

Welcome to the April Newsletter from RSCDS Sydney Branch

You'll find upcoming **branch events**, **local SCD events**, **other local events** with a Scottish flavour and SCD events **further afield** which need to be booked well in advance.

I hope you enjoy reading the Sydney News & Information Bulletin which is due out imminently.

The next SNIB will be in July. Please send articles to Tracey Waight by 15th July telling her about what your club has been up to snib.editor@gmail.com

If your club did not receive a message regarding 2019 public liability insurance and web presence (and it is usually covered by Sydney Branch), please contact me at sydney@rscds.org.au ASAP.

Sydney Branch Events

Keep Calm & Dance On!

TLG Workshop for Beginners & Improvers

Monday 8th April

The Teachers' Liaison Group invites less experienced dancers to join this beginners' workshop. Aimed at dancers who have completed a beginners' course, this is a chance to brush up your dancing before the follow-on course begins after Easter. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Monday 8th April 6:30pm at Fort Street School, The Rocks

RSCDS Members \$20

Non-Members \$25

www.TryBooking.com/BBASO

or pay on the door but please let us know to expect you sydney@rscds.org.au

**Fort Street Follow-on course for newer dancers
starts 29th April**

Following the success of the 2019 branch beginners course which ran through February and March, there will be a follow-on course to pick up where we left off.

This 8 week course is open to any dancer who has done a beginners course (or equivalent) in SCD.

Commencing Monday 29th April and finishing Monday 24th June (no class on Queen's birthday 10th June)

6:30 to 8:30pm at Fort Street School, The Rocks

Casual attendance is available at \$12 a night (\$10 for RSCDS members), or an 8 week block can be purchased for \$80 (\$64 for RSCDS members)

at <https://www.trybooking.com/BBATN>

Tell your friends who have done a little dancing and want more.

We would love to know if you plan to come along sydney@rscds.org.au

**TLG Dancers' Workshop at Killara
27th April**

Killara club and The Teachers' Liaison Group invite you to a Dancers' workshop on Saturday 27th April, at the Uniting Church Hall, Karranga Avenue, Killara.

The teachers will cover those steps and formations which have been suggested by dancers registering during March.

10am to 1pm

\$20 RSCDS members, \$25 non members

A sumptuous morning tea will be provided

Registration in advance is appreciated by 20th April
to diana.hastie79@gmail.com

Know Your Dance Social
Saturday 18th May
Bankstown Uniting Church Hall
7:30pm
\$10 members, \$15 non members

This fun little social is for more experienced dancers who have studied the program. Program and [cribs](#) can be found on the branch website

https://rscds.org.au/mgxroot/page_10797.html and also on [SCDDB](#).

Many of this year's core dance feature on the program.

Refreshments will be served.

Parramatta District Branch Class
Mondays 7:30 to 9:30

Reg Byrne Hall, Fyall Avenue, Wentworthville

Dance in an air conditioned and relaxed atmosphere

Every Monday evening (except public holidays) from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Everybody welcome - beginners to experienced dancers

Members: \$7

Non members: \$10

Enquiries: Dianne Stocks (02) 9636-8248 or distocks@toorale.net

For fitness, fun & friendship

UNIT 1 Exam October 2019

Sydney Branch would like to give members an opportunity to sit the RSCDS unit 1 exam this year. We have even created an online learning package to help you study.

Unit 1 is a written theory exam, which offers candidates a chance to understand not only the history and music associated with SCD, but to become very familiar with the most common steps and formations. It is the first part of the teaching exam but it is also **suitable for any dancer wanting to improve their theoretical knowledge.**

See www.rscds.org for detailed information, contact diana.hastie79@gmail.com with questions or to enrol for the exam.

Dancing Achievement Award

Sydney Branch is looking for expressions of interest for DAA at Intermediate level in 2019

Here is an opportunity to **develop your personal dancing** with individual critique and teamwork. This is the entry level assessment provided by the RSCDS. Ten Sydney

dancers have achieved this level since 2016 and really enjoyed the challenge. Many are progressing to the advanced level this year. You may wish to discuss the course with one of the previous candidates or tutors, or with your own club/class teacher.

- Course to be held in Spring 2019 and will run for 4 to 5 weeks plus the assessment
- Cost \$100
- You will be required to learn the prescribed dances prior to the course
- At assessment you will dance a reel, a jig and a strathspey as first couple
- Contact moragnap@optusnet.com.au to enquire further or register for the course by **30th April 2019**
- For detailed information about DAA please go to: www.rscds.org

Local SCD events

Hunter Valley Day of Dance
Saturday 4th May (aka Star Wars day)
East Gosford Progress Hall
10am to 4pm

BYO lunch and water

Morning and Afternoon Teas provided

Featuring two renowned New Zealand teachers: **Damon and Gaye Collins**

\$10 payable on the door

Kathryn Bourke 0403762775 or hvrscds@gmail.com

Nowra Social 25th May
7pm
St Andrews Church Hall, Kinghorne St, Nowra

An evening of fun, dance and friendship.
Including live music and supper. \$25

Belinda Bell 0413 333 271
bbell64@optusnet.com.au

More Scottish Events in the Area

Why not head down to the **Bundanoon Highland Gathering** on the 6th April
and soak up the atmosphere?

SCD and Highland dancing, strong men competition, massed pipe bands,
fiddlers' tent and much more.....

Single adult tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the entries or online.

<http://brigadoon.org.au/>

National Folk Festival
Exhibition Park Canberra
18-22 April

A huge program of music, dance and much more to be enjoyed. Spectating and
participating, eating and drinking, soaking up the atmosphere.

www.folkfestival.org.au

If you are in Canberra on Tuesday 16th or 23rd there is an opportunity to join the Monaro Folk Society www.monarofolk.org for Contra or English Country Dancing.

Further Afield...

PORTUGAL weekend 6th-8th December, Curia

Featuring Raphaelle Orgeret, Muriel Johnstone and Ian Robertson.

For an early bird discount please apply by the end of June.

Flyers and application forms are available on the DanceDownUnder facebook page or by contacting dancinginportugal@gmail.com

New Zealand Summer School 28th December 2019 to 5th January 2020 Cambridge

This year's NZ summer school will be in the North Island. Various classes are available to suit a range of ages, experience, energy and ability. A Unit 5 exam class is planned. Afternoon classes aimed at teachers and musicians will be available.

More information is available [here](#)

<https://ss2019.waibopscd.org.nz/>

The RSCDS has launched its new website rscds.org

You may spot errors and/or have suggestions for future improvements; some of which may already be in the pipeline, if so, please contact website@rscds.org

Members can view the branch mailings from HQ at www.rscds.org/about/branch-group-guidance/branch-group-mailings You will need to be logged in as an RSCDS member to view this. Since the new website launch you will log in using your email address and will need to click the link to reset password. Let [me](#) know if you require further assistance with this.

CALENDAR

Saturday 6 th April	Brigadoon at Bundanoon
Monday 8 th April	TLG Beginners' workshop "Keep Calm & Dance On!"
Thursday 11 th April	Adv DAA assessment
18 th to 22 nd April	National Folk Festival Canberra (Easter weekend)
Saturday 27 th April	TLG dancer workshop Killara
Monday 29 th April	Fort St Follow on starts
Saturday 4 th May	HV Day of Dance
Saturday 18 th May	Know Your Dance Social
Saturday 25 th May	Nowra Social
Saturday 1 st June	Beecroft Matinee Social
Saturday 22 nd June	Sydney Branch Ball
Monday 24 th June	Fort st Follow on ends
Saturday 29 th June	SoTR Chaotic Ceilidh
7-13 July	44 th Australian Winter School, Melbourne
Mon 15 th July	Visiting WS teacher & musician, Branch class Wentworthville
Saturday 20 th July	Adelaide Ball
Monday 29 th July	Batemans Bay Xmas in July
Saturday 3 rd August	Wollongong Social

Saturday 10 th August	Branch Winter Social
Saturday 17 th August	Caringbah 40th Anniversary Social Hobart Ball
Saturday 24 th August	TLG Visiting teacher workshops (am teachers, pm dancers)
Saturday 31 st August	Forestville Ceilidh
Saturday 7 th September	Southern Highlands Social Cooma Tartan Ball
Saturday 14 th September	HV Ball
Saturday 28 th September	TLG Teachers' Workshop & meeting
Saturday 12 th October	Canberra Ball Kiwis at Killara social
Saturday 19 th October	Blue Mts Social SoTR Chaotic Ceilidh Unit 1 exam
Saturday 26 th October	Epping social
1-3 November	Riverwood Downs Weekend
23-30 November	Global Youth Week
Sunday 24 th November	Family Ceilidh
Saturday 30 th November	HV St Andrews Social
Saturday 7 th December	End of Year Social
Monday 9 th December	Batemans Bay End of Year Social
28 th December - 5 th Jan	New Zealand Summer School

If your club's event is coming up, let me know the details to include in the monthly newsletter.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

Diana Hastie

