

PRESIDENT'S REPORT MAY 2010

By now you will have received the program for the 14th Annual VLDA Gala Ball to be held on Saturday 26th June at Springers Leisure Centre in Keysborough. Bookings for this year's Ball need to be finalised by June 1st so that we can complete the planning for the event.

We hope you like the Ball program which we believe has a good balance between easy dances and more advanced ones, and between newer dances and 'golden oldies'. Thanks to the 41 members who submitted a list of dances and it was these lists that formed the basis for the final program.

The most requested dance was Chica Boom Boom, followed by Cool Chick, Galway Girls, Hard To Find, Mexicali, Let's Swing, Speak With Your Heart, Bad Influence, Cowgirls Don't Cry and Infinity. The most popular 'golden oldies' were No Matter What, Smokey Places and Strait Dancing. There were over 450 different dances requested and that meant of course that many excellent dances didn't make the program.

Of the all dances (including the split floors) 53% of them are Aussie choreographies, and of those around one quarter are by Victorians. The most frequently represented choreographer is Robbie McGowan Hickie from the UK (8 dances) who won International Choreographer of the Year at the Tamworth Line Dance Awards in January.

The theme for this year's Ball is 'Black & Bling'. Instructors will shortly be receiving their information pack for the Ball.

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Our Secretary is about to send you an information pack regarding the August AGM. This also includes Membership Renewal Forms as VLDA membership is due for renewal on July 1st. There are some modifications to our nomination and voting procedures for the AGM to ensure that we adhere to the Model Rules for an Incorporated Association (Associations Incorporation Act 1981).

Some Committee members have indicated that they will be retiring at the end of their current term in office and we are calling for people to consider nominating for positions. These positions include Secretary and Treasurer. We would welcome any expressions of interest in these, or any other, positions.

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Next month, over the June Long Weekend, the inaugural Southern State Line Dancing Championships will be held at the Phoenix Park Community Centre in East Malvern. This event features two days of competition (entries close 21st May) and social dancing – details are in this issue of the Newsletter.

Until next time – enjoy your dancing!

Keith Davies
PRESIDENT