



President's Report - June 2016

The month of June and the anticipation of Winter still to come, perhaps considering this last week's chilly days, it already has. The VLDA's calendar has held The Portarlington Long Weekend, The Good Friday Appeal marathon and now a trifecta, with the hosting of The Gala Ball this month. I am so pleased to be involved in celebrating 20 years of line dancing in our association.

Keith Davies has played a major role as our coordinator, with an avid attention to detail, dedication to the job in hand and a marked degree of professionalism. Simon Ward has been invited as a special guest, in acknowledgement of his participation from prior years. His floorshow demonstrations and workshops have set a high bench mark to follow.

We are very thrilled to welcome Maddison Glover, who will be conducting the pre-Ball workshop. Simon and Maddison have been friends for years and years, dancing together since Maddison was a tiny tot, their bond and close ties are unique.

For those members who attended the last workshop, Keith taught a dance by Sue Luke 'Spirit of the Anzacs' choreographed to music by Lee Kernaghan. Due to its significance of The Southern Cross, this dance will be included in the program. This newsletter will further outline information regarding the Ball, with an updated version of the Program dances. It is certainly not too late to order your tickets via Keith, who is readily available for any queries to be answered.

Congratulations to Cowboys and Angels and Dare 2 Dance for several accolades at Mayworth. Your input to competition is noted and admired. The Australia Cup (formerly the Ashby Cup) was won by Lennox Beach. I must note that Competition in Line Dancing has moved forward dramatically, with a younger group now participating and freer dance styles being introduced. The standard has become increasingly high. I would encourage anyone who has not taken the opportunity before now to see competition at its best to attend The State Championships next month. Your support of our Victorian dancers would be most appreciated, being on our very own doorstep in Melbourne, nothing to lose!

Our diaries must be full of dates, trying to juggle family with our line dancing engagements. A mention of a fun, long weekend away at Feathertop with Darren, John and Cynthia.

Birthday celebrations, Rhonda's 9th at Aimee Country and a visit to Geelong by the Matriarch, Jan Wyllie.

In the interests of a new website, a sub meeting may be required to discuss with John Bishop these proposals for change. I will urge the committee to attend when the suggestion of a date is recommended.

We will require discussion before our AGM Meeting, which is a fair length of time away yet I know has a habit of creeping up on us before too long.

For those attending the ball I look forward to catching up with you. I am certain this will be a grand, unforgettable and not to be missed affair.

Pauline Greenwood
VLDA President

