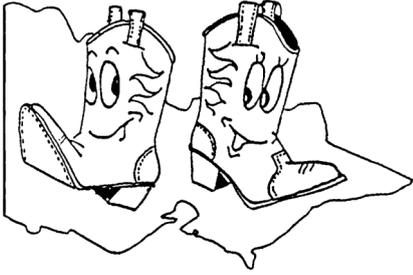


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PROMOTING & SUPPORTING LINE DANCING ACROSS VICTORIA

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

Wow – where did that month go! It seems only a couple weeks ago I was writing the last President's Report for the Newsletter, and it's now only a matter of weeks to the biggest night on the VLDA calendar: the **Gala Ball**. Bookings for the Ball should by now have been finalised with our Ball Co-ordinator, Marion Adams. If you are reading this and thinking: woops I haven't completed my booking, then please get your skates on and contact Marion ASAP. Over the next few weeks we have to organise final details including the hiring some extra chairs, devising seating plans, printing programs, etc – all being dependent on the final numbers attending. The theme for the Ball is **Country Glamour** – that is, your best and most glamorous country/western gear.

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Last weekend was our **General Meeting** and the all-Victorian choreography **workshop**. The workshop was well attended and featured an excellent variety of dances highlighting the talent amongst our members. At the meeting members agreed to donate the proceeds from the Portarlington Line Dance Weekend held in last March, which this year was rounded up to \$2500, to the local Portarlington branch of the Bendigo Bank Community Fund. This is a local fund that each year makes donations to local organisations.

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Our **Annual General Meeting** is coming up on Sunday 7th August and will be held in conjunction with the next workshop. The meeting was previously advertised to held be in Ashburton but we have been advised that the intended venue is now unavailable. The new venue will be advised when notices are sent out to members concerning the meeting.

One of the major tasks at the AGM is electing a new Committee to continue the running of the VLDA. While some members may elect to continue on Committee there will definitely be some positions become vacant and therefore the need for new folk to seek nomination. It is a healthy situation for our association if new people with new ideas join Committee. I am appealing to YOU to consider putting YOUR hand up for one of the positions, or consider talking to other members with a view to nominating them. I know that out going members will be happy to assist new folk make the transition – if you would like to discuss a possible nomination please feel welcome to contact me (or any other Committee member).

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The VLDA has been approached (through member, Caro Stoll) by the organising committee of the Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair, to be involved in their community event which this year is titled Diamond Creek – A Little Bit Country. It is to be held on Saturday 10th September. They are interested in line dancing demonstrations and teaching of dances to interested persons who would like to try line dancing. This will be great way for the VLDA to promote line dancing. More details will be available soon – in the meantime instructors and line dancers who are interested in participating please put the date in your diary. There is a website for the Town Fair at <http://www.diamondcreektownfair.org.au/>

I'm looking forward the Ball and hope to see you there for our night of nights!

Keith Davies
President