

### **Desley Butters-Whitehouse**

After attending a couple of Clan MacKenzie Balls in the late 1960s or early 1970s, she took up the invitation to join the regular Clan MacKenzie SCD class. Then she began dancing another night with the Milton SCD, followed by dancing at Moorooka SCD. Although she never acknowledged it at that stage, she guesses she had become 'hooked'. Over the years, she attended a Summer School in Wellington, and Australian Winter Schools, as well as Branch weekend schools. Then in the mid-90s, she took the opportunity to attend an ATA (Australian Teachers Association) course at Collaroy the result of which she began sharing at The Gap class with Leonie Soter and she passed her RSCDS exams. She also took over Summer Classes at St Philip's. On Kay Lane's retirement from teaching, Leonie and Desley once again shared the teaching at St Philip's. Nowadays, she shares the teaching at The Gap with Heather Clarke and Mary Davidson, and at St Philip's with Connie Witt and Robyn Craig. She is still a member of ATA.

