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# The Bugle – June 2021

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### **QUEENSLAND PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Greetings Dancers,

The past month has celebrated two birthdays for our clubs. The society congratulates both the clubs for being able to celebrate dancing for these periods of times. Gumdale had their 34<sup>th</sup> birthday and Suncoasters had their "50+1" birthday. The Suncoasters birthday was not only a really significant time for dancing but resulted in what I'm sure will be a "one and only" and unique Society certificate being presented. I don't think there will be another one that states that as Suncoasters unfortunately had to delay their celebrations for a year, despite the key timeline, due to Covid.

As we look forward to the next major event, being the Queensland State Convention being held in Hervey Bay, with a full program for the week with pre and post dances attached, all which has been advertised on previous Bugles. Full information can be seen on the society Facebbook Page or our webpage. I believe the numbers are growing and there is 13+

callers listed so far for the program. The treasurer will have a table at the convention taking membership fees for those who wish to pay directly to the treasurer. Fees have not changed. They will be due on 1 July.

We are still looking for nominations for the Sunstate Roundup and where it is to be held. If anyone has any suggestions please contact the committee.

We are also pleased to see that Gary Petersen has decided to hold the Shindig once more this year (details below).

Don't forget to check in on our society **Facebook** sight **Square Dance Society Queensland** to keep up to date as to what is occurring in our state at the clubs.

Russell Wall, President, Square Dancing Society of Queensland

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Facebook site: Square Dance Society Queensland









# **Square Dance Club, Inc.**

# 50 + 1 Birthday Celebrations. May 16th and 17th 2021

Our celebrations started at 12 noon with members coming along to The Centre to put up decorations. It was great to see so many come along and their excitement was evident. Dancing commenced at 2.00 pm. We started with 4 sets and it built up to 6 sets throughout the afternoon. A great afternoon of dancing with calls coming from our foundation Caller Nev McLachlan ably assisted by Matt Mills, Gary Petersen, Glenn Wilson, Elaine Davis, Frances McAlister and Karen Fenton.

We danced a mixture of Mainstream and Plus throughout the afternoon. It was fantastic to see such a gathering having so much fun. There were visitors from South Australia, ACT, NSW and other areas of Queensland. A number of these dancers had not danced since COVID lockdown started last year.

The afternoon finished at 5.00 pm and then a quick trip home to prepare and have tea, put the feet up and get back to The Centre by 7.00 pm for another anticipated fun evening of Mainstream, Rounds and the ever popular Bossa Nova. Missed Allan Evans requesting the Salty Dog Rag. Our evening finished about 9.45 and was followed by a tremendous supper served to our guests and supplied by club members. Throughout the evening there were 6 sets on the floor dancing once again. It was great to see more dancers coming to help us celebrate. During the evening we had the cutting of our birthday cake by Nev and Bev and some history of the club from the early beginnings in the Nambour Showgrounds when Nev was still at school and his parents driving him to the dance sessions and his doing a 2 week introductory session with National Fitness to various nearby areas thru to current days. The President of the Square Dancing Society of Queensland presented Suncoasters with an Award in recognition of the 50+1 years. Gary Petersen presented Nev and Bev with G Ties. There were photos on display of our Foundation Members, our first "Angels" and our members from 1970 – 1980. It was great to see that some of them are still dancing either with Suncoasters or to the areas that they have relocated to. Reg, who turned 90 last February is still dancing 2 days per week with Elaine. Grace and Annette have been dancing with us since 1982 and Grace presented her 34th annual Treasurer's report at our last AGM. The evening finished with members doing their usual disinfecting of chairs and tables ready for Sunday.

Sunday morning started at 10.00 am with 4 sets on the floor. This number continued throughout the dance and we even had an "A" dance. Dancers loved seeing Gary P working hard in the "A" level dance. Ros Turnbull from SA was talked into having a call. We finished the dance at 12 noon followed by a BBQ lunch and an afternoon social.

The social was the opportunity for past members to attend and not dance but to catch up with past and present members. Foundation Member Verlie made it to the social and a lot of catching up was done when other early members arrived.

All in all it was a fantastic week-end. We would like to thank those club members who gave so much to ensure the week-end was the success that it was. We would also like to thank those Club members who donated prizes for the Raffles, I think we had about 26 draws throughout the week-end, and to Gary Petersen for preparing souvenir Neck Ties for this event.

Lots of photos were taken during the week-end and I am sure will be posted somewhere on Facebook. For those who have photos if you wouldn't mind sending them to us for our history would be greatly appreciated. Who knows we might have a member who is interested in updating our Book "The first 20 Years" 1970 – 1990.

# Square Dancing, socialising and travel

### **Suzie Dillon**



Why do people travel and visit other square dance clubs? Have you ever thought about this? We all love dancing, socialising and travelling, and it is usually because of combinations of the these that we visit other clubs. I was collating photos from the Suncoasters 50+1 birthday celebrations as Mr Society President had asked me to collect some photos that he ultimately wanted to use for The Bugle or the Society Facebook Page. So I trotted around the room, chatting to people and to do his bidding.

Now I was at this function because when I returned to square

dancing after a long break working and bringing up my family, I had discovered Suncoasters' workshops on Wednesday mornings. At that time this being run by Gary Petersen, and I was welcomed into the fold by caller and dancers. I know for a fact I stayed with the dance because of the social factor and the fun that I had on these days. So as I travelled around, I was greeted by old friends who are members of the club and caught up with their news.





I came across a couple that had "wandered in" and I assume was invited to watch by Nev. They turned up at both the Saturday sessions, chatting to people and watching the dance. They told me they were thinking about learning, and had felt welcomed by those who wandered up to chat. The lady had "sort of danced years ago as a child" but hadn't for years.

I discovered a couple who were visiting from Canberra. They had travelled up especially as they had learnt to dance with Nev and wanted to help him celebrate this special anniversary.

I met a few from Northern New South Wales. Not only was their Caller visiting the club, but "it was just an easy drive up, of a few hours and a good excuse to come and have a break both on the Sunshine Coast and on the Gold Coast." They loved joining in the dancing and had researched what dancing was available in which to drop by, close to the Gold Coast for the following week. They knew they would be welcomed and enjoyed chatting to different people as they travelled.



I also found a couple from Kinnella Squares in South Australia. I told them I had danced for years as a teen and twenties in South Australia, and Kinnella Squares was bringing back fun memories. They were on the coast incidentally on holiday, and discovered the celebration dance incidentally, online. They thought it sounded fun and thought they'd drop in!



And then there were the two Tasmanians who were staying over with Mr Society President. Everyone knows Gary had called at Suncoasters for some years, and the other one had come for the company, the fun, to catch up with old friends and enjoy the dance.

So as you see, the social factor and the welcome we give our visitors when they walk in the door is very important. It promotes the activity and welcomes people to join in. It promotes visitors as

they are assured a good day or evening of dancing and know they will be welcomed and not isolated. And it promotes activity, exploration through travel, and inquiry through new experiences which is good for us all!



## **Gumdale Grandsliders Square Dance Club**

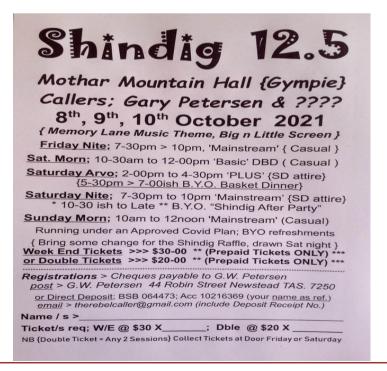
Welcome back to Harold and Bev Liley from travels in their caravan across this wide brown land. They arrived just in time for the Club's Birthday celebrations.

Gumdale Grandsliders celebrated their 34<sup>th</sup> birthday in style on May11th, with cake, ice cream and jelly served with a self catered lunch. By the end of the day there were 4 sets on the floor while others watched and enjoyed the challenge provided by our regular caller, Allan Evans.

After lunch there were sufficient A1 dancers for two squares which was fun to watch. It was a colourful occasion with many past dancers helping us to celebrate our 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The photo albums proved to be a great idea with lots of memories contained within those pages. All in all, everyone had a fun day, thanks to the hard work of the committee and the support of the dancers.

Leanne Godfrey Secretary





## **Cane Country Squares News**

Our first theme night of 2021, since coming back to dance under Covid safe rules, was our Annual Heart Dance on the 7th of May. We also introduced a simple supper for the night. Kitchen attendants made tea or coffee in disposable cups and supplied pre packed single portion biscuits.

The hall was decorated, and members dressed in red for the heart theme. Marilyn had previously made Red Sashes with a Red Heart attached and once again brought them to add an interesting touch on the night for the Left Hand Dancers.



Barbara won the Fruit Tray and Alan &

Leslyn won the Bacon & Egg Tray. The funds raised will be donated to Heart Support Walking Track in North Bundaberg.

Our current Learners were invited, and we were able to dance two sets for part of the night. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make a worthwhile donation to Heart <u>Support</u>.

Jo Read - Publicity Officer

## **Hervey Bay News**

Hello fellow dancers,

Hervey Bay Square Dance Club still going strong with the learner group, Stepping Out, seeming to get bigger every week. Our new learners are so keen that they are spreading the word and whilst it is hard to integrate beginners into a group that is several weeks old, Samantha is doing a really good job and the new people seem to be picking it up well and enjoying. Maybe we should say 'only intelligent people can join after the first intake"!!!! We also thank the Angels who keep coming 'to help'. In fact one of these new people is a friend of mine from Probus in Melbourne who used to dance and did not know there was dancing until I mentioned it in passing. Another is a lady who arrived the previous week from Melbourne and was looking for an exciting activity to takeup. Sorry Melbourne your loss is our gain '!! Friday 21st was another of our Birthday Dineouts and so we celebrated the birthdays of our President, Jean, and another long time member Judith and Colleen had a sad memory so we cheered her up with the cakes and candles at China World. And now that winter is here, Hervey Bay Club is diversifying its activities a bit by having a Pancake and Games Night in the Hall on the 30th May and a Mystery Bus Tour on 25 June.

And a final reminder that payment for this year's Convention is \$50 but only until 31 May.... thereafter it will be \$60...... for all details see the flyer in last few month's issues of your Bugle. Our next function on 12 June will be Glenn Wilson and the theme will be Rock & Roll so rock on down if you are able for an afternoon of Plus from 2-4.30pm and evening of Mainstream 7-10.30pm. Hopefully our new learners will have exposure to an out of town caller as well. Hervey Bay Dancers always look forward to welcoming as many visitors as can make it to our upcoming functions

Dianne Munro, Asst Secretary



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METRO	POLITAN SQUAF	RES			
DAY	AREA	CLUB	LEVEL	CALLER	PHONE (07)
MON	Kallangur	Upbeat Ch.a.o.s	Р	Glenn Wilson	3261 4177
	Ipswich CBD	Town & Country Squares	B/M/P	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
TUES	Alexandra Hills	Gumdale Grandsliders	M/P	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Brisbane CBD	50+ Centre	B/M/P	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
WED	Stafford	Wavell Whirlaways	M/P	Sid Leighton	0418 724 636
	Graceville	Uniting Squares Day	B/M	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
	Oxley 2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup>	Uniting Squares	Α	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
THUR	Zillmere	Northside Promenaders	M/S/P	Glenn Wilson	3261 4177
	Crestmead	Logan City Dancers	Α	Alan Evans	0405 316 469
	Bribie Island	Bribie Island Squares	M/P	Elaine Davis	5496 7471
FRI	Crestmead	Alan's Allemanders	M/P	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Ipswich	Town & Country Squares	M/P	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
SAT	Crestmead	Logan City Dancers	М	Guest Caller	0405 316 469
SUN	Graceville 1st&3rd	Kay's Plus	P/A	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
	Caboolture	E.Z. Squares	M/P	Elaine Davis	5496 7471
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MON	Buderim	Suncoasters	Р	Nev McLachlan	0417 729 263
	Buderim	Kangaroo Kapers	M/P	Robin Weltevreden	0418 750 239
	Cairns	U3A Squares Cairns	Р	Graham Durose	4054 4885
TUES	Buderim	Suncoasters	B/M	Nev McLachlan	0417 729 263
	Cairns	Ulysses Squares	B/M/P/R	Eddie Ebrington	4045 2620
WED	Hervey Bay	Hervey Bay S.D. Club	M/P	Laptop Playlists	0424 949 944
	Cairns	U3A Squares Cairns	B/M	Graham Durose	4054 4885
FRI	Bundaberg	Cane Country	R/M/P	Matthew Mills	0418479814,
	Rockhampton	Rocky Twirlers	B/M/P	Michael Mills	0408 703 910
	Townsville	Sun City S & R/D Club	B/M/P/R	Darryl, Julie	4788 8762
SAT	Buderim	Kangaroo Kapers	M/P	Robin Weltevreden	0418 750 239
	Buderim	Suncoasters 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>	R/M	Nev McLachlan	0417 729 263
	Hervey Bay	Stepping Out Hosted by Hervey Bay S.D. Club	В	Laptop Playlists	07 41251614
	Malanda	Waterfall Squares 3 <sup>rd</sup>	M/P	Graham Durose	4054 4885



METRO	METROPOLITAN ROUNDS						
MON	Jimboomba	Allemanders Rounds	Beg – Ph V	Paula Armstrong	5546 3493		
WED	Calamvale	Allemanders R/D Club	Ph II-V	Paula Armstrong	5546 3493		
THUR	Calamvale	Allemanders R/D Club	Beg – Ph III	Paula Armstrong	5546 3493		
METRO	METROPOLITAN CLOGGING						
TUES	Coorparoo	Chug-A-Lug Cloggers	Basic to Adv	Frances	3391 6526		
THUR	Lutwyche	Double Jingle Cloggers	Basic to Adv	Frances	0429851891		
SUN	Caboolture	E.Z. Cloggers	Beg to Adv	Stephen Hope	0437 829 522		
COUNTRY/REGIONAL ROUNDS & CLOGGING							
MON	Buderim	Suncoasters Rounds	Lrng II IV	Bev McLachlan	54451238, 0427135442		
MON	Buderim	Centre Cloggers	Basic/Int	Bev or Carol	0459900329		

# The Square Dance Society of Queensland Inc.-Diary of Events

12 June 2021	Rock and Roll night, Hervey Bay, Glenn Wilson Caller 07 41251614
11 August 20121	Welcome Dance, guest caller James Reid, HOSTED by Hervey Bay Square Dance Club, squaredance2020hb@gmail.com
13-15 August 2021	Queensland Square Dance Convention, HOSTED BY Hervey Bay Square Dance Club, squaredance2020hb@gmail.com
16 August 2021	Farewell & Thankyou Dance, guest caller Gary Petersen, HOSTED by Hervey Bay Square Dance Club, <a href="mailto:squaredance2020hb@gmail.com">squaredance2020hb@gmail.com</a>
25 September 2021	Gala Dance and Sunshine State Roundup, nominations from clubs to host this
8-10 October 2021	Shindig, Mothar Mountain. Gary Petersen therebelcaller@gmail.com
13 November 2021	Society Christmas Dance, hosted by Upbeat Chaos, Burpengary Community Hall

