



## President's Report : February 2010

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I just got back from our annual trip to Tamworth after 10 days of wonderful music and line dancing fun. It's great sharing the experience of the Country Music Festival with our Victorian dancing friends, and catching up with, and meeting new people, from interstate. Congratulations to all those who competed in the Australian Line Dance Championships which are held every day throughout the festival. The standard of dancing from some of the best line dancers in Australia has to be seen to be believed. The Championship was run by the Line Dance Association of Australia (LDAA) and this year the VLDA was proud to be a major sponsor.

Every day there were a number of socials and workshops to choose from so that one could dance almost all day and night if that is what you want to do. Then, of course, there is the music from the best in Australia featuring the wide spectrum of country music from country rock, roakabilly, and bluegrass, through to bush ballads and poetry. You can also dance in the main street, in the shopping centres and in the parks - wherever there is good music!

For many of us the festival concluded with the Annual Ball in the historic Tamworth Town Hall - a great venue with an excellent floor. The theme this year was 'red & black' and looking across the dance floor at the sea of red & black was stunning.

If you haven't been to Tamworth before, or haven't been for some time, now is a good time to start planning for next year, especially organising your accommodation.

Well most classes are now back in full swing for 2010 and another great year of dancing is ahead of us. Don't forget to put the VLDA events on your line dance calendar - Portarlington, the Good Friday Marathon and, of course, our Annual Gala Ball.

I would also like to encourage members to attend the first of our line dance workshops on the 20th February at Werribee. This workshop will be combined with a General Meeting of our members so please come along and have input into your association. Can I also remind members who come along to the workshop to please bring a plate to share for lunch. At our last meeting some people forgot about doing this (or were unaware) so we were a little short on food. After a couple of hours of dancing we will all be looking to replenish our energy levels!

All the very best for a great 2010. What will be the 'must do' dances that will emerge throughout the year? Will one of these be taught at our February workshop?

Keith Davies  
President