



President's Report - September 2016

Spring has "gradually began to" sprung, if you consider some of the warmer days we have experienced lately. I hope most of you, this month, didn't get struck down with that particularly merciless, nasty bug!

I would like to thank everyone who sent me well wishes on my return as your President. I am excited at the anticipation of a third year and I promise to uphold the integrity, professionalism and the high esteem, which is the back-bone of this Association.

Acknowledgement must go to those members who attended the A.G.M. Dated, 13th August. The new Committee has been formed with relatively few changes. I accept this situation in a positive way, as it ensures a smooth change over to this next year. I would take this opportunity to bid farewell to Kaylene Pittaway, Kevin Formosa and Kay Eastaway for their role as General Members. Although Kevin has only been a relatively new member of our team, Kay and Kaylene have supported the VLDA in many capacities. Kay as Secretary and Members Co-ordinator & also as a general committee member, whereas Kaylene's many offers of help at our events does not go unnoticed. In appreciation - I thank you.

I am very pleased to be working alongside Stephen Paterson - Vice President, Sumi Sivalingam - Treasurer and Jocelyn Mason- Secretary. Continuing in their roles as General Members : Keith Davies, Lu Olsen, Donna Hansford, Joyce Micallef and Adrian Lefebour, whereas I welcome John Bishop, Cathryn Proudfoot and Lynn Smith. The Working Group Coordinators : Website and Social Media Co-ordinator, John Bishop. The Newsletter and Publicity and Promotions Coordinator, Cathryn Proudfoot. Workshop Coordinators, Stephen Paterson and Darren Mitchell and VLDA Ball Coordinator, Keith Davies. I should mention Marilyn Millar, who continues her significant role as Kitchen Supervisor/Coordinator for all our meetings and Events. Forming the new committee of 12 members (an impressive batch of names, if I might say so) This Committee is strong, has a great deal of expertise and an informed outlook on preparation and circulating new ideas. There is an expectation of carefully constructed and organised planning for our 3 main events in this up-coming year, Portarlington Long Weekend, Good Friday Appeal and The Gala Ball.

Kay Blakely from River Country Bootscooter's raised \$1,410.00 at her recent fund-raiser, with a total of \$14,965.00 being donated to the McGrath Foundation for the year. And there's more. Linda Pink from LV Country Bootscooter's held a workshop/Social with Gordon Elliott and raised \$1,192.00 on this day, with total this year to date \$5,615.00. Her 10 year goal is to set the amount to \$35,000.00. An extraordinary effort. The true generosity of Line Dancers is awe-inspiring.

Several of our Victorians and indeed Interstaters travelled to Blackpool for the World Dance Masters Championships to represent Australia. We should recognize their efforts in obtaining these medal placings in this prestigious event. To view results, which will be published shortly, visit www.worlddancemasters.com

September celebrates Happy Father's Day to Dads and Grand Dads, Warmer Weather, Footy Finals lead up and maybe a social or 2.

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