



Welcome to the October edition of the Sydney Branch
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Dance Scottish At Home

The RSCDS DSAH newsletter & podcast are now sent out once a fortnight (Saturday morning in Australia).

The zoom class is still weekly and can be watched by following the link on the HQ website.

You don't even need to be a member!

<https://www.rscds.org/get-involved/dance-scottish-home>

Now you can also catch up with the **Summer Celebration** (27th July to 1st August) by watching the zoom videos. Find it under WATCH AGAIN on the HQ website:

Sydney Branch News and Events

Special Meeting and Branch Constitution

Many thanks to those who attended the zoom meeting and/or voted (postal or online). We received 37 votes, all supported the motion to adopt the Model Constitution in its entirety. Current Branch Members can now look forward to 6 months of free membership (Jan to Jun 2021) while we adjust the financial and membership year from Jan - Dec to Jul - Jun.

Website changes

Please bear with us as we work to move our website to a new platform. There may be delays in updating information during this process but we hope to have a functioning website with a fresh look in the coming weeks.

Special thanks to all those who have donated to the branch this year for zoom socials. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sydney Branch Easy Dance Social

21st November **CANCELLED**

Sydney Branch End of Year Social

5th December decision awaited....find out more in the next newsletter

Scottish Step Dancing Class



Classes are continuing **fortnightly on Mondays** while there is sufficient interest and until the branch SCD class can resume. Dancers maintain physical distancing in this solo dance form. At **Reg Byrne Hall** (corner of Darcy & Fyall, Wentworthville), hall open from 7pm for a 7:30 start. Next class 12th October.

To register please pay \$10 via the Square site <https://rscds-sydney-branch.square.site/s/shop>

Teachers' Liaison Group

Teacher training opportunities

Ever considered becoming an RSCDS teacher?

A great place to begin is with a **Basic Teaching Skills Course**. Learn how to teach steps & formations and how to build up a dance. Practice analysing dances and using your voice. Find out which tunes are suited to an exercise.

<https://www.rscds.org/learn/teacher-training/basic-teaching-skills>

Contact [TLG](#) to enquire further.

Ready for the Theory?

Have a look at Unit 1 - the written exam is the first of 5 parts of the RSCDS teaching qualification and is based entirely on The Manual of Scottish Country Dancing published by the RSCDS.

<https://rscds.moodlecloud.com/login/index.php>

The Moodle course, provided for free by Sydney Branch, is an opportunity to work through the syllabus at your own pace and experience exam questions.



Dancing Achievement Award

The DAA course can be arranged upon request if there is sufficient interest. It is a very rewarding challenge which improves your dancing and teamwork as well as creating a bonding experience within your DAA set. If you are keen let us know and encourage your friends to try it too.

Local Dance Events

Blue Mountains Social

17th October **CANCELLED**

Epping 50th Anniversary

31st October **POSTPONED to 30th October 2021**

Central Coast Scottish Spectacular

1st November no information available, very likely cancelled

Riverwood Downs

6-8th November **CANCELLED**

Southern Highlands Christmas Social

28th November **CANCELLED**

Hunter Valley St Andrews Social

28th November awaiting decision

Sydney News and Information Bulletin

The next edition of SNIB will be in December.

The editor would love to hear from you at snib.editor@gmail.com by mid November.

Has your club resumed dancing? How is it different since COVID? What precautions are being taken? Do you still remember how to dance?

What have you missed most about not being able to dance this year? Has the dark cloud had a silver lining for you?

Have you been following the RSCDS Dance Scottish At Home classes, newsletters and podcasts? Do you have a favourite class/article from the series?

Tell us what you would like to see in SNIB...

Keep the calendar up to date

Please let us know the dates of your club's events, contact me

at sydney@rscds.org.au

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