



PRESIDENTS REPORT : FEBRUARY 2009

Howdy Folks!!

Happy New Year to each & every one of you.
I hope you all had a great Christmas, ours was nice & relaxing.
I thoroughly enjoyed my 2 week break from dancing,
but I must admit by the end of the 2nd week
I was itching to get back to my classes.

Congratulations to all Victorians that competed at Tamworth,
whether it was in the Line Dance competitions or the
Choreography competitions - you carried our flag high, well done.

No doubt there will be an influx of 'New' dances coming out of Tamworth.
To all students, make sure you give your Instructor some breathing space
when it comes to learning all these new dances. Sometimes there is too much pressure
put on our Instructors to teach all the 'latest & greatest' at once;
there is plenty of time - 12 months in actual fact.

One of our regular major events put on by the VLDA is soon approaching,
Portarlington is not far away; this is always an awesome weekend,

I hope you have your outfits organised
for the "*Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves*" night on Saturday night,
I am looking forward to seeing all the weird & wonderful costumes.

Our Sunday night social this year will be a 'Girls Night Out';
this will be run by our female Instructors & committee members;
just going on what I have heard, this is going to be a night full of fun & lots of laughs.

Of course Gordon Elliott will be hosting the workshops as well as the social on the Friday
night. With a great Instructor, great dancing, perfect venue, all we need now is great
weather, let's hope it's not a scorcher.

Don't forget that ticket sales are now open for this years Ball. Also, remember that we have
an early payment option for this years Ball, if you pay before the 30th April, your tickets are
cheaper. This was put in place to encourage everyone to purchase their tickets early instead
of the week or even days before the Ball, as was the case last year; there is a lot of planning
that goes into the seating arrangements for every Ball, so it is very important that you
purchase your tickets early, also this stops Marion Adams pulling any more of her hair out ☺

Planning is also under way for our annual Good Friday Appeal Marathon.
If you have any suitable items that can be auctioned, or, if you would like to donate
any items for raffles or the auctions, please let Marion, Cathryn or myself,
or any other committee members know.

Take Care, happy dancing, looking forward to seeing you all on the floor somewhere.

Darren Mitchell : VLDA President