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President's Report - May 2014

Hope you all had a restful and Happy Easter. The Good Friday Marathon was a huge success with more than 200 dancers in attendance throughout the day. Due to the generosity of line dancers, we were able to raise \$9300 to donate to the Royal Children's Hospital. What a great day it was.

A massive thank you to Marion Adams for the co-ordination of many duties to organise this wonderful day. We couldn't do it without you Marion. We love your work.

Thank you to the Committee for their efforts before and on the day.

Thanks also to the friends of the Committee members for their efforts in helping to run this event.

Thank you to the Instructors that led off dances and special thanks to John Ikin, who kindly supplied the sound equipment.

Finally I would like to thank those dancers - many who travelled a long way - for coming and supporting the day for a very worthy cause. It was a fantastic day with over 150 dances performed on the day.

During the day I had the privilege of talking with three radio presenters to tell the public how wonderful it is to be raising money through line dancing. I spoke to Brian Amos from 98.1 Radio Eastern FM, Kevin John and Jane Holmes on Magic 1278 and Denis Walter on 3AW. We also had Glenn Brittain and his camera man attend to film a portion of the Good Friday Appeal for the Channel 31 show, which will air sometime in the next few months. I am extremely happy to advise that since the Marathon started in 2002 the line dancing community have raised over \$100,000 for the Royal Children's Hospital. Woohoo!

The filming of the Dance Quiz featuring Line Dancing to be aired on Channel 31 was held on the 11th of April. Great to see so many in attendance. The evening turned out to be a little less for some than was expected but Glenn Brittain thanks you all for your support on the night.

The next event for some Victorians will be the Competitions in Tamworth. Good luck to all competitors at the Mayworth event held between the 1st and 4th of May.

Our next Workshop/Meeting will be held on Saturday the 10th of May at the East Ringwood Senior Citizens Hall, 6 Laurence Grove, Ringwood East. I hope to see a very good attendance. The last half hour of the day will be for showcasing Victorian Choreography that we were not able to include on the VLDA Workshop CD.

The 18th Annual Gala Ball will be held on Saturday 28th June at Springers Leisure Centre in Keysborough, with special guests Simon Ward, Maddison Glover and Elise Spinks.

The workshop with Simon Ward will start at 4 pm till 5 pm followed by the ball from 6 pm to midnight. The theme is blue and silver. Keith Davies is our Ball Co-ordinator and he is currently taking bookings. Last year we had 729 dancers through the door and 222 of them attended the workshop. I look forward to another fun and entertaining evening.

Take care, have fun and enjoy your dancing.

Enjoy your dancing!

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VLDA President

