

PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE 2007

Howdy Folks!!



Well winter has finally arrived & we have certainly felt it the last couple of weeks; it's so easy to come home from work, put on the heater, cook dinner & then think.....nah! I can't be bothered going out tonight..... yep I even do it myself. Well, we as instructors have to make the effort &, really, once you get there & catch up with all your friends & start dancing, the thought of staying home is irrelevant.

By now you should have this years VLDA Ball program in your hot little hands. Allan, Cynthia & myself spent many hours sifting through the Ball Request forms that you sent in. This is a huge task & after many headaches & lots of coffee (thanks Karen) I think that we have put together a bloody good program, remember we put this program together based on what you had put on your forms. There are a lot more split floors this year, so please encourage your beginners to come along & experience this fantastic occasion. The program is available for download from our website. Susie Gow (our web site manager) has had the mammoth task of creating links to all of the dances, so that you can print off any sheets that you may need.

Thanks Susie.

During the month of May we held our very first ever VLDA 'country' meeting/workshop in Ballarat, & I am pleased to say that the support from our members was unreal. For years we have always held our meetings in & around Melbourne & it was always our 'country' members that had to do the travelling. A bit selfish on our part as city dwellers, I thought, so I decided to split our meetings to two in the city & two in the country. Boy did I cop some flack about this, but as the saying goes 'you can't please everyone'. Thank you to all our city members that made the effort to travel to cold old Ballarat on a freezing Sunday morning. Also a huge thank you to Jon Peppin who let us use his venue for our meeting / workshop. Our next meeting will be at Murrumbena for our AGM.

I mentioned this a little earlier in the year, some dates for you to write down in your diaries: **September 14th, 15th, 16th**. this is going to be a huge weekend in Melbourne for all Line Dancers. The VLDA has put together an impressive list of interstate Choreographers who will be here to teach us their latest dances; combine this with our local Chorographers & Instructors & you have yourselves a brilliant weekend.

All details will be in our July newsletter.

This month see's a couple of our members celebrating their 'clubs' Birthdays, Congratulations to *Thunderbird Dancers* (Jenny-Lee Acreman), they are celebrating 10 years of dancing, & also to *Mustangs* (Dot & Tina), they are celebrating 12 years of dancing. Well done.

Take Care, have fun, keep smiling' & most of all keep DANCING!

Darren Mitchell
President VLDA