the business side of our activity was out of the way in good time.

Again the Society put on a free BBQ for all those who attended the meetings and that is proving to be well accepted. Paul cooked up a sausage storm to go along with sandwiches. The evening concluded with a hearty supper.

Hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and Festive Season





Farewell to a great man. Graham Rigby passed away at Prince Charles hospital on the 14th of December 2018 from a heart attack. He was almost 86.

Graham will be remembered by his long association with Square Dancing and his passion for the activity. He lived and breathed squares – he even wrote books to preserve our history. He and his wife Val were very well known around Australia (and possibly around the world)

[Great Australian square dance callers : over half a century / by Graham Rigby](#)

[My life's a dance : an autobiography / by Graham Rigby](#)

New Dancers.

For Square Dancing to Flourish anywhere in the world, Clubs must constantly take in new dancers. This is no easy feat! Where do you find them? How do you reach them? How do you get them to come and give it a try? You know they'll enjoy themselves once they experience it but how do we get past all the hurdles?

The best form of advertising is Word of Mouth. You are the best advocate your club has! Share your passion, your interest, your experiences with your friends (as I'm sure you already do) but then personally invite them to come to visit your Club. Let your caller know you're bringing someone new so that a segment can be arranged to introduce them to the fun and friendship of Squares. From there, hopefully they will want to join a beginners group

This is the season for giving.

If you are enjoying what you're doing now, have you thought of inviting your friends to join us



Square dancing is more than dancing..

- *If you like it tell your friends about it
- *If you love it tell more friends about it
- *Or it's taken over your life - seek help

Voice from the past –

Recently LSDC held a Monday Night beginners dance and we were very lucky to have had Trent Short call for us. He did a great couple of calls – clear and fun. Hopefully we will hear more from Trent down the track. For those who have been involved in Squares in Tassie for quite a while, they may remember Trent when he called in Burnie. Trent has returned to our activity with his wife Mel and their 2 children. We're delighted to have them as Club Members.



Welcome back Trent 😊

How was your Club's year end?

Right across Tassie, clubs held their "Christmas Dance", and/or their "Last Dance of the Year". Most held a Christmas Dinner.



Launceston Square Dance Club

Hello Everyone, It's good to be back after our Christmas Break. I am all turkeyed out. Too much desert. Lots of laughter and merriment around our table – I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas too.

*Joke: Hello New Years Eve Resolution
It was fun while it lasted
Yours sincerely
January the 2nd.*



On 24th November 2018 the Society Christmas dance was on at our hall. We started dancing at 2:30pm. We had a special caller who entertained us: Janet Cook. After dancing in the afternoon we stopped and had a tea break – sausage sizzle and salad. At 7pm we resumed dancing. Later in the evening Santa gave us a visit and we drew the raffle. I wasn't so lucky. Congrats to all those who won.



Janet Cook was absolutely amazing – she gave us so many great calls. At the end of the evening we had a lovely supper together.

On Monday the 3rd of December 2018, Di held a special learners night at the hall to give our dancers some amazing experience. Lots of people came and the night was really good. Well done Di and Paul. Thanks to everyone who helped.

On December the 7th 2018, our Club went to the Over 50's Club for our Christmas Dinner. After our Dinner we did some dancing with Gary Petersen doing some calls.



Thanks go out to Daniela for some lovely Bon-Bons she made for us.

The following week on December 13th 2018 our Club held its last Club night before the Christmas Break. We had a fantastic night. Lots of Christmas calls and Santa visited to give out all the Secret Santa gifts. When the night was over we all had a wonderful supper brought in by our members. Thanks to everyone.



On December 31st (New Years Eve) Gary held a dance to bring in the New Year. I wasn't able to go – from what I've been told it was a good night... 3 sets up most of the night and the Hippie Costumes were amazing. Thanks go out to Gary for organising the night and doing the calling.

On Wednesday the 16th of January 2019 our club resumed dancing. Hope to see you all there, hope to see everyone somewhere in a square,
Yours Sincerely

Daniela Radenti (L.S.D.C. Editor)

PS. Not long to go to the 60th Square Dance National in Tasmania





CASINO CITY SQUARE DANCE CLUB – HOBART

CALLER: John Weatherburn

Happy New Year to everybody, we had a great night out at Wrest Point Coffee Shop for our annual dinner followed by our Monday night BBQ Breakup which we have been doing now for many many years.

Sadly the numbers used to be spilling out the doors but things have changed and we had our faithful turn out for a night of fun and laughter before the year ended. I really don't have anything much to report as we are now in recess until February.

We will soon see our friends again in Deloraine as Tassie once again hosts a National Convention, thank you to all the hard working dancers who are helping to put this event on the calendar for us this year.

Iris Weatherburn

TASSIE TWIRLERS – FORTH

CALLER: Graeme Whiteley

Graham & Shirley shared a Christmas Club Meal with their club members, marking the end of another year of square dancing along the West Coast of Tassie. It was a quiet but lovely evening.

Club will resume at the end of February.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all



PS:RE- Graham Rigby.
Graeme Whiteley reflected that Graham had his own live band in the early 50's with whom he recorded live performances on 45 rpm of his Dancers
Di Ashton remembers him pacing the full length of the stage while he was talking and calling & man could he talk 😊
Gary Petersen smiled as he remembered that Graham once pulled the microphone lead out of the amplifier because he had ventured too far along the stage
Di Ashton heard it recalled that at a gathering of square dance friends over a meal, Graham's wife Val would encourage him to eat... he loved to talk about our activity so passionately that his meal would go cold and everyone else would be finished before Graham had started

Editors Note: I hope that those who knew Graham will remember him as the enthusiastic gentleman he was – his life was all about Squares and he achieved a lot for our activity in his lifetime



HIPPY NEW YEAR

2018 is out man and the New Year is IN

Northern dancers made up tables with decorations from the 60's and donned tie-dyed hippie outfits to welcome in the New Year. The evening went fast and all of a sudden we were all counting 10, 9, 8... A brilliant night of dancing and friendship. Thanks Gary 😊





Health, Fitness and Fitbits: Observations and thoughts from Paul Cruse:
I have a friend who kept talking about her Fitbit, I had no idea what she was referring to!
I have learnt a lot since those days.

I don't own a Fitbit, however I do have an app on my phone which counts my daily steps and tells me I haven't burned enough calories. How does it know that? The app records my sleep and my food intake – that's refreshing!

There are a lot of benefits to gain from being healthy and fit. Not everyone can afford a Fitbit. I can't. Most people do own a mobile phone though, and can download an app of their choice to recorded daily activities such as steps walked, amount of sleep enjoyed and calories counted.

Start today, download a Health and Fitness app onto your smartphone, set yourself daily goals. Walk and dance yourself to health and longevity.

Did you know that Square Dancing can help you achieve these goals? Get out there and GET DANCING!!



The 11th of Jan 2019 was the first beginner's class for Upbeat SQRZ.



Since then there have been 2 more classes and Deloraine now has a Square Dance Club with a regular group of beginners attending. Thank you to all the angels who have travelled to support this new venture.

- It is still in its infancy but with your assistance, there will be a lot of new dancers out there with smiles on their faces

Decorations Meeting (more like a gathering of creative minds) 2-2-18



upbeat SQRZ

Dare to be Square, It's FUN with Flair!

Well Hi fellow squares {SQRZ}!

Just to let you all know about the Rebel Callers activities since arriving in the Apple Isle late November last year.

Seriously it was like coming home. {I knew it would Be!}

At this stage I am happily staying at Di and Paul's. I have transferred my car registration (now sporting Tassie number plates) and my licence will follow shortly.

So that should tell ya I ain't going anywhere!

I have run two very successful theme nights in Launy, NYE was Hippies and my recent Australia Day Dance.

The 8th of January saw the start of my NEW Club in Deloraine with Tuesday Nights PLUS and Friday 11th January my Mainstream Club started. My idea was to try and have a Square Dance presence in Deloraine before the National and hopefully build the club off any excitement and promotion generated from the upcoming National Convention.

Unfortunately the PLUS has not gained the support needed to continue in Deloraine so I am moving IT to Launceston and will NOW be at the RAOB Hall, 11 Birch Avenue Newstead on Tuesday Nights 8pm to 10pm starting 5th February.

The Mainstream WILL continue on Friday nights at the Deloraine Bowls Club, 7-30pm to 10-00pm.

At the moment we have a small group of beginners and willing Angels who understand that we may need a few reboots to really get the club growing. In the meantime all I can say is

"Dare to be Square, It's FUN with Flair!"

Gary Petersen





Society Dance

Saturday 2nd Feb 2019 Dance at the Deloraine Bowls Club. This will be a special dance to introduce Square Dancing to the people of Deloraine. All dancers are welcome to attend so we can generate an atmosphere of fun and friendship and show the people of Deloraine what a great pastime we are involved in. Guest Cuer – Carol Simondson

8th – 11th March 2019

50th VSDA State Convention to be held in Moorabbin on the 8th – 11th March 2019

21st – 24th April ARDA Conference 2019

ARDA Members \$65.00 pp or Non ARDA Members \$95.00 pp

23rd April 2019 – 150 Year Celebration Dance

7:30pm \$10/ person Deloraine Community Complex

24th to 28th April 2019 Australian National Square Dance Convention

7:00pm start on Wednesday. \$135/person Deloraine Community Complex

30th March AGM Launceston.

Venue to be advised. Dancing at 2pm. AGM at 4. Resume dancing at 7. BBQ tea provided

31st August Hobart Society Dance

2.30 start. Society meeting 1.00 at the CWA hall Lindisfarne. BBQ tea provided

30th November Christmas Dance

2.30 to 10. Society meeting at 1.00 Heather Hall. Society providing tea

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Not a member? No worries.

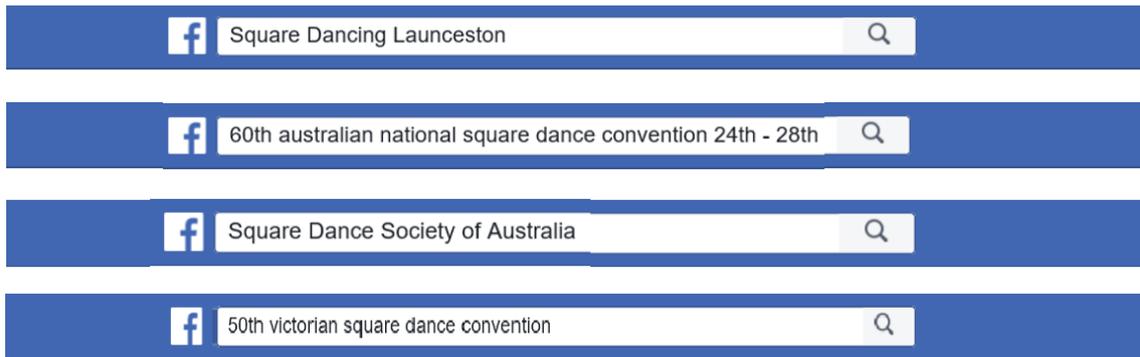
You can join any time and support the association that supports your club at a national level.

What do I get for my membership:

- Cheap entry to all society dances.
- Stepping Out Newsletter
- Have your say at State level at Society meetings – your thoughts and feelings are important.

Be a part of the bigger picture.

Some Facebook pages to keep an eye on ...



Subscribe to L.S.D.C. TAS – CLUB NEWS:

Bringing people to where the dancing and social activities are happening.

Simply send an email to paulashton444@gmail.com and ask to be added to the mailout. It's informal but informative. It goes all over the state and to the mainland. It even goes to New Zealand.

If you have friends who are wishing to know what is happening in the Launceston area, just ask them to drop Paul a line. Everyone is welcome to join.

Paul Ashton



Thank you for reading this edition. Thank you to everyone who supplied information or assisted in any way

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Remember: The day you plant the seed is not the day you eat the fruit.

Be patient.

Be humble.

Keep moving forward and know that all this hard work you're putting in day in and day out WILL produce the results you've been looking for.

Your time is coming.

Do not give up.