



PRESIDENTS REPORT : SEPTEMBER 2008

Howdy Folks!!

Spring has finally sprung, that means warmer weather, YAY!!
A few of my students that have made the annual trip north to avoid our cold winter days, have started migrating back home. They are all showing off their nice sun tans & new clothes & they are actually looking nice & refreshed.
I think I might close my classes next winter & head north as well ☺

Our Annual General Meeting was held Saturday 23rd August at Murrumbena & I am happy to say that the Victorian Line Dance scene is in a very healthy state. Our memberships are increasing each month, our bank balance is very healthy & the majority of our committee members have elected to stay on for another 12 months. Thanks ☺

I would like to congratulate the 2008 committee for all the hard work that they have put in over the past 12 months. We all give our time & work for the love of Line Dancing.

Without the help of these people the big events like the Ball, Portarlington & The Good Friday Appeal would not happen, so again THANKS!!

There were a couple of changes to the committee. Cynthia Rennolds is our 2009 Ball Coordinator. We welcome Pauline Greenwood & Nadia Friel onto the general committee & Tilley McIntyre is now looking after our website & also Marion Adams has put her hand up for the Ball Ticket Secretary's job.

I would like to thank our outgoing committee members, Julie Foote & Susie Gow, for their invaluable help during their time spent on the committee.

As this is my 3rd year (how time flies), I will definitely be stepping down as President next year as well as stepping down from all my other roles within the VLDA.

As most of you are probably aware Michael & I have another business that is absolutely booming at the moment & we are going to be spending more time building this business to the max. It's time for someone with some new ideas & fresh blood (so to speak) to come in & take the VLDA into 2009 / 2010.

Planning is already underway for our Gala Ball next year; we are waiting on MSAC to get back to us with a date, so as soon as we hear from them I will let you know. We are hoping to get the 4th Saturday in June, a date that we would like to keep for the Ball each year.

Planning for Portarlington & also the Good Friday Appeal are also well underway.

I have already put a tin out at my classes & socials for the 2009 Good Friday Appeal & since the 1st week of August our club already has raised \$106.35; this is simply from our students putting in any loose change that they have.

I would like to encourage you to also put a tin out at your classes, every little bit helps. Our aim for the appeal next year is to reach the \$20,000 figure. C'mon... we can do it.

Take care, stay safe & keep dancing.

Darren Mitchell : VLDA President