

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT : APRIL 2008

Howdy Folks!!

Like all Linedancers, I am glad to see the back of this hot weather.

I, along with quite a few Instructors have had to cancel classes, due to the extreme heat, which is a bit of a nuisance; not only do you lose part of your income, it stuffs up our regular routine. Bring on Winter!!!!!!!

Our weekend at Portarlington was a huge success; I am pleased to say that our numbers were well up on previous years, Linedancing certainly is going from strength to strength in Victoria & we should be very proud of this.



It was great to see so many interstate visitors joining us this year, some for the very first time & others for their 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> time.

A huge thanks to those that travelled from interstate to support this great weekend.

Gordon as usual was his very professional self teaching some great dances & also joining in with everyone on the dance floor, as well as running the Friday night social for us.

So to Gordon, also a huge thanks. I would also like to thank our very hard working committee for all the time & help that they put in over the weekend;

when we all work so well as a team, everything runs like clock work.

Thanks also to John Bishop for our clogging workshops & to Allan Burr, Stephen & John, for our Sunday night social.

Next year there will be a few exciting changes to the format, something to look forward to.

Don't worry Gordon will be back next year & the next & the next etc.

Finally I would like to say thank you to **YOU!!!**, the Linedancing public of Victoria; your support over the weekend was awesome & without your support this weekend would not be what it is, so again THANK YOU.

Another big event in March, for the VLDA, was the Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Marathon. What a fantastic day we all had; it was great to see the hall packed from the very first dance at 1pm to the last dance at Midnight.

It was also great this year to get some TV coverage. We had the pleasure of having Channel 7 turn up & do a quick interview with Michael; by the way his clothing sponsor on the day was 'Cactus Moon' Clothing not 'Moon Cactus' Clothing ...

If you did manage to see the vision on TV you will understand what I am talking about.

I am very pleased to say that we well & truly exceeded last years total of \$9409.55.

This year's total reached an amazing **\$15,006:00!!!!**

I would like to thank everyone that came along & supported the day, also to our committee members & to those that gave up their time to help out in any way possible.

Your support was very much appreciated.

Well, that's about it for this month, April is looking somewhat a bit quieter than our previous 2 months. I am sure I will catch up with some of you at the All Australian Line Dance Competitions in Bairnsdale.

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

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