



President's Report - August 2015

I am pleased to be returning to the position as President for another year. I will endeavour to fill this role to the best of my ability. A renewed energy and focus; with an enthusiasm to achieve the proposed changes in the planning and organisation of our workshops, meetings and events.

I would take this opportunity to say a big thankyou to our past committee, working as a team that communicates, has played an integral part and been crucial to the smooth -running year we have had. I do wish to say farewell to Marie Delaney and Betty Hili. Your assistance and help at our functions, with the attention and time spent on the organisation of raffles has been inspiring. Due to other commitments Chris Herbing has also stepped down from the General Committee.

However I look forward with gusto to the year ahead. A newer committee with a fresher face. Stephen Paterson returns as Vice President and Sumi Sivalingam as Treasurer. We welcome our new Secretary Jocelyn Mason. We are not farewelling Kaye Eastaway as she will be acting as 'Back up' as our Membership Coordinator. Thank-you for continuing with your duties, by assisting and allowing Jocelyn time to adapt to her new role. Kay has done a sterling job, our current total stands at 273 members. Cathryn Proudfoot is continuing as Publicity and Promotions Officer and Editor of our Newsletter. The Newsletter plays an enormous part of the public face of the VLDA and producing this quality of work each month is a hard task, especially collating all the information in a very fine time line. John Bishop is continuing as our Webmaster. Please check the website for our recent updates to come: photos, class times and events. John is forever attempting to develop the process to enhance our website. Darren Mitchell has stepped up with Stephen as Workshop Coordinator, to heighten the high standard of dances already included on the workshop C.D's. Thank you Darren and I appreciate your assistance. Last but by no means least listed on our Working Groups is our Ball Coordinator Keith Davies. The comments and feed-back from the VLDA Ball have been outstanding. Hold your head high on your achievements on a great Ball (of Fire) It was my greatest pleasure to present Keith the SSLDC Award for Outstanding Commitment to The VLDA. Well deserved recognition, Keith. Our 8 General Members voted in at the AGM are those existing members Adrian Lefebour, Joyce Micalief, Kay Eastaway, Kaylene Pittaway and Keith Davies with new members Kevin Formosa, Donna Hansford and Lu Olsen. It's wonderful to see out younger members becoming involved. Anticipation and excitement of the year to come.

I hope you all managed to get to the Ball last month, but for whatever reason you didn't make it, next year's The Big 20 is a must. Planning has already started with the date 25th June, as yet to be confirmed.

The Commemorative Social has to be a date set aside on your calendar. The 30th August at Norwood Secondary College commencing at 11am - 4pm with an entry cost of \$15.00. It has been decided by our Committee that the VLDA will bear all costs and all monies raised on the day will be donated to The Cancer Council of Victoria. The Commemorative Social will be a tribute to our past dancers and a celebration of their commitment to Line Dancing. Please submit (to Cathryn) any names of dancers you wish to be included on our 'Honour Roll' on the day ASAP.

August has an extravaganza of socials. Charity fund-raiser's Nuline Dance with Kerry and Andrew Bailey for the Epilepsy Foundation, Cactus Moon with Relay for Life and Caroline's Fund Raiser for LRH Cancer Centre. A happy 21st Birthday to Valley Jade hosting a workshop with Darren Mitchell & Stephen Paterson & Bootscoot 'n' Basics are also celebrating their 21st with Tim Gauci hosting a workshop. Port Bootscooters are also celebrating their 20th Birthday A huge line dance weekend at Corowa with a workshop by Kay Blakeley. (Refer to all details in Newsletter special events pages)

Our next meeting, Sunday, 11th October at Senior Citizen's - East Ringwood.

Go dancing, instead of thinking how wonderful to stay nice and warm at home!

Pauline Greenwood
VLDA President

