



# Victorian Line Dance Association Incorporated

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## President's Report - April 2014

The Portarlington Line Dance Weekend, run by the Victorian Line Dance Association, was once again a very successful weekend of line dancing. With great weather, in a beautiful country town by the bay, who could ask for more. Gordon Elliott once again hosted a terrific social on the Friday night, followed by very well attended workshops on Saturday morning and afternoon. Gordon taught 9 dances throughout the day, providing a wide variety of dances, which were then revised at the Saturday night social, which was also well attended. The theme on Saturday night was 'Rio de Port' where many dancers dressed up in very colourful attire. Pauline Greenwood and I had no idea that we had chosen exactly the same outfit for the social, so it was a lot of fun to be dressed as twins for the night.

On Sunday morning Pauline ran a request social from 10 am to 1 pm with many in attendance, while others either had a rest, went to the beach or visited the local shops, markets and pubs. During the Sunday evening 'Bling it On' social we all danced the night away before heading off home that night or the next morning.

Thank you to the Committee and friends on an excellent job well done. Everyone worked very well as a team. Thank you also to our caterers Jessica Lamb, Monika and Dean Buchanan. It was great to have a well stocked kitchen with a lot of great, cheap delicious food to purchase. Thank you also to everyone who came along, especially the Tassie and South Aussie girls - we hope you had a good trip home.

The Good Friday Marathon will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April with all proceeds going to the Royal Children's Hospital. Please note that the venue this year has changed, from the previously advertised hall in Fawkner (due to issues with the floor), to Norwood Secondary College in Ringwood North. A reminder to bring hampers and gifts, and any quality items to be raffled off during the day.

The Marathon was originally started by Helen Burnett from Country Fun Bootscooters in 2002 and continued to run it for 3 years raising \$23,826. The FOLD (Fellowship of Line Dancers) ran the event in 2005/6 raising \$1,455. The Victorian Line Dance Association took over the running of this event in 2007, and has run it every year since, raising a total of \$69,516. The line dancing community is to be congratulated in raising a grand total of \$94,797 for such a worthy cause over the years since the event's inception in 2002. Let's see if we can increase this figure to over \$100,000 this year!

Also coming up is the VLDA Gala Ball on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Bookings are now being taken and an interim program is soon to be released. (Please see Keith Davies' VLDA Ball report on Page 6)

Around 200 line dancers are taking part in the filming of dancing show for channel 31 on April 11<sup>th</sup> and this should be a great promotion for our favourite pastime. This is being organised for Channel 31 by Glenn Britain, a former line dance instructor, and the VLDA is pleased to have been a part of the planning of this event. **Please note:** I have been advised that the arrival time is from 6 pm and doors will close at 8 pm for filming. Filming will commence from 8pm till 10 pm, followed by an 'After Party Social' hosted by Glenn Brittain.

Also coming up in July is the Southern State Line Dancing Championships and a lot of dancers are currently practicing routines for this huge event. In line with the VLDA's goal of promoting and supporting line dancing in Victoria, the VLDA is proud to be a major sponsor of this event, as they are for the Victorian line dancers who are planning to go to "Mayworth" and compete in the Australian Championships in Tamworth next month.

The next VLDA meeting/workshop will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of May at the East Ringwood Seniors Citizens Hall, 6 Laurence Grove, Ringwood East. Please bring a plate to share. Please also submit your request to teach a dance to our Workshop Co-ordinator Stephen Paterson.

Submit your dances via email to [workshops@victorianlinedance.asn.au](mailto:workshops@victorianlinedance.asn.au)

The workshop starts at 11.30 to 1 pm with a lunch and break between 1pm and 2 pm followed by another workshop from 2pm till 3 pm. From 3pm to 3.30 is a time for any new choreography to be showcased.

Enjoy your dancing!

*Nadia Friel*

VLDA President

