

# SOUTH PACIFIC SQUARE

# DANCE REVIEW

A  
ROUND-UP  
OF

COUNTRY-  
WESTERN  
DANCING

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- ★ The Square Dance Society of N.S.W.
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- ... and Clubs in
- ★ New Zealand, Papua and the Fiji Islands

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## "WAS SQUARE DANCING ALIVE IN '65?"

(by Graham Rigby, Queensland)

"Let's make Square Dancing Alive in '65!" These were our hopes and good intentions last January as we all prepared to put into action the plans we had so carefully laid. The year was before us, and on all sides there was optimism for a wonderful new year of dancing.

Clubs started re-opening everywhere, and how gratifying it was to see such well-attended summer nights. And, as the early months slipped by, there were car rallies, picnics, barbecues, and party nights to enjoy. Yes, the activity, by now, was very much "alive!"

Along came June, and, with it, many hundreds of dancers and callers from all parts of Australasia, converging on Sydney for fun at the great National Square Dance Convention. And, on our return home, major square dance balls like Queensland's "Sunshine State Roundup" and its equivalent in other States!

The year continued with colourful dressed teams ap-

pearing at a wide variety of Spring Festivals throughout the country. And with the approach of summer, more open-air activity such as organised boat trips, with swimming, fishing and hiking on the programme, as well as square dancing, of course. Which brings us now to the large circuit of Christmas parties to attend.

Nationally, it's been a great year for square dancing, with all States very much "on the ball." From a Queensland viewpoint, I can't recall any previous year being more "alive" than '65! As one of our keenest dancers put it recently, "Yes, it's been 'alive' alright. In fact, if it were any more alive, I think we'd all be dead!"

## WHAT'S WRONG

Who wants round dancing at the next Convention? — because unless something is done, and done quickly, it is quite possible there won't be any.

I had an article published in last month's magazine condemning new movements and figures being introduced by callers into already-accepted singing calls, but I now find that round dancing is apparently in an even worse position.

Do the Associations from various States realize that each State has a different interpretation of many of the round dances being danced at the present time. I noticed this at one particular dance at the last Convention, but, not being familiar with round dancing, it did not occur to me to inquire further. We in South Australia have not concentrated that much on round dancing, but I did decide to learn, and teach a few of the rounds over here this year, so that some South Australians could dance the rounds if round dancing was catered for at the Convention.

I asked Jenny Dien, one of Ron Jones' top dancers, if she would teach us a few round dances whilst over here on holidays a few weeks ago. She willingly and obligingly taught us several, for which I was very grateful. The following week I started to teach others what Jenny had taught us. Result: Elaine and Noelene, two of our top dancers, who have also been

dancing in Queensland for the past 18 months, told me that they do the "Bossanova" differently in Queensland to what we were shown. These same two girls taught us to do "I Miss My Swiss", but we are informed from Sydney that it is wrong to what they are doing over there. One dancer from Victoria who has been dancing about 12 years and is a "regular" at Les Schroder's dances, says we are doing some of the rounds differently to what they are doing in Victoria.

What a ridiculous set-up — who's right, who's wrong? More important — what's wrong? I suggest, through the magazine, that the Associations from each State get together and do something about this state of affairs or perhaps we could have, say, Jenny Dien over from Sydney, a dancer from Victoria (what do you say, Ron Whyte?), and a dancer from Queensland (how about it, Graham?) to come to South Australia all at the one particular time (and in the very near future) to get something concrete on this round dancing, because in its present state it is farcical.

If the dancers want round dancing at the Convention we don't want to have the spectacle of dancers from the different States doing different steps to the one and same round dance — far better to have no round dancing at all than to have that.

Colin Huddleston.

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**Monster New Year's Eve Dance****Friday, December 31, 1965**8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tea provided. Basket Supper  
St. John's Memorial Hall, GORDON, Pacific Highway  
CALLERS: TERRY, WAL, TOMBring your mothers and your brothers  
And your sisters and the others  
And we will have a BALL!**LETTERS TO THE CO-ORDINATING  
EDITOR**We read the article "Singing Calls" in the October issue of  
the "Square Dance Review."

Sir,

As we have only been square dancing about a year, we never realized that any singing calls had been changed; so we asked our caller about this. His answer was that a lot of the old numbers are coming out on new records with new calls in more modern style. Also some records come out with movements that are too complicated, so the callers change the movements to suit the ability of their club dancers. Well, what we didn't know about never hurt us; but what has puzzled us is that the article seems to say that a singing call is to be taught and memorized. Our caller has emphasized, many times, that we learn to square dance by learning the figures and movements of square dancing, and we will never find any singing call boring if we dance it, movement by movement, as called. And do not attempt to memorize the singing calls. We have found this to be true, so we are happy to say that the callers may do what they please to the singing calls: if we know the figures and movements we will dance it.

Finally, we asked that our names be withheld, because we think our caller is a very good square dance teacher, but we don't want him to know we think so!

"Two Hoedowns".

N.S.W.

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New South Wales**Another View on  
Square Dancing**

It keeps its followers fighting fit.

I have always known it was fun; it helps one make new friends, strengthens old friendships, improves sense of humour, sense of comradeship as well as sense of tolerance; but, after being away from square dancing for three months. I realize it keeps one fit. I was amazed to find I could hardly keep up with the pace for the first two nights. To-night I am going to have another try and hope I will be in condition again.

My old comrades have been very kind; the last two Saturday nights they have gently but firmly led me through when I stood looking blank, and tried not to show surprise at my very uneven swings. Oh, well, maybe to-night I will be fighting fit again.

Kath Penhalluriak,  
Sunnyside.**Melbourne High Was a Highlight**

This annual event was well attended by most of Melbourne's dancers and callers, and we were most fortunate to have a surprise visit from Les Hitchen and Lucky Newton which just gave that little extra interest. The Memorial Hall was beautifully decorated by the ladies of the committee, the Himing School of Dancing gave a delightful ballet performance, and the Round Dance Club demonstrated That Happy Feeling (most appropriate), and Shortcake was presented by Joan and Claire with a distinct 20's flavour. Master of Ceremonies Les Schroder was ably assisted by Eric Clarke and guest callers Ron Whyte, Les Hitchen, Lucky Newton, Ron Mennie, Bernie Hodson and Ian Bell. Dancers from Happy Valley and Camberwell raised over £18 by donation and special efforts toward incidental expenses, advertising etc., and, as in past years, provided many of the lovely prizes. Over £60 was handed over to the school for amenities as a result, and a total of over £500 has been raised by square dancing.

# SQUARE WHIRL

Roundup of N.S.W.  
News and  
Views

Just two more months until the Monster New Year's Eve Dance!

## BELMORE CIRCLE 8

A reunion night held on 22nd September was the highlight of the month's activities. We were happy to have with us on this special occasion the original founders of the club—Jess and Bev Pickworth, Dot and Bill Rolfe, Beryl and Roy Petty and Jean and Bob Woolcock, as well as the club's first members, Phyllis Parnell and Les and Kath Haertel who, incidentally, are still among the most regular dancers. Many of the old members were present who, for various reasons, haven't been able to attend the weekly dances for some time, and we look forward to seeing them again just as often as they can manage.

The annual picnic held at the usual rendezvous at National Park on September 26 was affected by the heat wave which prevented a number of the regular dancers from attending; but the enthusiasm of the 60 odd dancers who did attend in the 94 degrees temperature made up for the lack in numbers. Bev was in his usual good form, and guest callers Arthur Gates and Frank O'Mara kept the ball rolling, so that no one had time to sit about and worry over the heat. Proceeds, as usual, were donated to the Square Dance Society funds.

During the month Dot and Eric Wendell, from the Wheeling 8's Club in Brisbane, paid us a visit and Eric's calling was superb. Please come again, Dot and Eric.

A date to remember is the 1st of December, when our party night will be on again. And a good night is assured, so be in it, and jot this date down in your diary now.

## GREENWICH PROMENADERS

This past month has been a good month at Greenwich. Seven squares every Tuesday, with visitors from all four corners of Sydney. Roy Welch and a square from Rhodes visited us during September. On the same night we had visitors from Punchbowl and the Allemanders. We also had a visit from Dot and Eric Wendell and Avis and Jack Nimmo. Did the hall really jump that night! Tom can be crazy at times, but Eric wouldn't be outdone.

Greenwich now has three more fun movements to add to its

lists. Tuesday, November 16, will be a blackout as we are all going over to Rose Bay for the night. Are our new badges going to be rabbits, 'rous, or bandicoots?

We wish all our club members and square dancing friends a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT DANCING NEW YEAR.**

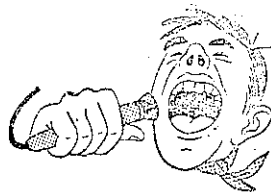
Tom and Chick McGrath.

## WAGGON WHEEL CLOZE, PUNCHBOWL

The new "student dancer" course is progressing smoothly at this club under the watchful eye of the Master, Ron Jones, and as usual we are having our share of new people in the doors. One of the most notable comes in the person of a young lad of eighteen: from across the seas we welcome Mahmoud Bin Mahmoud, from Malaysia, who is here as a trainee aircraft engineer for Qantas, at Sydney. This lad has been in this country for eight months and this was his first venture in contact with the social life of Sydney. He plans to stay here for five to seven years yet, so we hope to see more of him. An interesting thing about him is his name. The word "Bin" means "son of", so his name really is Mahmoud, son of Mahboub. He has the most pleasing personality and his quiet unassuming nature has already won him many friends in this club. He has made this statement about us: "If the Sydney Opera House ever is completed, it will be something that every Australian can be proud of."

We move now from one person to many persons, sixteen, in fact: The Sundowner and the Waggonettes.

Firstly the Sundowners. This team has been one of the strongest and most consistent right throughout their formation, which has been for several years now. Admittedly the original members are not still with them, although many are still dancing, but they have maintained a very good average in competitions and the like. They have been out on many demonstrations and the most recent was at the Callan Park Psychiatric Centre on the first Wednesday of October. This demonstration was a surprise visit and the team was well rewarded with the knowledge that those



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present were greatly assisted on the road to recovery of their normal lives. Herb Williams has asked if other teams could do the same with the clinic. How about it, teams? For further information, see Herb at the dance. For those of you who don't know Herb, he is the fellow who provides the soft drinks counter at the dance every Monday night.

We go now to the Waggonettes. This team has been formed only this year but in that time has danced in every competition that has been run this year. They have recently done their first public demonstration and presented a very good show with the Brazil routine.

Carol Sharpe and Bernard Anford will be married on 6th November. That's two couples from the Waggon Wheel team this year.

From Ron and Frances Jones and family, and from all the teams — Waggonwheels, Starlighters, Sundowners, Dixie Stars, Heyriders, Ramblers and Waggonettes — we wish every-

one a Merry Xmas and Happy New Square Dance Year.

## DUNDAS PROMENADERS

A new club is born — the new Dundas Promenaders is off to a very healthy start with four squares of beginners and four squares of advanced dancers sharing a full night of dancing in the Dundas Town Hall every Wednesday. The beginners are a wonderfully happy group who are learning so fast that the Xmas Party night will see them ready to move up to the intermediate standard in the New Year.

Another Waratah week-end has come and gone. We had 13 squares around the fountain at Hyde Park on Saturday and many thousands of people looking on. Thanks to all callers and dancers who unselfishly performed this tough but necessary task. Saturday night saw a very good dance put on by Wal and Terry at Gordon and then on Sunday we gathered at National Park for more dancing with Roy Welch and Arthur Gates. Tired? ME TOO!

N.S.W.

## Collaroy Plateau Xmas Party Night

Everybody Welcome

Join us at the Progress Hall on Hall Avenue at 8 p.m.

Friday, 10th December, 1965

Basket Supper.

Caller: Len Woodhead

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# Tasmanian Topics

# From South Australia

## LAUNCESTON

During October several members of the fairer sex, together with caller Des Webber, visited Ashley Boys' Home to teach some square dancing. Club members have received an invitation to attend their annual "Open Day" to be held in December, when guests are shown the activities of the boys at the Home.

The club was pleased to welcome Fred Byrne from Hobart, who, together with several members of his club, travelled 120-odd miles to Launceston to dance with us. It was a very enjoyable evening, with Fred at the microphone putting dancers through their paces. We hope he was not too exhausted to tackle that long journey home after the evening. The ladies of the committee did a sterling job providing supper for the visitors. Isn't it amazing how many people are on a diet until they see a cream cake?

Several girls turned up in new square dance outfits and Oh! did the compliments fly? We must do it more often, girls!

Christmas is coming and the date for our annual party has been set for 15th December (a Wednesday night). We always have loads of fun (and supper) for this event, and hope to see lots of squares on the floor. Dancers will be tapping their feet to square and ballroom dance music at a Barn Dance they have been asked to attend at Glengarry, proceeds in aid of one of the local schools.

## BEACONSFIELD

The Beaconsfield Club held a social night on Thursday, October 21. Members of other square dance clubs attended.

## GEORGE TOWN

The George Town Club has changed its club night to a Sunday in the hope that this will attract more dancers from the shift-working community.

## HOBART

Caller Fred Byrne reports that his is the only known club functioning in the south of Tasmania. He calls fortnightly to four or five sets of dancers.

## NORTH-SOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

As a result of Hobart Club's visit to Launceston, we are planning to hold a joint North and South Christmas party one Saturday early in December at a point half-way between both clubs, possibly either Campbell Town or Ross, depending on whether a suitable hall can be obtained. This is the first time for many years that such a venture has been planned, and both clubs feel that it will do much to strengthen the square dance position in Tasmania. If there are any folk planning to be in Tasmania during the first week-end in December, please drop me a line if you wish to take part in our Party Night.

## JANUARY

Although the Launceston Club will be closed during January, any visitors who wish to dance whilst in Tasmania may contact me at the address on the back page, and we will arrange a dance for you.

It has been written in the magazine recently that Colin Huddleston has become known as "The Man without a hat". Colin assures us this will be rectified at the next Convention and the "hat" will definitely appear.

Colin Huddleston's No. 1 set of Rhythm Country Style Dancers has been named "The Planets". The set consists of five couples, namely, Noelene Pederson, Elaine Shiers, Rosemary Dyer, Jill Leverington and Christine Jackson; Des Rogers, Alvin Arklay, Ted Kennewell, Trevor Whitehorn and Murray Rice. These dancers will be seen shortly on the Country and Western Hour. Colin stresses the point that these dancers are not being coached for demonstration or exhibition purposes but purely and simply as Rhythm Style dancers, which Colin hopes will encourage more dancers to dance in this way.

Dancers at the Camden Hall on a Friday night, please note: Your last dance for the season will be on November 19, 1965. I take this opportunity to wish not only the Camden Dancers, but all Country Style dancers, the compliments of the season, and to thank each and every one for their co-operation during the season of 1965. It has been a grand year, and next year, with the 7th Annual National Square Dance Convention being held in Adelaide — well, 1966 should be "the daddy of them all."

We will commence dancing again at Camden on Friday night, April 1, 1966, and all arrangements for the Convention should be finalised by then and Convention tickets should be available at this opening night, so don't forget the opening night — HOW COULD YOU, ANYWAY? it falls on APRIL 1, 1966!

## THANKS

I would like to thank the following people who have been such a terrific help to me, not only during the present season, but for many seasons. I refer to Alf and Elsie Pegler — what two great helpers they have been in many ways, and what a tremendous job they are doing in raising money for the Convention. Thanks a lot to both of you! My thanks, also,

## EVIL NED SAYS:

"Many persons might have attained wisdom had they not assumed they already possessed it."

to Arthur and May Cunningham — nothing too much trouble for these two, and I wonder just how many hundreds of miles they cover in their car, doing favours for callers and dancers alike. I could go on naming friends like Allan and Lorna Frost, the Hallams, the Turners, and many others, for a helping hand, but space will not permit. Thank you, Allan, for always being on hand to help out with any calling problems. It's a very comforting thought to myself and any other callers to know that we only have to contact you in case of sickness or any other problems and that we can rest assured the night will be a complete success with you at the helm.

From Colin Huddleston.

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Although we will be losing touch with nearly all the dancers for a few months, I would like them to contact me if they have any queries re the Convention and, folks, how about having a few evenings and raising some money for the Big Show whilst in recess. Every shilling will help, and we need it. In closing—

**"PLEASE MAY I MENTION:  
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AT  
THE CONVENTION."**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS,  
EVERYONE"**

N.S.W.

## New Year's Eve Party Night

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S.I.O. 128.  
Old Man River. Top  
25100.

Gold: Somebody Stole My  
Gal. Top 25025.

Just a Stomp at Twilight  
Grenn. 12070.

BALL — 1966

Just the Same  
"OLD MAN RIVER"

# Victorian Jottings



## THANKS

Thanks, Ron and Ella, for letting our Scouts once again sell ice-cream and soft drinks at the picnic. It will be a great help for the Xmas break-ups.

Some of us may be surprised when we see Ella's film, as I saw her sneaking around on the look-out. It is get-togethers like these that enable one to get to know the folk in one's own club better, as we seem to always sit in the same place in the dance hall.

Thanks again to all the callers who made it a good week-end.

Alice Kay, Vic.

## HAPPY VALLEY

Perc Gallop learnt of square dance interstate hospitality when he visited Adelaide recently, and was pleasantly surprised at the welcome given to him by Colin Huddleston and the warm friendship extended to him by Alf and Elsie Pegler and other dancers.

We had a week-end recently which was almost like a convention, with Melbourne High Gala on Friday, Club Dance on Saturday, and the Sunday picnic at Heatherton. We were all certainly tired, but oh, so happy.

## CAMBERWELL

Our dancers have been interested in the slides of the recent trip north of the Schrodgers and the Humphries. Many have been to the same spots, and those who haven't would like to. The travellers spent a most happy time with Edna and Harold Neale at Mermaid Beach, and look forward to seeing them in December. Maisie Archer is back from an enjoyable holiday at Merimbula, and Dot and Don Picot, tack from the West, report that they visited Don Shadforth, who unfortunately was in hospital at the time. We all send best wishes for a speedy recovery, Don. Another happy traveller is Del Salute, on a tour of the East. It could very well be that Del will find them doing the Slosh in Tokyo. We know of one record taken back home by a student friend of the Picots.

## BOX HILL NEWS

We celebrated our first birthday anniversary with great success, and Mopoke Hollow was really jumping. Our visitors, Sunnyside and Blackburn Clubs, helped to keep the night going in full swing. The elephant-

washing game caused a riot, with contestants putting on a hilarious show.

Jenny Blick provided us with some musical entertainment on her accordion, and Bill Collins with Allan Droscher put on an amusing "John and Marsha" act. Highlight of the evening was the cutting of the birthday cake with the traditional birthday toast. Jean Mennie, Ella Whyte and Nola Murphy had the honour of cutting the cake.

We again thank our members for helping to decorate the hall, with special thanks to Ron and Ella Whyte, who donated some prizes; to Jack Murphy, and all our visitors who helped celebrate our birthday anniversary. It was great.

We journeyed to Heatherton Reserve for a most enjoyable day's picnic and barbecue, hosted by the Sunnyside Club. The big challenge, tunnel ball matches between the various clubs were run on a keen note. We are sad to say that it was a black day for Box Hill in these events. However, we did redeem ourselves in some of the harder events. Everyone voted the day a grand success and we look forward to the next annual picnic, where we will enter our tunnel ball teams without the ring-in saboteurs.

Remember the date:— Our Christmas party night Tuesday, 21st December.

## MOE YOUTH CLUB

Moe Youth Club square dancers hold a regular dance each Friday night in the Moe Youth Club Hall. The past few months we have had very good attendances. We think the trip to the Sydney Convention has had a lot to do with this, as the boys and girls brought back ideas to improve our club. This we are doing.

In September, the Youth Club put on an evening for a local girl, Mary Witts, who is in the Miss Australia quest for Spastic Children. We had many visitors from Melbourne, including a group from Les Schroder's. Thank you all for coming and making a terrific night. We must do it again sometime.

This is the first time that the dancers have donated money to the Spastic Children appeal, and

it won't be the last.

There was a good attendance at our recent dinner dance. Everyone enjoyed a three-course meal and a good night's dancing. In October the Moe Club visited the Mornington Youth Club for Youth Club Week. Each year either clubs visit us or we visit them, and this year we travelled to Melbourne. This is a highlight of the week.

Pat Flood,  
Moe Square Dance Club,  
Victoria.

## BLACKBURN

Blackburn Club juniors have been attending a few workshop nights held by caller Jack Murphy and are becoming very adept at hoedown dancing. At these nights we find that impromptu dancing shares equal popularity with singing calls. Our club is attracting keen and capable young dancers.

One of our young sets gave an exhibition of square dancing at a golden wedding celebration at the Blackburn R.S.L. Hall recently. They turned on an excellent performance which was well received by the 120 guests present.

Three sets from our club visited the Box Hill Club under caller Ron Mennie and voted it a very happy first birthday anniversary of that club.

Our heartiest congratulations to Ron and Ella Whyte for the organisation of a wonderful picnic day at Heatherton. We at least proved that we have the top sprinters and relay team and surprised ourselves with the hidden talent we have in the golf field. It was good to see all the clubs and callers as one big, happy, co-operative family.

Our teenage square dancers held a "night with a difference" last month when caller Jack Murphy, assisted by Kath Ward, Marian and Rob Lockyer, took all the young dancers in hand and taught them a bit of ballroom dancing, improved their waltzing, had a few round dances and only one square dance. The night was voted a

huge success and improved everyone's confidence.

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## SUNNYSIDE NEWS

**DATES TO REMEMBER** are:  
Nov. 13: Square Dance Pageant. A number of sets will be demonstrating the style of dancing from the early days in America up to the standard of to-day.

Dec. 11: Gala Xmas party night.  
Dec. 12: Sunday Barbecue and Square Dance in Ron Whyte's barn.

New Year's Eve: Special Dance at the Malvern Grove Ballroom. Reserve tables early.

Sorry to hear that two of our members are in hospital. Bert Hewish has had a heart attack and will be away for some time, and Mary La France is recovering from an operation. We hope these two members will be well soon.

Eighty people went back to Ron Whyte's after the dance one night in October to celebrate the engagement of Bob Stevens and Evelyn Ingram, and Ella's birthday anniversary. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful supper, the cake being provided by Merle and Geoff Webb.

Our auction was a great success; £16 was raised toward the cost of our Square Dance Review. Also, visiting us this night were Les Hitchens and Lucky Newton, from Sydney. We are lucky to have a professional auctioneer by the name of Don Picot, who gave his services toward the success of the night. It was quite entertaining to see the look of dismay on the faces of some people, who only put their hands up to scratch their heads, to find that they had bought something they didn't intend buying. However, it was a good night's entertainment. I don't think there is anybody who can resist an auction. We know Ron Whyte can't. He went home with more rubbish than he brought with him, including an old pick! Thanks, everyone, for bringing all your "white elephants". There were some terrific bargains that went for very low cost. We are all looking forward to the one next year.

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## Kiwi Corner

The notes and news are very scarce from the Waggon Wheel Club in Dunedin, N.Z., this month.

Our last party night, held on September 24, the theme being "Odds and Sods", wasn't very well attended, but a lot were laid low with flu, and again some folk seem to be very reluctant to dress up, but they can attend wearing what they wish.

What are the Aussie views on

dress-up party nights?

The plans for Labor Day Week-end were well presented, and everything went off nicely.

As these notes will be the last for the Review for this year, and our final night will be a get-together on December 11 for a Christmas party, we wish all you square dancers in Australia a very happy Christmas, and lots of fun and dancing in 1966 from all of us here at Dunedin.

N. S. W.

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## Newcastle Report

Newcastle S. D. Club had a very enjoyable long week-end when it hosted about 23 Sydney-siders on 9th and 10th October. The total number of dancers in attendance was 173, and a cheque for the proceeds, £23/-10/0, was handed to Laurie Spalding as president of the N.S.W. Society (or was it Laurie Short?).

Thanks to Henk, for donating his caller's fees "to the cause."

Betty McCauley was so determined to join one round-up that she took up a sitting position on the floor! Next time we'll provide her with an armchair.

A special prize was awarded to Pat Sutton for being the best behaved man in the hall. Phil Wilson has declared that he is going to win the next "best behaviour" contest, despite the fact that on this occasion his points were MINUS 59!

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The annual meeting of the Newcastle Club will be held at Charlestown Community Hall on Tuesday, 1st February, 1966.

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Newcastle is very sorry to be losing one very keen square dance family. Noel and Narelle Jory and daughter Susan are off to Wollongong to live. However, Newcastle's loss is Sydney's gain.

They're thinking of dancing at Miranda—it's ONLY 30 miles away!

Bob Piper and his "Golden Slippers" junior set, Brian Hotchkies and Wendy O'Hearn, would like to extend a hearty "Thank you" to Frank and Joyce Duck, for their hospitality during the Waratah Festival week-end. It's too bad Joyce wasn't well enough to enjoy it.

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Ever seen a man with his hands full? Frank arranged breakfast for thirteen on Sunday morning. It was his birthday, too!

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"Merewether Beach Surfside 8" Family Roundup Club has been having a busy time since saying "Bye for now" to Frank and Joyce Duck, Cyril Coxhell and their gorgeous Juniors, their charming guests to whom they were the hosts for a week-end in August.

Besides helping Esmae and brother Warwick run this club, Dale, who is 16, matriculated last year and is in the first step of four years tertiary training. She competed in the Abermain Eisteddfod last week and won three first prizes including the 16 years N.S.W. championship for piano. Congratulations, Dale. I know you'll love every minute

N.S.W.

### DUNDAS PROMENADERS

NEW SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

Standard: "Good to Better", will commence  
Saturday, February 19, 1966

at Dundas Town Hall, Marsden Road

Basket Supper. Tea provided. Bring your own cup.

CALLER: TOM McGRATH

N.S.W.

### XMAS PARTY NIGHT

Join us at the Circle 8 Square Dance Club,  
SCOUTS' HALL, LARK ST., BELMORE

Wednesday, December 1

CALLER: BEV PICKWORTH

Basket Supper Everybody Welcome 78-4166

N.S.W.

### Mid-week Dance

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Adult Couples

Scouts' Hall, Belmore

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Visitors Welcome

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Dancing—Happy Medium.

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of being a music teacher in a high school.

This club also arranged a one-and-a-half-hour Country and Western programme for the Mattara on Saturday afternoon. Not a bad spot on TV, Esmae; even Nicholas and Mr. Bumstead, the pet dogs, came along with the square dancers to sit on the hay, and caught the cameraman's eye.

Peter brought his mouth-organ and also sang for us. His wonderful bass voice was surely appreciated. Dale with ukelele, Warwick with guitar, violin and cornet, Mary (violin), and Ann with her glorious contralto voice and Esmae at the piano; and then we had six hands on the one piano with Esmae, Dale and Warwick, and last, but by no means least, our enthusiastic square dancers, Merle and Pat, who have made a lovely job of their club frocks, also dressed the tinies; and the men in their beaut club outfits!

They danced—mums and dads in one set, tinies in another, and teenagers in another. Did you all see your pictures at Camera Corner in Hunter St., City?

Congratulations, square dancers! You are a wonderful crowd!

## Queensland Society's Annual Meeting

The Square Dancing Society of Queensland will conduct its annual general meeting at the Windsor Council Chambers (Tram Stop 18) on Sunday, November 28, and all dancers and callers are cordially invited to attend. The meeting will commence at 2 p.m. sharp.

Elections to office will, on this occasion, be for a two-year period, as changes next year would be most undesirable with the staging of our National Convention in Brisbane in 1967. Nominations for ALL offices must be submitted on official forms to the Secretary, Mr. Bill Pearce, at least seven days prior to the meeting. Plans will be detailed for all of the major square dance highlights of 1966.

Following the meeting will be time out for "eats", after which there will be a session of square dancing in the hall. Make it a date — it's our aim to have all clubs represented on this most important occasion.

# SQUARE YOUR SETS

(A Roundup of Queensland News)

## ENGAGEMENT

We're delighted to announce, this month, the engagement of yet another happy young square dance couple — Betty Pearce and Sid Leighton. Betty has long been one of the State's best dancers, whilst Sid is rapidly becoming one of Queensland's best square dance callers. Congratulations and best wishes to you both!

## "WARANA PRINCESS"

The Society, this year, nominated three girls in the "Warana Sporting Princess" competition, namely Betty and Rae Schultz, of Ashgrove, and Kay Summers, of Cooper's Plains. How proud we were when all three made the finals at the Brisbane City Hall and Kay was called on stage as number six place-getter. Our thanks and congratulations, girls, on your success!

## CALLERS GALORE

There's no shortage of callers on Saturday nights at the popular "Teen Twirlers" of Greenslopes, where Peter Johnson leads the fun each week. Best applause, it appears, is not for Peter, but rather for wife Evelyn and trainees Colin Timmins and Leighton and Erin Bloomfield. Keep up the good work, Evelyn and the boys!

## SALISBURY SASHAYS

This monthly club at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Salisbury, continues to attract four sets on Friday evenings with Peter Johnson calling his sermon of sashays and allemandes. Country and Western music is well to the fore, with square and round dancing for everyone.

## SQUARE DANCE PICNIC

Sunday, November 7, is the date set for the Society's annual picnic, which will again be staged at Bishop Island. The Motor Vessel "Nirvana" sails from North Quay at 9.30 a.m., calls at Hamilton for the main body of dancers, and arrives at the island about 11.15 a.m. Swimming, fishing, hiking, mini golf, picnic, sports and dancing make this an outing too good to miss!

## SANDGATE RE-OPENS!

Last month saw a most successful re-opening of the "E-Bar-L Hoedowners" of Sandgate, with the British Ladies' Hall packed with happy faces, some members, some visitors, and other brand new dancers. Caller Peter Johnson was on top of the world and advises that

this five-year-old club will continue to dance on Fridays fortnightly.

## SPASTIC BARBECUE

Saturday, November 13, will be a big night for the Queensland Spastic League, which will present its Christmas Barbecue at St. Michael's Church of England Hall, New Farm. Square and round dancing for everyone will follow in the hall, coupled with entertainment which will include appearances by the "Aces of Cooper's Plains", the "Skylarks" and the "Sunrays".

## "PENINSULA

## PROMENADERS"

Ricky Pearce's new club continues to flourish at the Clontarf Scout Hall and recently staged a most successful "Western Night". Now known as the "Peninsula Promenaders", the group has a representative set in training in the colours of black and gold. Dancing on Saturdays, fortnightly, the "Promenaders" look forward to a bright future.

## "SUNSHINE STARS"

## MID-WEEK

Mid-week dancing will again be catered for on Wednesdays, fortnightly, at the Church of England Hall, Toombul, where Sid Leighton's "Sunshine Stars" are currently looking forward to their "Back to the Farm" party on October 13. Sid recently attracted over fifty enthusiasts to a Country/Western Night at the Methodist Youth Centre in the neighbouring suburb of Banyo.

## "ASHGROVE ROSEBOWL"

Ashgrove's highly successful "Spring Festival" concluded on September 17, with the annual "Rosebowl Hoedown" Elimination proving equally as colourful and exciting as in previous years. Judging the event were Charles , of Punchbowl (Sydney) and Frank Gilfelt (Canberra, A.C.T.). Everyone present had a great night.

## "NITE OWL" DANCE

What are your plans for New Year's Eve? We suggest you head for the Windsor School of Arts, where Peter Johnson and all available Society callers will lead the action from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. at the second annual "Nite Owl" Spectacular. Greet "Old Father Time" at midnight and say "Howdy" to 1966 with all of your square dance friends.

## DARLING DOWNS DANCING

For the most miles travelled in attending their club, the Darling Downs Dancers must surely be unique in Australia. For their September meeting dancers visited Toowoomba from Kingaroy, Dalby, Chinchilla, Warwick and Stanthorpe, and places as far away as Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Collectively, with thousands of miles covered each month, their motto must be "To have fun—will Travel!"

## New South Wales Diary Crosses

9th March—Alan Blackwell Memorial Night —  
March-April Annual Meeting

30th April—Bundanoon Weekend

11-15 June—Convention. South Australia.

30th July—Ball.

8th October—Waratah Festival

9th October—Picnic

31st December—Monster New Year's Eve Dance

## Big Representation Square Dancing In At the 1966 Adelaide Convention

### Adelaide

### Convention

It would appear that Adelaide will see the achievement of one of the greatest aims of conventions—full representation from all States and New Zealand.

Jim White, following a visit to Perth, reveals that there are plans for a visit by at least four couples and probably more from over there. They are all saving up and endeavouring to make their holidays coincide. This will be the first time Western Australia has been represented.

It has also been revealed that the Dunedin Club in New Zealand will be represented by more than two.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? Adelaide is beautiful in June!

N. S. W.

## Belmore Ramblers

Every Fourth Saturday at Scout Hall

Xmas Party Saturday, Novem. 27

LARK STREET, BELMORE

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## New South Wales

- GREENWICH PROMENADERS**—Xmas Party Tuesday, 7th December, 1965. Close Tuesday, 7th December, 1965. Reopen, Tuesday, 11th January, 1966.
- DUNDAS PROMENADERS**—Xmas Party, Wednesday, 15th December, 1965. Close Wednesday, 15th December, 1965. Reopen Wednesday, 12th January, 1966.
- PUNCHBOWL WAGGONWHEELS**—Xmas Party, Monday, 20th December, 1965. Closing and opening dates: Ring 70-7118.
- BELMORE RAMBLERS**—Xmas Party, Saturday, November 27. Closing date: Saturday, November 27. Opening date: Saturday, January 22, 1966.
- RHODES**—will hold dances as usual on 2nd and 3rd Mondays in December and January.
- ROSE BAY**—Xmas Party, November 16, 1965. Closes on Tuesday, Decem. 21, 1965. Reopens Tues., Jan. 11, 1966.
- BELMORE CIRCLE 8**—Xmas Party, Wednes., December 1, 1965. Closes Wednesday, December 22, 1965. Reopens on Wednesday, January 12, 1966.
- MACQUARIE ROUNDUP CLUB**—Xmas Party, Saturday, December 18, 1965. Closing and opening dates: Ring Swansea 643.
- MIRANDA**—Xmas Party, Thursday, December 2. Closing date: Thursday, December 23. Reopens: Thursday, Jan. 13.
- COLLAROY PLATEAU**—Xmas Party, Friday, December 10. Closes Friday, December 17. Reopens Friday, January 14.
- HAMILTON (Newcastle)**—Xmas Party, Friday, December 10. Closes Friday, December 10. Reopens Friday, Feb. 11.
- DUNDAS DOCEY DOE**—Xmas Party, Friday, December 10. Closes Friday, December 10. Reopens, Saturday, Jan. 26.
- BELMORE**—Xmas Party, Saturday, December 18. Closes, Saturday, December 18. Reopens, Saturday, January 15.
- PARRAMATTA**—Closes Saturday, December 11. Reopens Saturday January 8.
- CHATSWOOD WHIRLWAYS**—Xmas Party, Saturday, December 18. Reopens January 8.
- GREENWICH**—Xmas Party, Saturday, December 4. Closes Saturday, December 4. Reopens Saturday, February 5.
- ROOTY HILL**—Xmas Party, Saturday, December 18. **NOT CLOSING.**
- KOTARA**—Xmas Party, Saturday, December 4. Closes on Saturday, December 4. Reopens, Saturday, February 19.
- NEWCASTLE Y.M.C.A.**—Xmas Party, Monday, November 15. Closes Monday, November 15. Reopens Monday, February 7.
- MEREWETHER**—Xmas Party, Saturday, December 11. 5/- present for Xmas Tree. **NOT CLOSING.**

## Queensland

*Christmas Parties and Closing Dates as under: —*

- TOOMBUL**—Wednesday, December 15.
- HOLLAND PARK**—Thursday, December 2.
- SANDGATE**—Friday, December 10.
- ASHGROVE**—Friday, December 17.
- WYNNUM**—Thursday, December 16.
- SALISBURY**—Friday, December 3.
- SLACK'S CREEK**—**NOT CLOSING.**
- CLONTARF**—**DOES NOT CLOSE.**
- COOPER'S PLAINS**—Saturday, December 10.
- GREENSLOPES (Scouts)**—Saturday, December 18.

- GREENSLOPES (Red Cross)**—Saturday, December 18.
- IPSWICH**—Saturday, December 4.
- TOOWOOMBA**—Saturday, December 18.

*All clubs (apart from those that are not closing) will reopen in late January or early February*

## Victoria

- CAMBERWELL**—Xmas Party, Tuesday, December 14. Les Schroder, Football Pavilion, Camberwell Road.
- BOX HILL**—Tuesday, December 21. Ron Mennie, Scout Hall, Elgar Road.
- CAULFIELD**—Wednesday, December 15. Ron Whyte, Tennis Club, Balaclava Road.
- SUNNYSIDE CAULFIELD**—Saturday, December 11. Ron Whyte, Queen's Avenue.
- HAPPY VALLEY, WILLISON**—Saturday, December 18. Les Schroder, Fordham Avenue.
- MOORABBIN**—Sunday, December 12, Ron Whyte's Barn.
- CAMBERWELL**—New Year's Eve. Les Schroder, Football Pavilion.
- MALVERN**—New Year's Eve. Ron Whyte, Malvern Grove Ballroom.

## Stop-Press Club News

VALETTA.

After returning to the Scout Hall following completion of fire damage repairs, the club celebrated its fourteenth birthday anniversary with a non-stop gala party night. Guest callers included Ron Whyte, Merv Groves and Kevin Leydin and round dance exhibitions were given by Merv and Thelma Groves and that lively pair Joan and Clare. The exhibition set, "The Dills from the Hills", were a riot and may have started a new fashion in square dance dressing. Organiser Ron Walters wasn't his usual bright self; seems he had an attack of the gout and was a bit scared of the flashing feet of "Twinkle Toes" Jack Cromwell. Joe and Vera Vogel from Sydney were welcomed with much gusto and both left the club with a little bit of something to remind them of their visit. Joe, partnered by Jeanne Cook, took home the prize for the Monte Carlo as well.

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