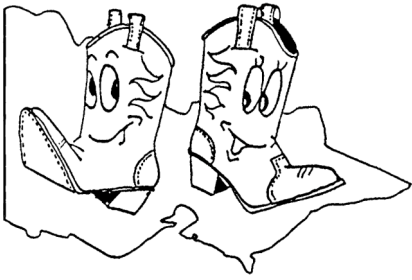


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P R E S I D E N T ' S R E P O R T

Happy New Year to all and I'm sure it is going to be another great year for line dancing. By now your favourite classes will be back in full swing after the Christmas/January break and you will be trying to remember all those dances you learnt last year!

I have just returned from the annual trip to Tamworth - 10 days of great music and line dancing fun. Congratulations to all those who competed in the Australian Line Dance Championships which are held during the festival. The Championship was run by the Line Dance Association of Australia (LDAA) and, once again this year, the VLDA was proud to be a major sponsor.

Also, during the Festival, the Australian Line Dance Awards are announced. Congratulations to all those who featured in the nominations, especially our Victorian instructors/choreographers Darren Mitchell, Lu Olsen, Marcia Langton, Chris Herbing and Stephen Paterson. Stephen was successful in winning the Australian Intermediate/Advanced Dance section with Mr Whoever You Are!

Voting in these Awards is via a website based in Sydney and in the last two Newsletters we urged VLDA members to vote and have your say. I was pleased to hear that in the last few months there was an avalanche of votes from Victoria – well done to all of you who voted! Hopefully this year VLDA members will vote *throughout the year* - you can vote once per month. The relevant website is Line Dance Sydney at <http://www.roots-boots.net/ldance/index.html>

The VLDA has three major events coming up in the first half of the year – the Portarlington Line Dance Weekend, the Good Friday Marathon and, of course, our Annual Gala Ball. Dates and other information are included in this issue. Ball bookings open **February 28th** and must be finalised by **May 28th** to allow sufficient time for seating plans to be organised.

I would also like to encourage members to attend the first of our line dance workshops on Saturday 19th February at Colac commencing at 11.30am. 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 to please bring a plate to share for lunch.

Until next month, enjoy your dancing, and try to remember to look up (better for your posture - we really don't need to watch our feet!) and smile on the dance floor.

Keith Davies
President