

## **REPORT FROM THE VLDA PRESIDENT DECEMBER 2012**

Christmas is just a month away and classes will take a break to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends. Some of you will be travelling to Tamworth for the Country Music Festival and the Australian Line Dance Championships. The VLDA is again pleased to be a major sponsor of the Championship line dance event and we wish all the competitors the best of luck. The VLDA had a very successful 2012, starting with the Portarlington Weekend, the Good Friday Marathon followed by the Gala Ball. Workshops and meetings were well attended and the VLDA were also major sponsors of all Victorian Competitions throughout the year. Thanks again to everyone who contributed their time and energy, including not only the committee but also the working groups. We are currently seeking more people to help with the running of the VLDA events so if you would like to join this wonderful group of people please let us know.

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The VLDA facebook page has become very useful for Instructors to advertise their socials and I would like to see it used a lot more. We do have the newsletter to advertise all events, but the facebook page is excellent as a reminder or follow up to the initial advertisement. There have also been some wonderful comments from people regarding what Instructors are teaching, people's choice in dances, ideas and an overall gathering of information. It is a fantastic forum for all of us to use regarding our dancing.

Christmas Socials will be held over the next few weeks and there will be some choices to be made as to which socials we will be able to attend as there can often be other commitments to family and friends. Sometimes there may be more than one social on at the same time which is unavoidable as there are many different clubs and usually only four weekends in the month. Thank you to all the dancers who support these socials throughout the year and particularly at Christmas when we conclude our dancing for another year. Christmas is a

time to reflect on the wonderful times we have had, the friends we have made and sadly also the friends we have lost.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are going away, have a great time, travel safely and return ready to learn all the wonderful new dances in 2013.

Best Wishes

Nadia Friel  
President