



Scottish Ramble

March 2022



Newsletter of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Queensland Branch Incorporated

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is always interesting to look back at what was happening this time last year in order to make comparisons, and note what expectations have been met. Following the summer weather we had been experiencing, in my first report for 2021 I referred to Dorothea Mackellar's poem *My Country* in which she describes Australia as a 'land of droughts and flooding rains'. Little did we know that, like the little girl who had a little curl, *La Nina* was about to show us that when she was bad she was horrid. Fast forward one year and the east coast of Australia has certainly excelled itself with another one in 100-year unprecedented rain event, and our cup runneth over, not to mention the creeks and rivers. Many homes and businesses have been inundated and I hope that you have not been seriously affected. However, the exceptionally heavy rain has not been without some lighter moments. As someone who had experienced flooding once again noted during a recent radio interview 'it's *déjà vu* all over again'. Others were reported to be stranded by floodwaters and in need of rescue from an island that was 'landlocked'. I am sure Dorothea would have loved islands in a landlocked country, as well as the more familiar sunburnt one.

Although no Hogmanay dancing was planned for Brisbane, a further outbreak of the Omicron variant meant that the Summer Dancing at St Philips planned for January and early February, was also not able to go ahead. The exceptionally wet weather has also delayed the start of dancing for some groups and it has been a little difficult to rekindle the embers of the old dancing year. However, as the floodwaters receded, the various clubs have begun to resume their normal weekly activities and it has been good to see people back on the dance floor enjoying the music and testing their fitness and memory of the dance. As the term begins, Schiehallion is managing to achieve two four-couple sets of keen dancers, two of whom come from just over the border in New South Wales. Northside celebrated St Patrick's Day by starting the evening with the very fanciful *Irish Rover*. And at St Philips, dancers made up for lost time by practicing dances on the opening social program.

The Opening Social for the new dancing year was held at St Philips on Saturday 19 March as an afternoon event in order to encourage dancers from outside Brisbane to attend. Although there was a smaller turnout than for previous socials, it was good to see a mix of newer and more experienced dancers, with representatives from a variety of clubs, including the Gold Coast. The MC was Cathy McLeod who led us through the program of dances, with Connie helping to recap. Thanks to Cathy, Connie, all those who contributed ideas for dances, and others who worked to prepare and serve food and complete all the other tasks, including behind the scenes, that made the social an enjoyable occasion.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution made by Judith as Chairman, and to Isobel, both of whom have resigned from the branch committee. The annual general meeting will be held at Love Street on 29 May at 3pm. If you have ideas about how Scottish Country Dancing should be organised in Queensland then I encourage you to nominate for one of the positions. It would be a pity if, at some time in the future, you looked back and regretted not having a go.

Yours Aye,
Kenneth

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Acting Chairman	Ken Rouse	0431 403 645	Please address all correspondence (other than newsletter items) to: The Secretary RSCDS QLD Branch PO Box 58, Kenmore, QLD, 4069
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Membership Secretary	Mark Dancer	0487 193 819	
Events Coordinator	Cathy McLeod	0403 280 402	
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	Diana Pascoe	0428 501 226	

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Bryan Hacker – post : PO Box 58, Kenmore, Qld 4069

Website:
<https://rscds-qld.org.au/>

Facebook:

- “SCD Qld”
- “Scottish Country Dancing Queensland- RSCDS”

Contributions
 for “The Scottish Ramble”
 to Fran Beusaert by **17th June 2022**
beusaer@tpg.com.au



Thank you Judith

Judith Howlett has been a Qld Branch Committee member for many years and a dedicated Vice Chairman for many of those years. Recently, she stepped into the Acting Chairman’s role, and was elected as Chairman. Now it’s her turn to hand over to someone else to guide us.

During Judith’s time on the Committee, she was a staunch supporter of Scottish Country Dancing and introduced many prospective dancers to the activity we all know and enjoy. She worked tirelessly and unselfishly behind the scenes at many an event, and as Chairman was always encouraging and honest with her comments and opinions.

Thank you Judith for all that you have done for the Committee and all members of the branch. All the very best to you.

Fran Beusaert (Committee Member/Ramble Editor).



Thank you Isobel

Isobel was on the Branch Committee for only a short time...BUT, in that time she brought forth a wealth of ideas, encouragement and support for all members of the committee.

Thank you Isobel for always lending a hand at events, stepping into any role when the need arose and for always choosing excellent raffle prizes!!

We thank you for kindness and friendship and we wish you well.

Fran Beusaert

* Remember Covid -19 is still in the community.



RSCDS QLD BRANCH and CLUB CALENDAR – 2022

Dates		Times	Event	Location
2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
<i>April</i>				
<i>May</i>				
Saturday 14 th May	10:15am – 3:30pm	Elementary Day of Dance	Wellington Point Recreation Hall 347-371 Birkdale Rd, Wellington Point	
Saturday 28 th May	6:30 for 7pm start 10pm finish	May Social	Maher Hall, Matilda St, Burleigh Heads	
Sunday 29 th May	3pm	AGM	Communiy Hall Love St, Spring Hill	
<i>June</i>				
Weekend 3 rd – 5/6 th June	Weekend + longer	Kingscliff Weekend of Dance	Kingscliff, NSW	
<i>July</i>				
<i>August</i>				
Saturday 13 th August	1 for 1:30pm start 5:30pm finish	Touch of Tartan Tea Dance	Maher Hall, Matilda St, Burleigh Heads	
Weekend 19 th - 21 st August	Weekend + longer	Intermediate Weekend of Dance	Magnetic Island	
<i>September</i>				
<i>October</i>				
<i>November</i>				
Saturday 5 th November	1 for 1:30pm start 5:30pm finish	Summer Tea Dance	Maher Hall, Matilda St, Burleigh Heads	
Saturday 26 th November	7 for 7:30pm start	St Andrews Gala Celebration	The Newmarket 212 Ashgrove Ave, Ashgrove	
<i>December</i>				

Good news about Beginner Classes



New Beginner classes start on Monday 11th July
First night free, come and try
Then 7 weeks for \$57

6 – 7:15pm, stay for a cuppa, stay and watch the intermediate class



Events further afield.....Please check availability closer to the dates

30 th April 2022	Coffs Harbour Social	Coffs Harbour, NSW
22 nd May 2022	The Ipswich Gathering	Ipswich, QLD
6 th August 2022	Ceilidh	Mareeba, FNQ
19 th – 21 st August	Intermediate Weekend of Dance	Magnetic Island, NQ
25 th Sept - 2 nd Oct 2022	Australian Winter School, Perth	Muresk College, Northam, WA
2024	Australian Winter School, Brisbane	Brisbane, QLD



[Click HERE for information about the Coffs Harbour Social](#)



[Click HERE for Information and Application form for WA Winter School](#) (includes Early bird offers)



[Click HERE for the Ipswich Gathering](#)

Qld Branch is developing its own website.

Please visit <https://rscds-qld.org.au/> to see the work in progress.

If you have photos and information to pretty it up...anything, please send it to Mark Dancer (mark.david.dancer@gmail.com).

If Mark has already asked you for information about your class, please reply, as the more information we have, the more useful the website will be. If you have a web presence of your own, a link to either the home page or to your local club's information page on the site will greatly help in getting our pages found by potential new dancers.



**RSCDS in
Ukraine**

The Qld Branch has contacted some Scottish country dancers in Ukraine, the Lugnasad Celtic Dance School in Kyiv, to let them know that dancers in Australia were thinking of them, and hoped that they were safe. If you would like to check them out, look at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2SEeseSn_k

where they are dancing an old favourite, Autumn in Appin. It has rather wistful music. Appropriate for these times?

CLASSES AND CLUB CONTACTS for 2022

Club	Night	Place	Club Contact	Phone
Atherton	Wednesday 5:45pm	St Joseph's Church Hall 28 Mabel St, Atherton	Kylie Akers	0417 007 432 pakers@bigpond.net.au
Ballina NSW	Tuesday 4:00 – 5:30pm	Presbyterian Church Hall Crane Street, Ballina	Elsbeth Lacey	0416 150 150
Brisbane Branch Class Love Street	Monday 6:00- 8:30pm	Communiy Hall Love St, Spring Hill	Bryan Hacker	07 3374 1468 queensland@rscds.org.au
Bundaberg	Tuesday <i>Ladies Step</i> TBA 7:00 – 9pm	Private Home Bargara	Janet Oliver	janet.bundyscd@internode.on.net 0407 034 241 http://ja0392.wixsite.com/bundy-scot-dancers
Cleveland	Friday 7:30pm	St James' Anglican Church Hall 17 Station St, Wellington Point	Geoff Thompson	0458 208 257 geoffthommo@gmail.com
Gold Coast	Thursday 7:00pm	Maher Hall Matilda Street, Burleigh Heads	Dorothy Merriman	07 5578 8497 0409 285 080
Graceville	Thursday 9:30 – 11:30am Friday 7:30 – 9:30pm	St John's Anglican Church Hall California Rd, Oxley	Helen Draper	07 3379 7141 helendraper@bigpond.com
Gympie	Wednesday 9 – 11 am	Guides Hall Shanks Street, Gympie	Kay Callen Ann Johnston	Kay 0407 242 677 Ann 07 5482 1170
Maleny	Monday 7:00 - 9:00pm	RSL Hall 1 Bunya St, Maleny	Helen Jackson Linda Scharf	(HJ) 0432 251 606 (LS) 0429 654 033 ipscharf@tpg.com.au
Mareeba	Thursday Every 1 st and 3 rd week 7:00pm	Spanish Club 38 Chewko Rd, Mareeba	Kylie Akers	0417 007 432 pakers@bigpond.net.au
Nambour	Thursday 7:00pm	QCWA Hall Short Street, Nambour	Paula O'Shea	0423 559 000
Noosa U3A	Monday 9:00 - 11:00am	Masonic Hall Moorindil Street, Tewantin	Joanne Kjorstad	0400 116 517 0499 293 917
Northside Branch Class	Wednesday 7:30 - 9:30pm (NOT OCTOBER)	Wonargo Revue Scout Hall Flower St, Northgate	Leslye Buchanan Jim Walters	0413 115 248 07 3204 4444
Pittsworth	Tuesday Every 1 st & 3 rd week 9:00 – 11:00am	Masonic Hall 45 Short St, Pittsworth	Margie Bond	0429 700 217
Redlands U3A	Monday 11:30am - 3:00 pm	St James Anglican Church Hall 17 Station St, Wellington Point	Heather Heron	0402 408 905 hetheron@inet.net.au
Schiehallion	Monday 7:00 - 9:00pm	Uniting Church Pope St, Tarragindi	Paul Smith Denise Smith	0410 588 281 0439 270 191
St Philips	Tuesday 7:30pm	St Philips Hall Emperor Street, Buranda	Connie Witt	0431 015 269
The Gap	Thursday 7:30 – 9:30pm	Memorial Hall Glory St, Ashgrove West	Christine Warner	0415 856 532 cywarner@gmail.com
The Glen Caboolture U3A	Tuesday 6:30 - 8:30pm (School Terms)	Memorial Hall (Supper Room) King St, Caboolture	Bev Melville	07 5432 4815 Or text 0410 293 466
Toowoomba	Friday 7:00pm	Drayton Memorial Hall Brisbane St, Drayton	Margaret Connell	07 4614 0423 margaret_c@netspace.net.au
Townsville	Monday General 7 - 9:00 pm Friday Daytime 10:30am - 12:00pm (2 nd & 4 th Friday) Sunday Experienced 3:45- 5:15pm (2 nd & 3 rd Sunday) Monday Beginners 6 -7pm 8 weeks	The Upstairs Hall Suburban Bowling Club (Enter from Charters Towers Rd) 5 Carr Street Hermit Park	Margaret Silke	Margaret 0431 434 579 margaretsilke@gmail.com Alex 0488 716 316
Warwick	Friday 10am	U3A Cnr Tooth & Wood Street, Warwick	Margie Bond	0429 700 217



Joining the branch is a great idea!

By joining the branch

- you become part of a worldwide organisation that provides support for teachers, music and instruction for dancers, so that you can travel anywhere in the world and do the same dances with the same steps and the same music!
- you receive monetary benefits ... some branch functions are even free with discounts at others, discounts when shopping on the RSCDS website and discounts on Summer/Winter School registration fees
- you receive the quarterly 'Scottish Ramble' newsletter...packed with great club/overseas news
- you receive *The Scottish Country Dancer* magazine (Scotland) - twice/year
- you feel a sense of belonging
- your membership supports the RSCDS which maintains the website which has a wealth of information on all kinds of things! Click on the link and see for yourself: <https://www.rscds.org>

Your Queensland Branch also offers a technique class @\$10 on Monday... (cheaper @\$8 if you are a member) at the Communitify Hall, Love Street Spring Hill.

The more members that belong to the branch, the more resources are available to RSCDS in Scotland, who provides for all members.

Application and renewal forms will be available after the AGM in May.

PLEASE **DO NOT** SEND ANY FORMS OR MONEY UNTIL NEW MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE DISTRIBUTED IN JUNE 2022.

Look at these benefits!

 A new Membership Form is being designed and will be distributed before fees are due on 30th June, 2022.



NEW!

How well do you know...

Become more acquainted with people, places and things...

Introducing Qld Branch Secretary
Bryan Hacker (page 8)

Price rise in annual fees

Due to fees rising in Scotland there will be an increase in our membership fees this year. With prices having remained the same for many years, it is inevitable.

As to how much the rise will be and when it will take effect, members will be notified as soon as possible after the AGM. Why not attend the AGM to have some input?

AGM...ALL welcome

Sunday 29th May 2022 @ 3pm

Holding a position on the Qld Branch Committee is rewarding. Not only do you meet new people, but your skills will be applauded and appreciated as valuable resources in the continued advancement of the committee.

As many members will be retiring from their positions, **NOW** is the time for new volunteers to take a turn to inspire and help the group.

(See pages 13 -16 for more information)

QUICK ACCESS to the following forms:

[Click HERE for 2022 AGM Proxy Form](#)

[Click HERE for 2022 AGM Nomination Form](#)

“MAGNETIC MEDLEY”

Intermediate Weekend of Dance on Magnetic Island

19, 20, 21 August, 2022

- ☺ FridayFun Evening Social
- ☺ Saturday...Day Classes + Evening Ball
- ☺ Sunday.....Relaxed dancing near the beach
- ☺ Accommodation @AMAROO RESORT (make your own booking, but mention SCD as rooms have been held)
- ☺ Regular ferry services from Townsville
- ☺ Live Music: Iain McKenzie
- ☺ Teachers: Margaret Silke & Jan McCudden
- ☺ More details and pricings to follow soon

NOTE: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WEEKEND OF DANCE, UP TO DATE COVID VACCINATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.

Travelling to Magnetic Medley

Fancy an extra class before/after??

Sunday afternoon Townsville NQ (21/8/22)
Monday evening Townsville NQ (22/8/22)
Wednesday Atherton FNQ after (24/8/22)
(See Classes and Club Contacts on page 4)

Diary Dates

Days of Dance 2022

- ☺ Elementary Level...14 May, Redlands
- ☺ Intermediate Level ...19 – 21 August, Magnetic Island (Weekend)

Kingscliff Weekend 2022

“Tropical Fiesta”

Cabins and units have now been booked for the weekend 3 – 5 June 2022, with a special offer of staying an extra night at a reduced cost.

Information and Application Forms can be found on pages 9 – 12.

My first experience involving Scottish Country dancing was seeing a performance of the Thirty twosome Reel at the annual Show in Nairobi, whilst at my boarding school in about 1954. After leaving school this led me, briefly, to join a small group of dancers at Kitale, close to the Kenya – Uganda border. Soon after I moved to England for tertiary studies.

But back to early days. I perhaps hold a record of having attended five different primary schools in four continents (if you accept England as part of Europe!). Born in England, we moved to India in 1945 but the family left early August 1947, before partition on 15th August. Mother and offspring left for Australia, where she had been raised, on the converted troopship *Manoora*, while Dad, a teacher, looked for a job. In Australia I attended a primary School in Blackheath, NSW. In due course, Dad found a job in Kenya, then a Colony, initially at Maseno, on the Equator. We joined him there in 1949, where I completed my primary schooling in Kitale.

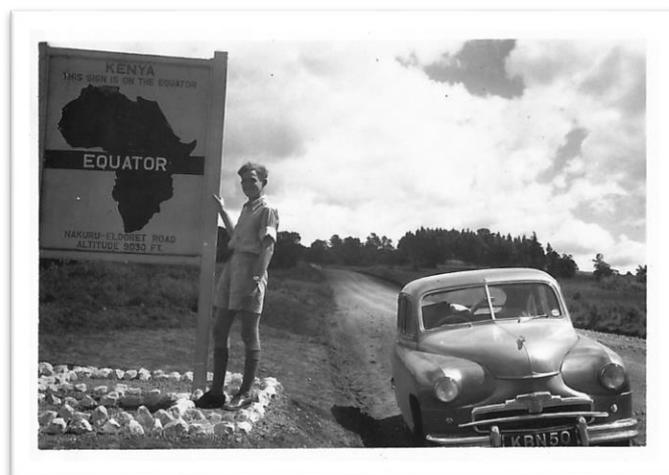
Life then settled down, to some extent. I attended a boarding school – 24 hours train journey from home – in Nairobi. Unfortunately, the extensive school grounds bordered the Kikuyu Reserve area and in 1952 the Mau Mau rebellion (a Kikuyu-led movement) started, leading to school prefects being required to do patrol duty overnight. Before too long, though, a platoon of the Inniskilling Fusiliers was stationed at the school and students could get their sleep. Fortunately, there were no serious incidents.

In 1956 I left Kenya to start my tertiary studies at Reading University in England, completing my Honours Degree in Agricultural Botany in 1960. At Reading I enjoyed a weekly Country Dancing Club, including Scottish and other styles of dancing such as Playford. Through a mutual friend I also met my wife Jenny, who wanted to borrow my Hawaiian shirt for a stage performance!! A few years later we became close friends and married in 1963.

I completed my research degree in plant genetics at Cambridge University in 1965 and soon found a job in Brisbane with CSIRO, working as a research scientist on developing improved pastures for the tropics. The group was well known internationally and as well as field research (and writing numerous scientific papers) it gave me the opportunity to travel widely (Brazil, Colombia, Vietnam, Japan, USA, Canada) to attend conferences and share research outcomes. We bought a house in the forest on Brisbane's west (where we still live) and I developed an interest in local ecology, working with the Rural Environment Planning Association, when urban pressures threatened our more rural district, and the Moggill Creek Catchment Group. This led to my being awarded an Australia Day Citizen award by Brisbane's Lord Mayor in 2007 (I was nominated by a Scottish Country Dancer).

The first few decades in Brisbane we focused on bringing up our family, sailing and environmental work. We returned to Scottish Country Dancing in c. 1999 and continue to enjoy the music, exercise, and especially the friendships we have shared.

Bryan Hacker – Queensland Branch Secretary



On the Equator in Kenya



Bryan & Jenny sailing "Papageno" on Moreton Bay



Bryan & Jenny celebrating Jenny's 80th birthday



The RSCDS Queensland Branch
invites all dancers to a
“Tropical Fiesta Weekend of Dance”
Kingscliff, NSW, 2022

– A Weekend of Dance - 3pm Friday 3rd June – 2pm Sunday 5th June 2022

NOTE: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WEEKEND OF DANCE, UP TO DATE COVID VACCINATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.

Classes: It will be a relaxed weekend of fun dancing, with socials on Friday and Saturday nights, and fun classes with our teacher, **Cairistiona Tait** on Saturday (morning and afternoon) and Sunday morning. The classes are general standard and provide opportunities for everyone to join together.

Dancing will be in the Kingscliff Community Hall, on the beach. It has glass doors looking out onto the ocean. It has a fabulous wooden floor – not slippery at all, and a great atmosphere. (See timetable below)

Meals:

- Breakfast is BYO in your unit/cabin (or nearby cafes).
- Meals provided in the hall – all morning, afternoon teas & supper.
Lunch on Saturday and Sunday are also included.
- No evening meals provided. Cook in your unit/cabin or eat out. Many cafes and restaurants are within walking distance, as are the Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club (north of the Caravan Park) or the Cudgen Head Surf Club (next to the hall).
- A large Woolworths is within walking distance to purchase groceries.

Accommodation

Note: 2 or 3 nights available, with free time after Sunday lunch if you stay for a 3rd night



Kingscliff Beach Holiday Park, 125 Marine Parade, Kingscliff, NSW

Cabins have 2 or 3 bedrooms, and are right on the beach. They are fully self-contained and available on a first come, first served basis.



Paradiso Resort Apartments 78-80 Marine Parade, Kingscliff, NSW

Apartments have 3 bedrooms (queen, double and two single beds), and can accommodate 4-6 people. They are fully self-contained units with full kitchen facilities, rooftop balcony and hinterland views from both unit and balcony. The resort also has a heated swimming pool. Beach towels are NOT provided.



If you do **not** wish to stay at either of the above locations, you may choose to stay elsewhere and commute. You will need to make these bookings yourself.

Vehicles –Secure car parks are available when staying at Paradiso for **\$20 per night** – payable in advance with Application Form, or park at no cost across the road in the beach car parking areas. One car per cabin is allowed in the caravan park.

What to bring:

- ☺ **Essential:** A mug for morning tea. BYO breakfasts/meals, dancing shoes, tropical wear (**for Saturday evening**)... and a smile!
- ☺ **As needed:** Whatever else you need!

Musicians: Iain McKenzie is playing for us all weekend, and Emma Nixon will join him for Saturday evening.

Teacher: *Cairistiona Tait*

“I started dancing in Melbourne as a child, growing up as a member of the Melbourne and District Branch. I gained my Full Certificate in 1996 and have taught at a range of weekend and day schools, recently teaching at the New Zealand Summer School (2018-19) in Nelson, and Australian Winter School (2019) in Melbourne. “...*dancing should be fun but a bit challenging...* “

Socials: Friday evening.....Dress: Smart casual
Saturday evening.....Dress: **Tropical (release your imagination!)**

Weekend's program:

- Friday 3rd June **2pm onwards:** Check-in at your chosen accommodation then free time
Own arrangements for evening meal
7:30pm: Social in the hall, followed by supper
- Saturday 4th June Breakfast (BYO) in your unit/cabin/nearby cafe
9:00am – 12 pm: Dance classes, including morning tea
12:30 pm: Lunch in the hall
1:30 – 3.00pm: An afternoon class in the hall
3pm: Afternoon Tea
3:30 – 4:30pm: Walk through evening dances (not compulsory)
Free time, including own arrangements for evening meal
7:30 pm: Social in the hall, followed by supper
- Sunday 5th June Breakfast (BYO as above)
10:00am Check out (only if **not** staying extra night), morning tea in hall.
10:30am – 12:00pm: Class
12:30pm: Lunch in the hall
After lunch: Own arrangements
- Monday 6th June Special offer guests - checkout is at 10:00am.
Own arrangements

Enquiries: Cathy McLeod (H) 3288 2248 (M) 0403 280 402 (E) pczb@bigpond.net.au





Friday Social, 3rd June, 2022, 7.30pm, Community Hall Kingscliff

1	Pelorus Jack	8 x 32J	RSCDS Book 41
2	Caribbean Circle	RR	(unknown)
3	Triple Happiness	3 x 32S	RSCDS Book 52
4	The Highland Rambler	8 x 40R	RSCDS 30 popular, Vol 2
5	The Hammock Jig	3 x 32J	Katannuta
6	Asilomar Romantic	8 x 32S	RSCDS 30 Popular Dances, Vol 2
7	Scott Meikle	4 x 32R	RSCDS Book 46
8	City of Belfast	3 x 32S	RSCDS Book 48
9	Beach Dancer	8 x 32J	Whangarei Book
10	MacDonald of the Isles	3 x 32S	RSCDS 30 Popular Dances, Vol 2
11	Kamo Karousel	8 x 32J	Whangarei Book

Saturday Social, 4th June, 2022, 7.30pm, Community Hall Kingscliff

Tropical Fiesta – Tropical outfits please

1	EH3 7AF	8 x 32J	RSCDS Book 41
2	Summer on the Beach	4 x 32R	RSCDS Book 51
3	Barbara's Strathspey	8 x 32S	RSCDS Book 46
4	Turtle Shells	4 x 32J	Jacques
5	The Whistling Wind	8 x 32R	RSCDS Book 36
6	The Song of the Sea	4 x 32S	Autumn 86
7	The Spring Fling Reel	8 x 40R	RSCDS Book 50
8	The Wind on Loch Fyne	3 x 32S	RSCDS 30 Popular Dances, Vol 2
9	Gaelforce Wind	8 x 32J	RSCDS Graded 3
10	The Singing Sands	3 x 32S	Silver Rose
11	Trip to Timber Ridge	8 x 32R	RSCDS Book 52





Tropical Fiesta

A Weekend of Dance at KINGSLIFF, NSW
3 – 5 June 2022
Application Form

Name(s).....

Address.....

Phone..... E-mail

Emergency Contact
(name/phone/email) **ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (Please mark one)**

 OPTION A:
I would like to share a **CABIN** in the
Kingscliff Beach Holiday Park.

Residents
RSCDS members: x \$305* / \$345 **
Non-Branch members: x \$355* / \$395**

I/We wish to share a cabin with.....
.....

Notes
Cabins have an assortment of configurations, and will be allocated on a first in/first served basis.
All have bathroom/ toilet/ kitchen/ lounge/ TV/ linen.

 OPTION B:
I would like to share a **UNIT** at the
Paradiso Resort Apartments.

Residents
RSCDS members: x \$430* /\$450 **
Non-Branch members: x \$480* /\$500 **

I/We wish to share a unit with.....
.....

Notes:
Units are deluxe and have 3 bedrooms with the following configurations:
2 bedrooms with double beds, third bedroom has singles, upstairs balcony. Linen included
Undercover Parking is available at **\$20/night** payable in advance with application.

★ SPECIAL OFFER ★

Cabins and units are available for an extra night (Sunday) if you wish. Extra option prices are indicated:
*** 2 nights ** 3 nights**

Please note: Own free time...no dancing or organized activities. Must check-out on 6th June, 2022.

NOTE: Please register and pay on or before
01/05/22.
There can be no refund after this date.

 OPTION C
I will be organizing my own arrangements.

Commuters
RSCDS Members: x \$160
Non-members :x \$210

Special dietary requirements:
(Morning Teas, Lunches, Afternoon Teas and Suppers after dancing will be provided)

Total amount included: \$..... CASH CHEQUE EFT

Payment options: Cheque or money order to **'RSCDS Queensland Branch Incorporated'**
Bank-details for EFT: BSB: 034-002; Account No: 413904
(Please enter your name and KING as Reference)

Enquiries: Cathy McLeod (H) 3288 2248 (M) 0403 280 402 (E) pczb@bigpond.net.au

Please complete this form and mail/email together with your payment details to:
Cathy McLeod, 21 Church St, Goodna, Qld, 4300 or pczb@bigpond.net.au



WE NEED YOU

AGM

29th May 2022

Community Hall, Love St, Spring Hill
3pm

ALL positions are open, and listed below:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Events Coordinator
- Three committee members



Please consider being part of the 2022 - 2023 Qld RSCDS Branch committee. Here's your chance to contribute to the well-being of all members. Many people on the current committee have "had their turn" and are taking a well-earned break. Therefore they are stepping away from any committee involvement. Positions will need to be filled.

Unfortunately if positions aren't filled then our branch will simply NOT function. The commitment level required differs with each position, so why not ask a current member about what is involved in that position. In fact, Cathy McLeod, who is stepping away from Events Coordinator as she is the Winter School Convenor for 2024, has offered to chat with anyone who is interested in being Events Coordinator. (Phone details of the current Committee members appear on page 2.)

Take a leap... you will be "caught" by welcoming hands and friendly faces. Make no mistake...the branch needs YOU!

ALL AGM FORMS CAN BE LOCATED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES. PLEASE PRINT AS NECESSARY AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF SUBMISSION DATES.

Thank you



**THE ROYAL SCOTTISH
COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY**
Queensland Branch Incorporated

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting of the Qld Branch of the RSCDS
will be held on Sunday, 29th May 2022 at 3:00pm in the
Community Hall, 10 Love Street, Spring Hill.**

All positions will be declared vacant. Nominations are called for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Events Coordinator and three other committee members.

Nomination forms for positions on the Committee must be with the Secretary no later than 14 days before the AGM (10th May 2022) and any proxies are to be handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the AGM.

Club Representatives are also requested to urge their Branch members to attend the AGM so that a quorum is achieved.

The Nomination form for positions on the Committee for 2022-2023 and the Proxy form are included in this Ramble.

This is a reminder also to committee members, Branch class representatives and club representatives to submit their annual reports for 2021-2022 by the end of April for inclusion in the papers for the AGM.

Bryan Hacker
Secretary
9 February 2022



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Nomination Form - Branch Committee 2022-2023

Nominations must be returned to the Secretary
By Sunday 10th May, 2022

Mailing Address: Secretary, RSCDS Qld Branch Inc., PO Box 58, Kenmore, Qld 4069
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Member Nominating for Committee

Member's Home Club

Branch Membership No

Position Nominated for

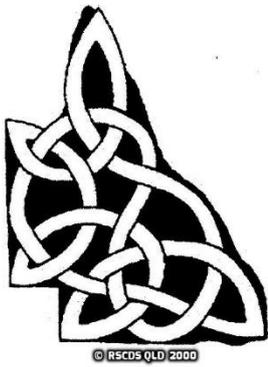
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Proxy Form AGM 2022

I, _____
of _____ (address), being a member
of the above-mentioned Association, hereby appoint _____
of _____ (address)
or failing them, the member _____
of _____ (address),
as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Association,
to be held on the 29th May, 2022, and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Signature of Member _____

(Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as the proxy thinks fit).

NB: Proxies must be deposited with the Secretary prior to the commencement of any meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.



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Elementary Day of Dance...

Saturday 14th May, 2022
Wellington Point Recreation Hall,
347-371 Birkdale Rd, Wellington Point

Cost: \$20

Morning and afternoon tea will be served on the verandah.
BYO lunch.

NOTE: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WEEKEND OF DANCE, UP TO DATE COVID VACCINATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.

All dancers are invited to participate in the Elementary Day of Dance at Wellington Point. This is a perfect way to:

- hone the skills you already have
- acquire new skills
- make new friends
- learn a little history about Scottish country dancing
- and have a lot of fun along the way!

Please note: The focus is Elementary Level Dancing. More advanced dancers are very welcome to attend and assist, but there will be **NO** Advanced Level Dancing.

Programme for the Day

10:15am	Registration and Morning tea
10:30am - 12:30pm	MORNING SESSION Dancing & History
12:30 – 1:30pm	Lunch (BYO)
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	AFTERNOON SESSION Dancing & History
3:30pm	Afternoon tea

Teacher for the Day

Introducing:

Ms Ros McKie

from
Hunter Valley
NSW



Venue for the Day

Wellington Point Recreation Hall



Beautiful
Wellington Point





The Gold Coast Scottish Country Dance Club

Invites you to their

May Soiree*

Saturday 28 May 2022

6.30pm for 7:00pm

Maher Hall, Matilda Street, Burleigh Heads

Entry: \$10.00



PROGRAMME

1.	Anderson's Rant	R8x32	MM1
2.	Bill Clement MBE	J8x32	RSCDS Book 47
3.	The Gentleman	S8x32	RSCDS Book 35
4.	The Grassmarket Reel	RTR 3x3	T. Wilson 5 Dances 2009
5.	Sunshine & Sweeties Jig	J8x32	RSCDS Book 48
6.	Miss Eleanor	S3x32	RSCDS Book 49
7.	Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	R5x32	R. Goldring 14 Social Dances
8.	The Whistling Wind	R8x32	RSCDS Book 36
9.	Sugar Candie	S8x32	RSCDS Book 26
10.	The Kissing Bridge	R8x32	RSCDS Book 47

SUPPER

11.	A Babbling Brooke	J8x32	G. Collin, The Musician's Wedding
12.	Miss Nidra Aitken	S3x32	F. Walduck Dancing Broilga 1
13.	Ways in New Hall	R8x32	RSCDS Book 42
14.	Miss Milligan's S'pey	S8x32	Golden Jubilee Dances
15.	Granville Market	J8x32	2 nd Graded Book

Auld Lang Syne



* Recreational Structured Partnered Dance

IN LOVING Memory

Remembering Olive Bowly

13 February 1930 – 13 February 2022



Olive Bowly OAM passed away after a short illness on her 92nd birthday in Port Macquarie NSW where she had lived for the past four years.

Olive hung up her dancing shoes at the end of 2017 and decided the time was right to move south to be near her daughter. She wanted to relocate while she was driving and could access new activities and interests.

Olive's primary focus was as a wife and mother for many years, raising three children. Her husband Frank, who was one of the first surgeons at the Gold Coast Hospital, passed away in 1982 in his mid-fifties, after which Olive devoted much of her time to helping others.

Olive's contributions featured in many newspapers and magazines as she reached certain goals. She volunteered with Gold Coast Health for over 30 years and was one of the many who assisted with the establishment of the Rosser Park Botanic Garden in Benowa.

Olive also qualified as a Marriage Celebrant, from which she derived much enjoyment.

In 1997 Olive was awarded an OAM in The Queen's Birthday Honours for "service to people with disabilities and their families, particularly through the Gold Coast Family Support Group, and to the community."

Olive had many interests encompassing the arts, music and theatre.

She also enjoyed tai chi, playing bridge, and of course Scottish Country Dancing. Olive is a former president of the Gold Coast Club, and always encouraged any beginners.

Olive's request passed on to us by her daughter, is that any time we are on the floor for her favourite dance, **The Reel of the Royal Scots**, we remember her with a smile.



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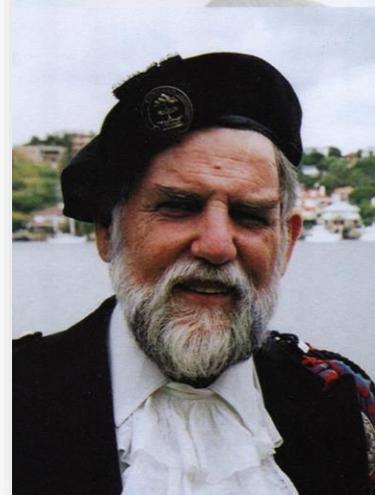
Remembering Dr Lloyd Hamilton

11th March 1940 – 27th March 2022
“Gone to the great volcano in the sky”



DR. LLOYD HINTON
HAMILTON

11th March 1940 - 27th March 2022
Aged 82 Years



Lloyd was an eccentric, quirky individual. He was an Associate Professor in Geology, a palmist, a tutor and a freelance philosopher. He had always had an enquiring mind. When he was a toddler during WWII, he took the family's whole ration of salt and sugar, and mixed them together to see what would happen. (A reprimand, maybe?)

He studied for his PhD at London's prestigious Imperial College, doing his research in Saudi Arabia.

When his family was young, they lived in New Guinea, and his love of collecting brought him up against Customs officials, having declared that he was importing weapons. How disappointed they must have been to find only a native blow pipe! His three sons remember trips to Sydney, visiting weird geological sites on the way, and a helicopter ride to the edge of an active volcano in Vanuatu. He was relentlessly instructive, but they said that his individuality and eccentricity paved the way for them to make their way without too much resistance from the old guard!

His three sons, Berren, Walliun and Kinnan, weren't named after obscure Scottish ancestors, but rather with aboriginal words, extensively researched by Lloyd (without the benefit of the Internet). His grandsons lovingly call him Grandpasaurus, and he always visited them wielding mattock and shovel, so that he could excavate their back yard, to the delight of the boys, but not necessarily of their mother.

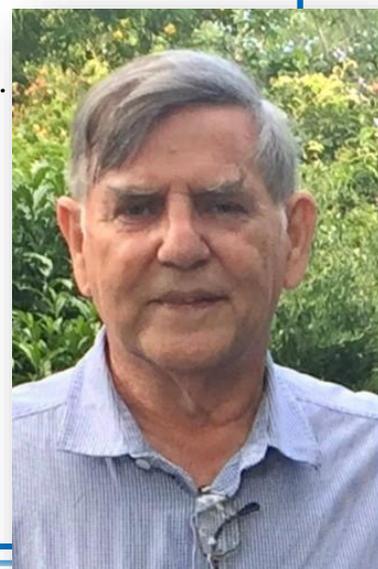
He learned Highland dancing as a boy, and when he was 14, he performed the sword dance for the Queen when she visited in 1954. This love of dance eventually led to Scottish country dancing, where he met Kaye. He and Kaye have been together for 27 years, and he has been a Qld Branch member for over 20 of those years. Lloyd managed to incorporate highland steps into his Scottish country dancing (even into the warmup exercises), much to the surprise of newcomers. We always had to warn beginners not to copy him! And who of us at Graceville haven't had our palms read by Lloyd, saving us \$30, so he said, the price he charged at markets for this service.

He also taught at U3A – the love of geology, and palmistry (not in the same class!).

Lloyd was recently diagnosed with motor neurone disease and Kaye looked after him at home until he passed away. Kaye now has to work out what to do with the results of Lloyd's relentless collecting – true treasures hidden amongst garage sale bargains. Anyone after some old Singer sewing machines? And anyone for boxes (and boxes) of rocks?

Life for Lloyd was full of excitement and unpredictability. So we say farewell to a true individual who spread curiosity and the love of learning wherever he went.

Cathy McLeod



Opening Social March 2022

Instead of writing a report on the Opening Social, the attached photos should give you a good idea of the success of the event!

- 😊 plenty of smiles
- 😊 happy raffle winners
- 😊 much swooshing of kilts and dresses
- 😊 tired, but happy feet



[Click HERE for more photos](#)

Fran Beusaert (Photos..Jenny Hacker)

THANK YOU

“... wanted to thank Cathy and Connie for a wonderful afternoon of dancing! It is so nice to relax at a Social, not having to worry about calling a dance, or organising the afternoon tea etc! There were some lovely dances and I really enjoyed myself” ...Gill



...AND FROM COMMUNITY

(Qld Branch uses the Community Hall in Love Street, Spring Hill)

“...Our event was a great success and we received a lot of gratitude from those who attended. They were all very appreciative for all of the wonderful donations and many people told us what a big difference it was going to make for them at Christmas...”



[Click HERE to view the complete letter of thanks and photos from Community](#)

Helping at The Gathering 21 - 22 May 2022

“A weekend Celebration of all things Celtic”

We need helpers for shifts and only a few people have volunteered so far. We also need to participate in Heather Clarke's Ceilidh at twilight on Saturday at the dancing stage. Please help.

This is a wonderful event that extends across the weekend 21-22 May. You might like to consider attending this experience either

Saturday or Sunday or both!! This year the Qld RSCDS Branch will be **supervising** a stall. Please consider helping out for a short while on either day...not selling anything, just promoting Scottish Country Dancing by way of handing out information leaflets and answering any questions that may arise about dancing....then enjoy the rest of the festival!! Please advise Cathy McLeod on (H) 3288 2248 (M) 0403 280 402 or pczb@bigpond.net.au if you'd be interested in helping. Many, many, many thanks in advance. Please check the links below for information about the event and also to purchase tickets. Tickets **ARE** selling fast.

[The Gathering Queensland \(gatheringfestival.com.au\)](#)



CONGRATULATIONS



Cr Greg Adermann ✓ ▶ 4069 Community and Surrounds

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Congratulations to Pullenvale Ward residents, Jenny Hacker of Kenmore Hills and Graham Smith of Bellbowrie on being announced this afternoon as winners of Lord Mayor's Australia Day Achievement Awards.

Both have volunteered many years of service across a number of areas to help improve our local community, and are worthy recipients of such a recognition.

In Jenny's case, together with husband Bryan, she has been actively involved in local environmental issues and has worked tirelessly in protecting and promoting the unique fauna and flora in the western suburbs.

Wherever you go locally, Graham can always be found involved in a range of community groups and projects. Whether it's as an active member of State Emergency Service at Moggill, the Moggill Mount Crosby Lions Club or the Bellbowrie Men's Shed, Graham is there quietly but effectively serving his community. It was my pleasure to nominate Graham for this award.



GOOD NEWS!

How's Bruce?

We have all been wondering how Bruce Mitchell's recovery has been since suffering a serious stroke late last year.

I rang and said, "Hello", and he replied, "I can't play for you!" (It seems that every time I ring up it's to ask him to play for us!)

He says he's doing well. His right arm is still a little bit weaker than his left, but he can mow the lawn (with a ride-on mower). He can play slow tunes on the keyboard, but he can't play the accordion. He said he could manage a waltz, eg "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", but definitely no Scottish country dancing.

Although Bruce hasn't driven his car since his stroke, he's going in next week for his annual check-up to see whether he can retain his licence... and he thinks he may be fine. He's come such a long way!

He thanked me for ringing, and I told him we all wished him well.
Cathy McLeod





News from our clubs



Gympie has continued to dance during the past months - except for 2 weeks of flooding. Our teacher, Kay, and many of our out of town dancers were unable to get to town due to impassable roads/rivers - no damage but when the waters receded it was scary to see the height of the mud and debris on the trees.

Our class has also been reduced for sometime due to dancer's operations but thankfully both Joan and Ann have recovered and returned to dancing slowly, strathspeys mainly but a couple of jigs - not too fast.

We hope any of our dancing friends affected by the recent rain event and flooding manage to recover as soon as possible.

Kay Callen



Beginners and Improvers classes tutored by Sandra Bell, commenced on February 3rd. One new dancer progressed to the general class. The improvers who attended, found the technique and formation revision invaluable.

We received the sad news in February that Olive Bowly had passed away in Port Macquarie aged 92. Many long term dancers will have fond memories of Olive who danced for many years. Our tribute is published separately.

The general class commenced on Thursday 3rd March with a great turn out. Much chatter prevailed and everyone was eager to get on to the dance floor and renew their membership. Tina and David brought along a box of chocolates to share on the first night, continuing their supply of treats from last year.

Our first social for 2022 will take place on Saturday 28th May and commences at 7pm. The program devised by Carol and Nidra Aitken, comprises a mix of dances for beginners and the more experienced.

Needless to say, beginners are very welcome. Entry is \$10.00 and dancing will be to recorded music.

The program is published elsewhere in this edition. Please mark the date in your dancing diary.

Dot Merriman



Covid delayed the commencement of Graceville classes for 2022 when we couldn't start on the *First Friday in February* as usual. We had just restarted when the floods came to our area followed by power outages.

In March, Graceville finally enjoyed starting classes. Disappointing, but much better than other classes around the world which have had much longer interruptions.

We will be holding a social of favourites in early April to raise money for dancers who were flooded recently.

We are sad to learn of the death of Lloyd Hamilton who had danced with us for about thirty years.

Helen Draper



Classes have started well even though we had to delay our start due to the recent rains and flooding.

There are regularly 3 and 4 couple sets every Monday. Classes start with a beginner's class, followed by an intermediate class and finally an advanced class between 1.30 – 2.30 pm. The roll over between classes is working very well and everyone seems to be progressing nicely through the various levels.

We are currently preparing for a combined U3A concert which includes other U3A groups including Jazz & Tap, a Choir, Theatre group, Ukulele group and of course the U3A Scottish Country Dancers.

The concert is planned for Thursday 21st July with 2 performances, one in the morning from 10.00 am – 11.30 am and the afternoon performance will be from 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm.

The cost of tickets is \$10 which includes morning and afternoon tea. Tickets will be available from the U3A office in due course. Their phone number is 3821 3888.

Everyone is welcome. Please do join us in making this concert a day to remember.

Heather Heron



SCD resumed in March, a month after the scheduled February start. This was so we could see what was happening with Covid. Everyone was itching to get back but we have a few dancers in the older age bracket who have decided to wait a while and hopefully return later in the year. This has meant our numbers have been a little down on last year but we have at least one to two sets and more at each class.

We are offering a weekly general class on Monday evenings, and on the second and fourth Fridays of the month a social class and on the second and fourth Sundays a class for more experienced dancers. With the uncertainty we decided not to offer a beginner class at the start of the year but we hope to run one after Townsville Tartan Weekend which stimulates interest as we dance at the Tartan Parade. Despite not having an official beginner's class we have welcomed two new dancers who are keen and hopefully will become stayers! While we started off a little rusty we are beginning to get into the swing of dancing again.

Sadly we are farewelling two of our members, Colin and Jan Bryde, who joined us at the start of 2020 from the Atherton group. Atherton was most upset at losing them and now we are in the same position. Jan and Colin have been a great asset to the club. Last year they accepted positions on the committee as Secretary and Vice President when we had a turnover of the old guard. They have danced regularly in the Monday and Sunday classes, have encouraged another couple to dance and to take their places on the committee, so are going to be sorely missed. However our loss is Bundaberg's gain as they will be looking to dance down there.

Margaret Silke



March Funnies



Not all Calendars are the same

A German Retirement Community did a calendar where seniors amazingly recreated famous movie scenes.

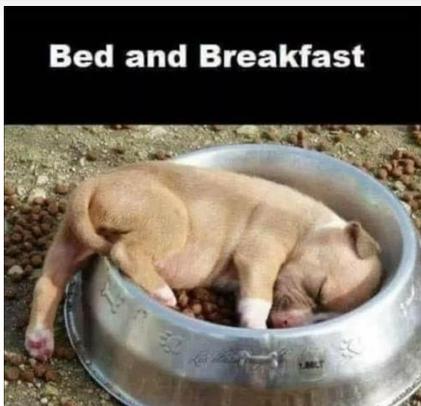
Here's a sample...

JANUARY ...James Bond

Wilhelm Buiting, 89



[Click HERE to view "Not all Calendars are the same"](#)



...and finally, The Funnies to give you a good laugh! Here's a sample.



[Click HERE to see more of The Funnies](#)



Olive loves to read *The Scottish Ramble*, and hopes you do too.

Happy Easter!

