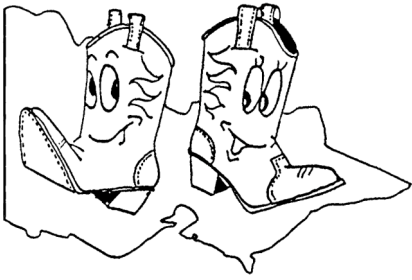


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PROMOTING & SUPPORTING LINE DANCING ACROSS VICTORIA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Election time is over and the new Committee has been formed. Thank you to everyone that attended the Annual General Meeting. We value your input and always seek to improve, develop and support the line dancing community.

Thank you to Jessica Lamb for her work as Treasurer over the past 12 months and thank you to Kaylene Pittaway who has now moved into the working group helping Keith Davies with the Annual Gala Ball. Thank you to Glenyse Brain and Susan Wood for their hard work and dedication to their role as part of the general committee. Cathryn Proudfoot has retired from her role in Publicity and Promotions and Rob Charity has offered to take on the job of looking after Memberships.

Continuing in their role is Pauline Greenwood as Vice President, Lorraine Hillard as Secretary and Workshop Co-ordinator and Keith Davies as Ball Co-ordinator as well as remaining on the General Committee along with Chris Herbing. Linda Pink has decided to continue in the role of Newsletter Co-ordinator along with the help of Rhonda Mathieson and Lorraine Hillard. John Bishop will also continue to maintain the VLDA website. I am extremely grateful to all concerned in offering their assistance in the past as well as in the coming year.

A huge welcome to our new Treasurer Sumi Sivlingham and welcome back Willy Sharp to take on the role of Publicity and Promotions. Our General Committee has been formed to include only two general committee members this time as there have been some changes to the Associations Incorporated Act of 1981 which states that the committee shall consist of "Four Officers" (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and *now only two* Ordinary Committee members. It is therefore unfortunate that we were unable to form a larger general committee but look forward to increasing our numbers in the working groups. I therefore urge any member to contact us if you would like to help out with the Newsletter and the Annual Ball. Our contact details are on the VLDA website and we always look forward to hearing from you.

There have been a few changes in the past 12 months such as the introduction of a workshop prior to the ball, the clogging workshop re-introduced to the Sunday afternoon in Portarlington, the extension of time to the VLDA workshop followed by a social in the same hall. The addition of photos and video to our website. The sponsorship of a Choreography Competition and now a free VLDA workshop CD issued to each Professional Member that personally attends the VLDA workshop/meeting. Associate Members who personally attend will receive a \$5 discount for one copy of the Workshop CD from that particular workshop.

Congratulations to Pauline Greenwood and her family on raising a total of \$12,318 at United We Dance (Relay for Life). The night was a huge success and included a show with Adam Harvey, demonstrations by the cast of *Singing In the Rain* and *The Cowboys and Angels* followed by line dancing till midnight. A magnificent fundraising event that encompasses the generosity of the line dance community.

Good luck to all the Choreographers entering the competition hosted by Rhonda Mathieson on Saturday 1st September. The competition is a great tool for all choreographers to simply showcase their dance. The results will be published in next month's Newsletter.

The Mildura Country Festival will be held in September and for all your line dancing information visit www.northernriders.net. Workshops are held every day between Friday 28th September and 6th October. Socials in the evening are free and the choreography competition will be held on Friday 5th October.

Enjoy your classes as we dance into the Spring weather.

Nadia Friel
President