



President's Report - September 2014

It is with a great deal of thought and good intentions that I write my first Report. A great honour for me to be elected to the position of President of the VLDA at the recent AGM. I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Association and to be allowed to further continue the 'journey'; joining as a committee member in 2008 and elected as Vice President in 2011, now having served for 3 years alongside Nadia Friel, your previous President. My sincere gratitude for her hard work, commitment and dedication, an exemplary record of achievement and whatever direction you take, Nadia I wish you well. (I certainly hope I can fill those line dance shoes) My vision is to lead the VLDA forward with enthusiasm and drive, encouraging new members to join and You, our existing current members, a chance to allow your voice to be heard.

I must make mention of Lorraine Hillard, a deserving Award Winner, in appreciation for outstanding services and devotion to the VLDA. Lorraine has served as Secretary on the committee for the last 7 years and her contribution to the VLDA has been unwavering. We do not bid her farewell, as she will continue to support in her existing tasks, with Print Post and mailing of the Newsletter, making VLDA CD's for the workshops and website coordination. I wish to extend a huge welcome to our newly elected Vice President, Stephen Paterson, who will continue in his duty as Work Shop Coordinator. I congratulate Kay Eastaway in her new appointed position as Secretary, taking the role of memberships. You will notice with your renewal a laminated label with your name and membership number. Thank you to Sumi Sivalingam for continuing as our efficient Treasurer. Cathryn Proudfoot will continue with the Newsletter, a huge, time-consuming job. Sue Simon with Publicity and Keith Davies puts his hand up once again for Gala Ball Coordinator 2015. We have a total of 7 General Members: new to the position Adrian Lefebour, John Bishop, Joyce Micalief and Betty Hili. It is my pleasure to have you 'on board' Continuing to stay, Chris Herbing, Kaylene Pittaway and Maree Delaney. An amazing team, working together with the organisation of events, playing an important part in matters that may arise.

We have all seen many socials this last month of August, this passion truly keeps Line Dancing alive and well. A trip through yesteryear, Caro Stoll with her club Bootscootin' Basics celebrating 20 years. Kerry and Andrew Bailey from Nuline with Kerry, raised \$1800.00 for The Epilepsy Foundation and Rhonda Mathieson hosted her 3rd Choreography Competition. Congratulations to the winners, in fact competing makes you a winner. I'm sure we will see some of these entrants in the coming weeks. Kate and Stacey from Cowboys and Angels (Team Australia) will have returned from Blackpool, UK where they have competed in The World Dance Masters. They have represented Australia and us, as Victorians should hold our heads high and be proud of their success.

The next meeting for the VLDA is to be held at East Ringwood Saturday, 11th October. Hope to see you there.

In closing I would like to wish all Fathers a very happy Father's Day for September 7th

Pauline Greenwood
VLDA President

