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14th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

It's convention month and convention fever is descending upon us all, with the stage set for the most exciting square dance event of the year. Over 700 dancers and callers from all over Australia and 40 from the United States will be making final preparations to converge on our only non-capital convention city.

The merrymaking unofficially commences on the Thursday before Easter when a "break the ice, early bird" dance will have everyone swinging along in time to the rhythm that we all love so much, in the Garden Suburb Community Hall, Prospect Road, Garden Suburb, from 8 p.m. Good Friday night has been planned as a relaxing evening in the "great hall" of the Newcastle University, Rankin Drive, Shortland, with films to interest everyone, followed by tea and biscuits.

An outline of the main

convention programme is listed below:

JUNIOR PROGRAMME
SATURDAY, APRIL 21:
Special Functions Room, Great Hall—
1.30 p.m. Square Dance.
7.30 p.m. Square Dance.
SUNDAY, APRIL 22:
Special Functions Room, Great Hall—
9.30 a.m. Round and Old-time Dance.
1 p.m. Lunch.
2 p.m. Square Dance.
5.30 p.m. Tea.
7.30 p.m. Square Dance.
MONDAY, APRIL 23:
Supper Room, City Hall—
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Square Dancing.

SENIOR PROGRAMME
SATURDAY, APRIL 21:
Great Hall, University of Newcastle:
9.30 a.m. Callers' Meeting.
1.30 p.m. Round Dance.
7.30 p.m. Square Dance.
OFFICIAL OPENING
SUNDAY, APRIL 22:
Great Hall, University of Newcastle—
9.30 a.m. General Meeting.
1 p.m. Lunch.
2.30 p.m. Square Dance.
5.30 p.m. Tea.
7.30 p.m. Square Dance.
MONDAY, APRIL 23:
City Hall, King St., Newcastle—
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Square
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LUCKY 13th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

CLOUDLAND BALLROOM — SUNDAY, 11th JUNE, 1972

The General Meeting of the 13th National Square Dance Convention was declared open at 1.55 p.m. by the convenor, Mr. Graham Rigby, who presided over the meeting.

No. of dancers attended: 313. The convenor extended a warm welcome to all present.

TELEGRAMS: Telegrams wishing good wishes and success for the 13th National Convention were read.

MINUTES: The minutes of the general meeting from the 12th National Convention held in Perth, West Australia, September, 1971, were read by the Secretary, Mr. Eric Wendell.

That the minutes be accepted and opened for discussion was moved by Tom McGrath and seconded by Meg Donaldson. Tom McGrath queried the minutes re the issue on the amount of money to be passed on to the next convention. Within the minutes submitted by the Perth Convention Secretary, a motion moved by T. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. B. Johnson read as follows: "The maximum amount of money to be passed on from convention to convention will be limited to one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00)."

The minutes went on to read that after a discussion, the meeting decided on a show of hands NOT to accept the motion. Tom McGrath said the above motion was passed and was not as read in the minutes. It was moved by Jim White and seconded by Laurie Spalding that the minutes be altered accordingly, whereby it will be shown that the motion was accepted. Jim White asked what amendments had been made to the constitution in regards to detail submitted by him to the Convenor, Graeme Rigby. The following motions have been submitted by J. White and due to the circumstances surrounding the issue, they have been held over to be presented at the Newcastle Convention in 1973. They read as follows:

Motion 1: Clause 35 be altered to read 1st Sentence — "The Convenors of the previous six conventions shall be regarded as the advisory committee."

Motion 2: Alter register to registration: Under Clause 10 add a new clause. Each State or area shall be recognised by a different colour as follows:—
1. Queensland — Maroon.
2. N.S.W. and A.C.T. — Light Blue.

3. Victoria — Dark Blue.
4. South Australia — Pink.
5. Tasmania — Dark Green.
6. Western Australia — Yellow.
7. Northern Territory — Orange.
8. Newcastle — Red.
9. New Zealand — Light Green.
10. Overseas — White.

Motion 3: Add the following Clause 12: 12. Amendments to the constitution. This constitution shall only be altered as follows:—

(a) A notice of motion to amend the constitution must be submitted to the convenor three months prior to the Convention and be signed by a total of at least 25 square dancers from two or more States.

(b) The convenor shall cause the amendment to be advertised in each State a minimum of one month prior to the convention.

(c) An amendment shall only be considered as passed when approved by a two-thirds majority vote.

Motion 4: Under Clause 11 alter Clause N7 to read:—

SPECIAL BUSINESS: (a) Amendments to the constitution submitted in accordance with Clause 12.

(b) Motions submitted in writing three weeks prior to convention.

Motion 5: Add a new clause — Clause 13 official recorder to facilitate a correct continuance of records, a square dancer, for the time being, Mrs. Ella White, Wieldham Road, Moorabbin, Victoria, shall keep an independent set of records of every convention minutes.

Motion 6: Under Clause 7B Convention Secty., add a new sentence: "The Secretary shall also present to the Official Recorder a complete set of the minutes of the convention."

STATE REPORTS: State reports were presented by the following:—

- Queensland — Mr. Graham Rigby.
- N.S.W. — Mr. Charles Vaggs.
- Newcastle — Mr. Frank Bartlett.
- Victoria — Mr. Ron Whyte.
- South Australia — Mr. Alan Frost.
- West Australia — Mr. Les Johnson.
- Tasmania — Miss Shirley Casboul.
- Northern Territory — Mr. Jim Floyd.
- New Zealand — Messrs. Bill Buttolph and Frank McKenzie.

Copies of all State Reports are held on file for future reference. It was moved by Laurie Spalding and seconded by Roy Petty that the State reports be accepted.

The Convenor thanked all Delegates for their State reports.

Mr. Graham Rigby gave a report on the Callers' Conference:—

A motion by Mr. Roy Welch and seconded by Mr. Ron Whyte that the Turn-Thru to be recommended to the General meeting for confirmation re the Pigeon Wing Hold. The Turn-Thru movement was debated on following the forearm and pigeon wing controversy.

The confirmation of such a ruling will apply to all conventions. In some cases it was quoted that the forearm grip was still being used in a few clubs throughout Australia. Callers who have these clubs quoted that what they did in their own clubs was their own business, but they would abide by all rulings at conventions.

All agreed to the motion put forth by Roy Welch.

Wally Cook and Kevin Laydon outlined their record distributing system— and said overseas recordings were available through them and the cost would be \$2.00 per record. Delivery in the first stage would be 10 to 12 days.

NOISE IN SQUARE DANCING:

Much debate on the noise in square dancing. Callers in some cases said good equipment was essential to beat the noise problem, if one existed.

The general finding was that Callers had good equipment but did not have good diction or microphone technique.

ROUND DANCING:

It was suggested that round dance leaders should submit at least three rounds in preparation for round dancing at conventions. This was suggested to be done as early as possible after the convention.

It was also debated on that round dancing should become more standardised throughout Australia. Some Callers quoted their club's dislike to rounds being danced and taught at their square dance clubs.

DISCUSSIONS:

Jim Whyte said there was too much noise in square dancing and queried how many people were turned away from square dancing by the excessive noise.

Yvonne Looby said the greatest pleasure in dancing is dancing to music.

Roy Petty (N.S.W.) asked what were the findings at the Callers conference re halls and sound.

Graham Rigby said the control of noise was the Callers' responsibility.

STANDARD OF DANCING AT CONVENTIONS:

This discussion was summed up by arriving at a finding that Good Variety was good Standard.

Pressure was put on Tasmania to host a convention. It was quoted that Tasmania

could run a convention every eight years with assistance from other States.

Much comment on this, and Ron Whyte said that Victoria would be willing to help, but Tasmania felt that they were not strong enough and could be embarrassed.

Roy Petty said any time Tasmania was ready, N.S.W. would help.

Betty Johnson (N.S.W.) and Wally Cook (Vic.) said Launceston had a fine hall and accommodation was O.K. and a convention in Tasmania could work. Betty Johnson said we sell square dancing too cheap and the cost of convention tickets should be more.

Mrs. Audrey Trelfo confirmed Newcastle's bid for the convention in 1973, the dates being the 21st, 22nd and 23rd April, 1973.

Alan Frost (Sth. Aust.) made a bid for the 15th National Convention, to be held in Adelaide in 1974.

On behalf of New Zealand Bill Buttolph also made a bid for a convention in N.Z. in February of the year 1974.

Much debate was held on the N.Z. issue and N.Z. said that a change of name should be considered before any bid from New Zealand was official, the name being changed to "Australasian National Square Dance Convention".

Bill Buttolph said his group were having a wonderful time in Australia and would like to have the chance to repay it.

Roy Spicer said, after hearing remarks from speakers pertaining to the good and bad points of square dancing in New Zealand, that the mechanics in square dancing in Australia were not good either. He then referred to his group of 19 attending the convention and said they were so happy with the Australian hospitality that they would show every effort to please us if we would consider coming over.

Roy Welch said this was not the time to change the name of the convention but he made a motion that it be considered at a future convention. The motion was seconded by Brian Hotchkies.

It was then moved by Roy Petty (N.S.W.) and seconded by Meg Donaldson that Sth. Australia host the 15th National Convention in Adelaide in 1974.

All were in favour and the bid was accepted.

The aforementioned motions relative to the constitution submitted by Jim White were now brought to notice. The motions were read and moved by J. White and seconded by Laurie Spalding.

It was agreed that the motions would not become active till the next convention. (Newcastle.)

It was moved by Bernie Kennedy and seconded by Ted Sams that the societies should

supply all clubs with copies of the constitution. Bernie also made a note that where it takes hours to prepare these amendments, etc., they are expected to be answered and dealt with in minutes.

Yvonne Looby asked — "Why the Old committee took it on themselves to allow a cigarette company to sponsor the convention." A notice of motion to go to Newcastle re this matter was seconded by Fred Meads.

Mrs. Kit Spalding spoke of the hall that was used at the convention on Friday night, 9th June, 1972. The hall in question being the Police Boys' Club at Lang Park.

The hall in question was being criticised for its lack of presentation, etc. and other faults whereby portions were sub-let.

In defence it was mentioned that on Saturday and Sunday the best halls in Australia were being offered, namely City Hall and Cloudland. It was also stated that at the time of the closure of registrations, the convention attendance looked very grim, and it was from this point that a budget had to be arrived at. Apart from costs, no other hall in Brisbane was available for Friday, 9th June, 1972, at least, one big enough to cope with the proposed attendance.

A financial report re the preceding convention in Perth was submitted by Mr. Les Johnson.

Total Receipts	\$5,509.77
Expenditure	\$5,490.66
	\$ 19.11

A detailed copy of the financial report from Perth is kept on file for future reference.

The meeting was closed by the Convenor at 4.20 p.m.

A vote of thanks was called for by Secretary, Eric Wendell, to the Chairman, Mr. Graham Rigby, for his splendid work in presiding over the meeting.

—R. E. WENDELL,
Hon. Secretary.

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Dance and Official Close.

The dance session on Monday, April 23, at Newcastle City Hall will be open to the public (dancers not attending the convention and non-dancing spectators). This dance is included in the convention ticket but dancers wishing to attend this session only will be charged \$1 adult, 50c junior, for the day's activities. Lunch is not provided.

All clubs in the Newcastle district would welcome visitors before or after the 14th National — dancers wishing to attend local clubs should check with the diary for N.S.W., listed later in this issue.

Have a pleasant trip — we are looking forward to seeing your happy, smiling face real soon.

BRIAN HOTCHKIES.

P.S.: We will even put out the welcome mat for George Gow, if he promises to behave himself for a couple of days.

NOTICE OF MOTION

It has been proposed that each State be represented at conventions by different coloured badges or ribbons as under:

Queensland — Maroon.
N.S.W. and A.C.T. — Light Blue.

Victoria — Dark Blue.
South Australia — Pink.
Tasmania — Dark Green.
Western Australia — Yellow.

Northern Territory — Orange.

Newcastle — Red.
New Zealand Light Green.
Overseas — White.

In order that discussion of this proposed addition to the constitution can be facilitated at the general meeting of the 14th N.S.D.C., it would be appreciated if each State would come prepared to nominate which colour they would wish to have as their badge/ribbon colour, if the colour listed above is not suitable.

KEVIN LEYDON

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SQUARE WHIRL

N.S.W. President:
Charles Vaggs, 93-3070
Secretary: Ross Sinclair
"Kariwang"
463 Great Western Highway
Springwood, N.S.W., 2777
Treasurer:
Rod Johnston, 529-7006

COMING EVENTS:

April 21, 22, 23: Convention.
June 30: Cabaret.
The Society of N.S.W. thanks all callers, dancers and friends who supported the recent shopping centres and Centennial Park promotional demonstrations and hopes all clubs will benefit from their efforts.

BELMORE (Illawarras)

Our first Saturday of the month dance was the usual happy night. Barry back from honeymooning in Victoria, giving us enjoyable square dancing, and Geoff keeping us moving with the rounds.

Vi and Dick celebrating their wedding anniversary — Vi drew the lucky door prize and was clever enough to draw Dick's ticket.

Happy holiday to Evadine and Bill.

"BAR 20" DUNDAS

A bright start to 1973 for us with the Bundanoon round-up. For most of us this was our first time at a large society shindig. The boys and girls had a fabulous time there, and our Boomerang J's lassoed themselves 1st prize in the Bronze, and 2nd prize in the Silver competitions. Whoopee!

Our other teams, Shimmering Stars and Brazilians, we offer our congratulations on a good effort and it is to be hoped they break into the winners' circle before the branding season ends.

BLUE PACIFIC CLUB — ROSE BAY

Thank you, Tom and Muriel Park, for, once again, giving us a friendly visit.

Our round dance session, 7.30 to 8, proving popular, it helps improve both beginners and the more advanced to learn their steps.

David Ingram in hospital, we wish him well and back with us very soon. Pat and Alan Richards back dancing, no more tennis elbows and crooked feet!

Our Centennial Park promotional picnic was a fairly good day but so far no beginners, but early days, they could still turn their wheels our way!

MEMORIES

Of a lady who helped others to learn square dancing at the Pioneer Club, Rockdale.

Of a lady who was quick to learn, vital, charming and had a ready smile — a natural dancer.

Of a lady who quickly became an accomplished dancer, both square and round, who joined our club in its infancy.

Of a lady who journeyed with us to Brisbane, Bundanoon, Canberra, Melbourne and Newcastle — always her popularity was apparent.

To the family of the late Nancy Saint (nee Welch) we convey our sincere sympathy. **Belmore Square Dance Club.**

BEXLEY (Illawarras)

Our attendances still very good, and everyone making good progress particularly with the convention rounds. Alf back from holidays, also Madge and Jim looking bronzed and fit. Anne is already in New Zealand, Alice and Charles about to leave on holidays. It was good to see Warren looking so well, and hardly missing a dance, and the same goes for Melba.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The first Saturday in March saw the closing down of the Greenwich Startimers Square Dance Club. For some time this club had been operating at a loss. With a high Saturday night rental for the hall, and the possibility of it going up, we couldn't have continued more than a few more months.

Our treasurer will be presenting a financial statement when he returns from holidays and the members will be notified accordingly.

As you will see by the advertisement elsewhere in this issue, a new couples club will be opening on the 1st Saturday in April at the Chowne Memorial Hall, Willoughby Park, and we hope that our old friends will make this a regular 1st Saturday date.

IN MEMORIAM

Allan James (Jim) Club-caller, passed away 16/4/72. The day we remember but, so sadly recall, Without farewell you left us all, The tears in our eyes we can wipe away, But the ache in our hearts is there to stay. Sadly missed by all the Boomerangs.

ROCKDALE MEMORIAL CLUB

Noelene Lyons won a chook as a door prize. Another good roll up as usual from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Just seems to be too short a time for the fun everyone seems to be having. A vote was taken to see if we should do without the provided supper. (Rising costs you see!) Keep the supper votes won by 100 to 1.

N.S.W.:

**BEXLEY (Illawarras) — 2nd and 4th Friday:
ROUND DANCING**

**BELMORE (Illawarras) — 1st Saturday:
ROUND & SQUARE DANCING**

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NEW SOUTH WALES DIARY

All Dances Weekly unless stated otherwise.

MONDAY:

DOONSIDE: Waratah S/D Club, Community Centre, Doonside Rd., Doonside. Roger Dean, 622-3069. Cyril Coxhell, 728-6924.
ASHFIELD: Orbit 8's A. St. John's Parish Hall, Bland St. Caller: Russ Eastment, 798-5361.
ST. IVES: Methodist Church Hall. Caller: Paul Johnson, 44-3240.

TUESDAY:

PUNCHBOWL: Waggon Wheel Club. Ron Jones. Girl Guides' Hall, Rossmore Avenue. 70-7118.
ASHFIELD: Orbit 8's, St. John's Parish Hall, Bland Street. (Beg. & Gen.) Caller: Russ Eastment, 798-5361.
NEWCASTLE: B-Bar-H. Garden Suburbs Community Hall, Prospect Road. Brian Hotchkies. 49-7608.
GREENWICH (Promenaders): Tom McGrath, Community Centre, Greenwich Road. 85-3821.
ROSE BAY: Blue Pacific. Lucky Newton and Les Hitchen, Church Hall, corner Dover Road and Old South Head Road. 32-5031.
LAKEEMBA, CIRCLE 8, Scouts Hall, Earnest Street, Bob Woolcott.

WEDNESDAY:

WOLLONGONG: "Star Twirlers", Coniston Community Hall, Bridge Street, Coniston.
DUDLEY: (Beginners). Brian Hotchkies. Every Wednesday night. 29 Caldwell Avenue, Dudley. 49-7608.
KOGARAH: Rechabite Hall, Ocean St. Terry Dodd.
LUGARNO Square Dance Club: 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Wednesday. 32 Grandview Cres., Lugarno. (Beginners). Caller: Roy Welch.
RYDE: Allemanders, Vince Spillane. Government Bus Depot, Cressy and Buffalo Roads, Ryde. 639-1270.
RHODES (A): Roy Welch, every 2nd Wednesday, Sea Scouts' Hall, Ryde Bridge. 533-1161.

THURSDAY:

CLEMTON PARK: Wanderers Club. Roy Etherington. Scouts, Hall, Shackell Avenue, Clemton Park. 57-5415.
RIVERWOOD RIVERSIDERS, Scouts Hall, Bonds Road (rear Total Garage). Terry Dodd.
MIRANDA-SUTHERLAND: Pensioners' Hall, Princes Highway (opp. Hotel), Sutherland. Arthur Gates. 727-9951.
RHODES: Round Dancing. Avis and Jack Nimmo. 3rd Thursday. Sea Scouts Hall, Ryde Bridge. 632-6685.
TANWORTH: St. John's C. of E. Hall, Carthage St. Sue McInness.

FRIDAY:

ARMIDALE: Armidale Eights. 1st and 3rd Fridays. Methodist Youth Centre, access via Marsh St. Coffee House. Caller: David Pitt, 72-4544.

DUNDAS: Bar 20, Town Hall, Marsden Rd. Beg. & Gen. Caller Barry Hickson.
MT. COLAH: Sparkilate Club, Corner Pacific Highway and Amaroo Ave. Fred Meads, 47-1997.

GREENWICH SWINGERS: Presbyterian Church Hall, 86 Greenwich Road. Len Woodhead. 43-1205.
BEXLEY (ILLAWARRAS): Round Dancing 2nd Fridays, 4th Fridays, School of Arts, Forest Road (next Masonic Hall). 30-2379, 523-1915.
NEWCASTLE: Brian Hotchkies, Mara Lynne Ballroom, 11 Belford Street, Broadmeadow. 49-7608, 43-4933.
WOLLONGONG. Corrimal Presbyterian Church Hall, Princes Highway, Corrimal. Terry Dodd.
NEWPORT: Ocean Waves Club, Surf Club Hall, Newport. Wal Crichton. 982-5068.
RENDEZVOUS. Round Dancing, 1st Friday, Iluka Centre, 73 Roscoe St., Bondi. Les, Marge and Lucky. 32-5031.
RYDE-BUFFALO SQUARES, 2nd and 4th, Govt. Bus Depot, Cressy and Buffalo Roads, Ryde. Caller: Vince Spillane. 83-7985.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS:

MERRY MIXER SQUARE DANCERS: TED SAMS. Dora Creek/Morisset area. Friday & Saturday nights. Phone 73-1519. Write C/o Post Office, Cooranbong, 2265. (Former Sunnywood Square Dancers).

SATURDAY:

NARRABEEN: Square & Rounds. Senior Citizens' Centre. 3rd Saturday. Wal Crichton, Norm and Hazel Wright.
DUNDAS: 3rd Saturday. Town Hall, Marsden Rd. Paul Johnson, 44-3240.
1st SATURDAY: Air Force Memorial Bowling Club, Chandler Street, Rockdale. Supper provided. Table bookings, 587-9000. Tom McGrath, 85-3821.
BELMORE: 3rd Saturday, Scout Hall, Lark Street. 759-5330. Caller, Ron Jones.
BELMORE, SQUARE & ROUND CLUB (A), Scouts Hall, Lark Street. Roy Welch, Avis and Jack Nimmo, 78-4166, 632-6685. Second Saturday month.
BELMORE (A) RAMBLERS: Ron Jones. Fourth Saturday, Scout Hall, Lark Street. 70-7118.
BELMORE: Illawarras, Round and Square dancing, 1st Saturday, Scout Hall, Lark Street. Phones: 30-2379, 523-1915.
BUNDANOON: 2nd and 4th Saturdays. At Wingello Mechanics' Institute. 8 to 12.
WILLOUGHBY CENTRE (A): Couples only. Ron Jones, 1st Saturday. Cnr. McClelland St. and Warrane Rd. 46-3600.

KOTARA: 2nd Saturday. C. of E. Hall, Grinsell Street. Brian Hotchkies. 49-7608.
NEWCASTLE: Westerners. Brian Hotchkies. 1st and 3rd Saturday nights. C. of E. Hall, Naughton Avenue, Birmingham Gardens. 49-7608.

SQUARE WHIRL

GREENWICH PROMENADERS

Ann Gordon enjoying herself in New Zealand; Val getting ready for a trip to the U.S.A.; Ron Crockett building a shack in the bush; Ada and Graham getting married; Coral and George and young Robbie having birthdays; everybody getting ready for the convention, practising the Chinese grand square; new beginners coming in; dancing at Sunshine square, Chatswood. This was a typical Promenader month. Happy! Happy! Happy!

SQUARE AND ROUNDS — BELMORE

Nice happy crowd, we have certainly polished off the rounds for the convention.

Congratulations to Marie and Barry on their recent wedding.

Two visitors from America, Lyn and Barbara Naylor, great people to be with. Roy fulfilled their one ambition which was to dance "Waltzing Matilda", the hall "rocked" with the rest of us joining in the choruses.

MIRANDA/SUTHERLAND

What a wonderful night we had dancing six squares with Les and Lucky visiting and a delightful group from Wollongong Wanderers led by their own caller, Frank Rhodes. A marvellous variety of callers, warmly welcomed by our Arthur Gates: we just love this visitor invasion, and thank you all for coming.

Get well wishes to Kerrian, and bon voyage to Ed and Merrill, off to Japan.

GREENWICH SWINGERS

Such a hot day for Marie's kitchen tea! Closed club for her marriage on Feb. 9 to Barry Markwick, and everyone enjoyed themselves including Society president and our own caller.

Kitchen tea also held for Ada McDonald and her marriage to our president, Graham Johnston, takes place on March 24. Good wishes to both couples for every happiness.

MOSMAN

A new square dance club started at Mosman on January 17, caller, Barry Markwick. First night was fairly good, then heat, petrol strike and storm cut numbers to almost nil. Lots of new dancers learning, fast

Methodist Hall, Short St., Mosman, is the meeting place — more men wanted. Tea, milk and sugar provided.

SHE WON'T BE APPLES — YET

It's good to hear from our friend George again I thought that he must have lost his pen As we scan the Review for the latest news We all like to read his controversial views. I agree with him about Sydney's pollution, A good plumber up there might be one solution. So convention "old faithfuls" wish to go somewhere new — But staging conventions is not easy to do. Not all our dancers have the time to spare To sit on committees and do their share Looking after visitors in the usual way, After all, some of us have to work each day. For children, plus farms, need constant attention, They don't disappear just for a Convention. The apple or the rock, that's George's suggestion. Seems that the apple's still out of the question. So dancers not encumbered with children or stock Get saving your dollars for a trip to the rock. We might be in luck with the price of wool If Whiteley's face was shorn we'd get a bag full, Then the apples could join the rich plumber and his mates And the rest of our friends from the other States. While the privileged few to the rock take a hop, The rest will stay home and mind the shop.

— FAE SMITH.

IN SWEET REPLY

Of your excuses I've now had my full I've come to regard them as a whole lot of B—— You may convince some, my southern most dearie But you've got to get up early to fool old "Spearie". You say you've no time, my gawd what a "honey" I've got to find it as well as count all my money, But please, no wool from that Whitely Bloke His whiskers would make a shaggy old coat. From reading your lines the impression I've got You're trying to pass it off on the poor little Rock, You would know their caller has packed up his mike And headed back to the Stars and the Stripes. But if we get there first, this I've been thinkin' I'll chisel on the Rock, "Tassie is chicken", And when the witch doctor plays the didjereedoo He'll play the concerto in "Apple Tree Blues". However, we'll let you off, but only this time Soon we hope to be down there bending the line, I've told everyone about Tassie and the "Princess" boat If nothing eventuates, they'll cut my damn throat.

"GEORGESPEARE"

BELMORE

Belmore is buzzing — convention time is near — new dances, new shirts, new dresses. Melba and Geoff back from New Zealand, looking great. Pat and Warren off to the Far East. The rest of us, see you in Newcastle.

NEWPORT OCEAN WAVES

Our weekend to Wyong in February, very successful, as usual, with wonderful weather and lots of fun.

Who was it locked himself and wife out of their cabin after the office staff had all gone to bed on Friday night?

Tennis was won by Rod and Pat, table tennis by Zillah and Les, and mini golf by Wal and Wilma.

Thanks to Wal and Les for splendid calling.

BUFFALO SQUARES NEWS

Our promotion has started off very well, and 1973 promises to be more successful than last year. We danced nine squares, and members excelled themselves at promoting square dancing and recruiting new members.

The Charity Night for St. Brigid's Girls Home resulted in a roll up of 120.

CIRCLE EIGHT NEWS

We are still dancing two and three squares, even in the heat wave. We must be the coolest club in Sydney, with our ceiling fans going full blast!

We did "our thing" at the promotion dance at "Westfield," Burwood, combined with the "Wanderers" Club, quite a bit of interest was shown by the crowds watching.

Afterwards a square of us visited Roy's club and had an enjoyable night.

NEWCASTLE

NEWCASTLE BAR-H

Congratulations, Wendy and Brian Hotchkies on the birth of your second son. Welcome to the square dance world, Rhys.

Trevor Lean proved himself as a caller and club organiser during Brian's absence. Well done, Trevor!

We are very sorry to lose Lorraine Emery from Newcastle, she has been a regular and great club supporter for many years. Still, Sydney is not so far away, is it?

Dancers interested in the Snowy trip please contact Trevor with deposits and for any details.

NEWCASTLE — THE "WESTERNERS"

This happy-time club is now in full swing for 1973.

Election of officers has taken place and they are as follows:

President: Ted Campbell.
Secretary: Janne Longworth.

Treasurer: Ernie Hughes.
Retiring president, Frank Crampton, was given a hearty ovation for his capable handling of the club for the past three years.

Congratulations are extended to Wendy and Brian on the happy occasion of the birth of their second son, Rhys Andrew. (He has Brian's dimple!)

Nell Drew has just entered hospital, and we all wish her a speedy recovery. Our most sincere and many get well wishes go to you, Nell.

NARRABEEN OCEAN WAVES

Two of our original dancers, Val and Andy Reid, leaving at end of March to manage their own Caravan Park near Toowoomba — our love and best wishes go to them both.

All our round dancers very keen to learn convention rounds, and Hazel, Norm and Wal doing wonderful job teaching same.

NOTICE

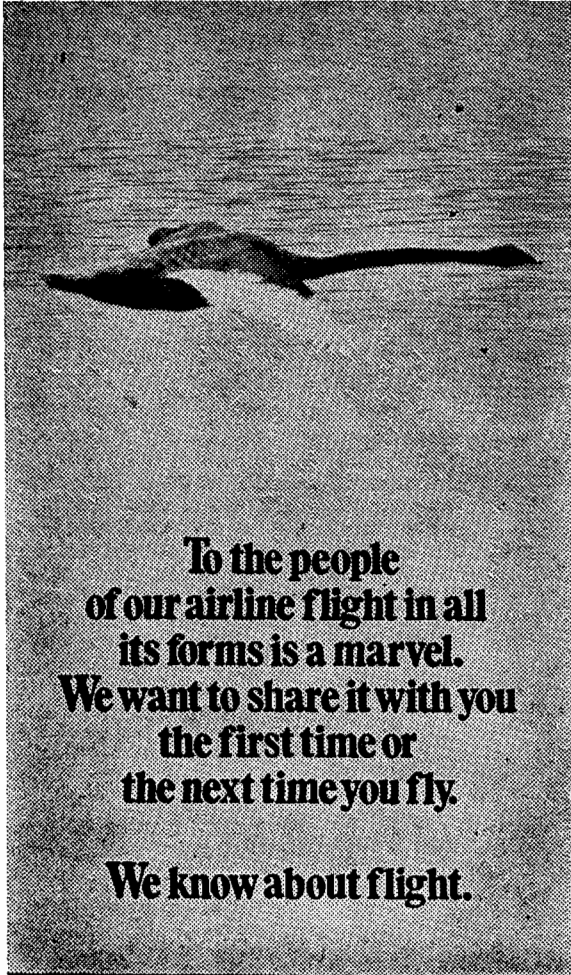
I hereby submit my resignation to the Western Australian Square Dance Society.

Sincerely yours,
GRAHAM ROBINSON..

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It is with pride, happiness, and not a little trepidation that Iris and I announce our proprietorship of a new venture, probably to be called the "Dandenong Square & Round Dance Centre".

For some years I have wanted to try and increase the S.D. activity in this area, but have found it difficult to obtain suitable halls on a regular basis and at reasonable cost. I know this is not a new problem. However, our accommodation problem increased this year when our "Swingin' Saints" club was forced to find new premises due to the deterioration of our old hall.

To solve our problems (we hope), we have leased, on a full time basis (e.g. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week), small premises in the heart of the Dandenong business centre, at 39A Walker Street, only a stone's throw from the Town Hall. The building was originally constructed as commercial premises but has been used by a modern dance school. It has a parquet floor, good toilet facilities, and ample parking in the area. We haven't been able to try it yet but estimate it should comfortably dance 5-6 sets or 8-9 at a pinch.

We haven't any firm plans at the moment but hope to be able to utilise it at least two nights a week. It will become for some time at least, the home of the "Swingin' Saints" club, a new Saturday night club (fortnightly) and a weekly beginners class, probably on Friday nights.

When not in use for Sq./Rnd. dance purposes we hope to interest other clubs or organisations in hiring it for socials, concerts, meetings, etc.

So there it is, for better or worse, for richer or poorer (!), we have us a permanent home for square dancing in Dandenong.

KEVIN LEYDON

S.O.S.

Anyone have a recording or tape of music for Maypole Dance? Slow polka. 8 Set 32 Bars. Local school in trouble having had their own tape partly wiped out. Please contact me if you can help.
Happy Dancing, LUCKY.

EDITORIAL

This is the month of the big Newcastle convention, Australia's 14th, and if the preparations and enthusiasm accompanying them are any guide, it will be a beauty!

As you will read elsewhere in this issue, the interest in national conventions is forever growing, additional venues for the future are being talked about and convention fever is all around us.

So the boss editor has said, "Don't go on too much" in this month's editorial, just wish all those attending the big 14th a super weekend and happy dancing.

This we do, and we wish the greatest success to the convenor and all those helping to make the 14th into the success we know it will be.

Good luck! Good dancing!
EDITORS.

OOPS, NEARLY TRIPPED!

What's all the fuss and wearing of frowns, From the rounders to the old mining town. All the bleating that has fell on my ear You'd swear the pub was fresh out of beer.

The co-ed seems to have shot his hands in the air, Saying it's all yours, Lucky, in an act of despair, Did someone take to him? — I wouldn't know. Serves him right, no sympathy I'll show.

Now, if you were a squarer like little old me, There'd be no nonsense, You'd be as happy as we, You'd do better to dance "Shindig", give "Fraulein" a miss, As the caller may say, "Give your partner a kiss."

So while I wait for the skirmishes to cease, Why not dance "White Dove" as your sign of peace. 'Cause you are all good folk and good squarers, too, So please shake hands — the years are but few. "GEORGESPEARE"

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SQUARE DANCE WEEK

At time of writing, the Square Dancing Society of Queensland was busily finalising details of their first-ever "Square Dance Week".

Highlights include:

● Saturday, March 3: Demonstrations at Drive-in Shopping Centres.

● Sunday, March 4: Square Dance Picnic at Lake Manchester (commencing 10 a.m.).

● Monday/Friday, March 5/9th: Lunch-hour demonstration at Myers Emporium, Queen Street, Brisbane, daily from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m.

● Tuesday, March 6: Square Dance Parties at the R.S.L. Hall, Newman Road, Geebung and St. John's C. of E. Hall, California Road, Oxley and a Round Dance Party at Christchurch Hall, Hale Street, Milton.

● Wednesday, March 7: Square Dance Party at the new Memorial Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights.

● Thursday, March 8: Square Dance Party at Christchurch Hall, Hale St., Milton.

● Friday, March 9: Square Dance Parties at St. Barnabas Hall, Waterworks Road, Ashgrove; Scout Headquarters Hall, Scout Way, off Ruthven Street, Toowoomba; and Pastime Hall, Tenth Ave, Palm Beach.

● Saturday, March 10: Square Dance Party at the Bowling Club, Gympie Road, Strathpine.

● Sunday, March 11: "Gala Square Dance Festival" at Kedron High School Auditorium.

A full report will be published in the May edition of the "Review".

Our aim is a national "Square Dance Week", about this time, with all Australian States joining in next year.

Let's discuss it in Newcastle!

GRAHAM RIGBY (Q'ld.)

S.A. NEWS

SOUTHERN CROSS

We are enjoying good attendances at both dances, and welcomed Ruth Chadwick from Brisbane.

Grateful thanks to Ron and Ella Whyte and Shirl and Ralph Malcolm for their wonderful hospitality over the holidays, from Lorna and Allan Frost, Mavis and Harry Stott, and Joyce and Don Simmons.

A sorry farewell to Barbara and Roger Weaver, club members for many years. We wish them good luck and success with their square dancing in Port Lincoln.

NORWOOD

Our opening night back in January got off to a good start with 7 sets of new dancers. All enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Allan and Lorna Frost and Dulcie Weeks, who was odd man out.

It was great to see so many young people with enthusiasm for square dancing.

Special thanks to the Keating family for their advertising assistance.

DEAR BABY SQUARE

Thank you for your reply. How's your dancing progressing? You know, you are very lucky, you are in the best of company down there in S.A. All the best dancers come from your State. You've got the top callers, including "Cuddles" — all we've got is Jones — and on top of that you've got a very photogenic State. Yes, every time there is a convention photo in the Review who do you think is always in the foreground! I wouldn't mind transferring down there, would there be any vacancies for an architect?

Any rate, keep at it, I'd like to hear from you again in a few months time.

My regards to all.

"BILLY THE DANCER".

SQUARE DANCERS OF THE MONTH

Once again it is convention time. This year we go to Newcastle where their last convention was just about the first of everything. And if this convention is as good as the last one we know we are in for a wonderful Easter weekend.

One of the nicest parts of any convention is renewing old acquaintances and every square dancer who knows our happy couple of the month looks forward to seeing them. Two rays of sunshine that, while not being rare in square dancing, stand out in a crowd. Their surname is "Old Scottish". I have never pronounced it right, but then I'm not an old Scot. From Newcastle:

KEN and OLIVE URQUHART

Ken and Olive began dancing with everyone else's square dancing over 13 years ago after having contacted Hazel and Harry Silcock to put on a demo for a scout group. They were in turn invited to come on down to the Newcastle Club and have a look at "what we square dancers do." And have been squaring ever since. Ken works in the finance field (insurance) and Olive does part time clerical work. They have lived in Charlestown 23 years.

They have two sons, Gordon and Neil, who have square danced on and off over the recent years. One son is a bass drummer and the other a bagpiper, so among other interests Ken and Olive work to help the Charlestown District Pipe Band. They have made many square dance friends over the years and are happy to say they still retain most of them. Also in more active days gone by they both played tennis and Ken played squash. Square dancing is their number one hobby, and they do play some golf as an added form of relaxation.

Between the two of them they have tackled most of the jobs in a square dance club — President, vice-president, auditor for the club, and treasurer, secretary and publicity officer. Ken is accommodation officer for this convention. When asked some of their likes and dislikes, they said they would like to see all the conventions held on the Easter weekend. They follow some of the discussions on altered movements in the "Review", but don't get involved as Ken and Olive are content to jog along and enjoy their dancing more in the "relaxed, if lazy way". They prefer round-ups. "In fact that's what helps keep Ken keen as he always has the chance then of

This is just about all the information we could get out of this modest couple. We do know that over the years they have worked hard for square dancing. Always there to help with beginners or holding some official office, but what really stands out to us or anyone who knows this charming couple is their wit and happy ways. So if you feel in need of a happy smile at the convention this year, seek out Ken and Olive — they won't let you down.

TOM McGRATH.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIARY

MONDAY:
MODBURY: "North Eastern Country Stylers", Methodist Church Hall, Montague Rd. Weekly. (Beginners). Brian Townsend, 64-4864.
KURRALTA PK.: Weekly (Beginners). Girl Guide Hall, corner Cross Tce. and Daly St. Allan Frost. 44-1351.
THURSDAY:
PLYMPTON: R.S.L. Hall, Long St. Weekly (Advanced). Allan Frost. 44-1351.
FRIDAY:
GLENELG: Weekly (Beginners). Gordon St. Colin Huddleston. 45-4556.
SEACLIFF PK.: RAOB Hall, Ocean Blvd. Weekly (Beginners). Roger Weaver. 98-1337.
SUNDAY:
WALKERVILLE: "Country Stylers". Advanced. Druids Hall, Cnr. Main Nth. East Rd. and Cassie St. Brian Townsend, 64-4864.
MODBURY: "North Eastern Country Stylers", Methodist Church Hall, Montague Rd. Weekly. (Beginners). Brian Townsend. 64-4864.

NORTHERN TERRITORY DIARY

TUESDAY:
BEGINNERS' CLASS: Tuesday, 8.00 till 10.00. Larry Bellos, Lee Beydler.
WEDNESDAY:
CENTRE SQUARES, 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesday, Alice Springs Youth Centre. 8.00 till 10.00. Jim Floyd.

NEW ZEALAND DIARY

WEDNESDAY:
DUNEDIN: WAGGON WHEEL CLUB, MacAndrew. Int. School Hall. Ken Willcocks. Phone Co. 890.
DUNEDIN: HANDS ACROSS THE SEA. Beginners. Phone 34-649.
SATURDAY:
DUNEDIN: HANDS ACROSS THE SEA, Arthur Street School Gymnasium, Arthur Street. 65-420, 66-022.

VICTORIAN JOTTINGS

SUNNYSIDE

Mickey and Gordon Ball have left on a trip to Suva — happy cruising, folks.

Our friend, Ron Mathes, has turned up again, he is down from Amberley, Q'ld., where he is stationed in the Air Force. Merle Hanson is on the recovery list after another operation.

Sunnyside Round Dance Club operates advanced round 1st Sunday afternoon in the month, and intermediate on the 3rd Sunday.

HOTFOOTERS

Hotfeet are appearing everywhere this season, especially on black T-shirts, which are our new trademark.

Most of our hotfooted it down to Waratah Bay during the holidays, where we entertained the local fauna with our music sessions and attempts at sailing.

Representatives of the Hot-footers also livened up the dance at Castlemain recently, which was reported as a very successful event.

Best wishes to all for 1973.

SWINGIN' SAINTS

As you have been reading we have had hall problems. Had to miss two dances, then danced last Sunday in the South Dandy Progress Hall. Quite a good number present. We are changing from alternate Sundays, to dancing on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in our new hall at 39A Walker Street, Dandenong.

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BOX HILL NEWS

Vaughan Springs picnic, organised by Fred Andrews and the V.S.D.A., was terrific. Apart from the dancing and swimming it was great to meet up with our country friends. This month will see us dancing at Moomba, Thornbury and Ringwood. Congrats to Robyn and Gary on their engagement. Another hospital patient doing well is Rosemary Davis. Diamond Circulate caused some fun last dance.

WICKMONITES

A few new faces have joined Monday night recently, they have come in from the Thursday night beginners, many thanks to the regulars who have been very good in helping these people along, also to the people who attend the beginners nights to help out. It is very rewarding for us to see so many of the Monday nighters joining in the round dancing. Favourite at the moment is Roses for Elizabeth.

VICTORIA DIARY

MONDAY:

MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte (B), 265 Wickham Road. Moorabbin. 95-1496.

TUESDAY:

BOX HILL NORTH: Ron Mennie. Methodist Hall, Woodhouse Grove. 88-4834.
CARNEGIE: Valetta. Scout Hall, Mimosa Street. Wally Cook. 24-5518.
CAMBERWELL: Les Schroder, Football Pavilion, Camberwell Road. 69-4921.
MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte. 265 Wickham Road. Moorabbin. 95-1496.
THORNURBY: (Trinity) (1st, 3rd and 5th), David Hooper, Trinity Hall, Y'ott St.—Enq. Edna and Jim Daniel (48-3693).
BOX HILL: Jack Murphy, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, Whitehorse Road. 89-6971.

WEDNESDAY:

MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte, 265 Wickham Road. 95-1496.
MALVERN: Youth Hostels. Scout Hall, Oak Grove. 1st Wednesday. Wally Cook. 24-5518.
MILDURA: St. Andrew's Hall, Cnr. 11th Street and Deakin Ave. Every Wednesday. Peter Milne. 24-5493.

THURSDAY:

CAULFIELD (Round Dance): Edna Batchelor, Tennis Club Hall, Balaclava Road. 53-5763.
BOX HILL: Ron Mennie. Private. Beginners. 88-4834.
ALTONA: Youth Centre Hall, Civic Pde. (Weekly). David Hooper, 318-2547 or 397-5687.
FRIDAY:
FRANKSTON: Eric Clarke. Fortnightly. Balcombe Street. 783-2792.
BEAUMARIS HOTFOOTERS: Rod McCubbin. Fortnightly. 163 Dalgetty Road. 99-2267.

SATURDAY:

SHEPPARTON: Harry Howard. Alternate Saturdays. Youth Club Hall, Rowe St. Phone Shepparton 21-2945.
FOOTSCRAY: "Twirlers". Scout Hall, Hyde St. (next to Police Station). (Alternate). David Hooper and Ian Mitchem, 318-2547 or 397-5687.
CAULFIELD: Sunnyside. Ron Whyte. St. Catherine's Church Hall, Kooyong Rd., near Glenhuntly Rd. 95-1496.
CAMBERWELL: Singles in Society, cnr. Bourke and Mont Albert Roads, 1st Saturday. Wally Cook. 24-5518.
WILLISON: (Happy Valley). Les Schroder, Scout Hall, Fordham Avenue. 69-4921.
BOX HILL: Jack Murphy, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Whitehorse Road, weekly. Whitehorse Club. 89-6971.
BOX HILL (St. Peter's Star): Ron Mennie. St. Peter's Church Hall, Whitehorse Road, Box Hill (next to Town Hall). 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays. 878-4042.
KEYSBOROUGH: Recreation Hall, Cheltenham Road. Alternate Saturdays. Kevin Leydon. 792-9503.
RINGWOOD: Eastern Eight's. Allan Droscher. 1st Ringwood Scout Hall, Bedford Road, 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 231-1370.
SHEPPARTON: Bob Dickie, alternate Saturdays, Railway Hall, next Railway Station. 05-792-1041. Phone 05-792-1041.
NIDDRIE: Community Centre, Mathew Ave., off Keilor Rd. Alternate Saturdays. Beginners. 89-3090.
SUNDAY:
DANDENONG: St. Mary's Catholic Hall, corner Foster and Langhorne Streets. Alternate Sundays. Kevin Leydon. 792-9503.
ROUND DANCE, 1st Sunday in month. Ron and Ella Whyte, 265 Wickham Road, Moorabbin. 95-1496.

SEASIDE SWINGERS — ALTONA

Please note our recently adopted new name. Thank you, Fred Andrew and V.S.D.A. for a wonderful day at Vaughan Springs (near Castlemaine). The location, weather, dancing and swimming was 1st rate. Hope the TV publicity does some good, Fred! Thanks. Les and Pat Schroder and Happy Valley for your hospitality on our recent visit, and to Thornbury Club for a most enjoyable 3rd birthday dinner-dance.

FOOTSCRAY TWIRLERS

Would dancers please note that Ian Mitchem has now taken over as "captain" of the ship at Footscray, following my withdrawal because of business and personal commitments.

Ian, who was trained by the V.S.D.A., joined me as co-caller in September, 1972, and has proved himself a capable caller. He also calls for the Niddrie Club.

My best wishes go to the dancers and to Ian and Barbara for the club's success and forthcoming fourth birthday.

DAVID HOOPER.

BALCOMBE STREET SQUARE DANCE CLUB

March 2 was a night of gladness and sadness. We returned to Balcombe Street and Heather Undy and Stephen Griffiths were with us to receive our gift and best wishes for their marriage on March 15.

During the night Stephen learned of the death of his only brother in a road accident. We offer our deep and sincere sympathy.

Beginners classes start on March 9 — alternating with the experienced dancers,

HAPPY VALLEY

Our beach and boating day was once again a great success, thanks to Ron and Lou for the organisation and the sailing, and our thanks to Kathie for her gracious hospitality. We all enjoyed a recent visit from Wally and Jeanne and Valetta dancers, and the following week from David and the Seaside Swingers from Altona.

CAMBERWELL

Good to see Harold Saligari back dancing again, hope Lance Lane is on the mend soon. We celebrated Nance and Bob's anniversary and Geoff's return from N.Z. the same night. It is good to see so many of our club enjoying the round dancing between brackets. Several new dancers have joined us this year, and are coming along well.

SQUARE YOUR SETS

A ROUND-UP OF QUEENSLAND NEWS

SUZY Q SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Despite the extremely hot weather we were away to a good start in 1973.

Eighty-four enthusiastic dancers took part in our first club night on February 3, in our new surroundings at the Salisbury State High School Assembly hall with some visitors looking on. A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

We take the opportunity of wishing our sister club — the Curly Q's — the best of luck in the coming year.

CURLY Q CLUB

Of interest to all square dance addicts is to hear of a new club in Brisbane. The Curly Q's, with director and caller, Dr. Ivor Burge, began weekly dances on February 8.

Ten sets took the floor including dancers from our sister club the Suzy Q's. A great night and a great start to our first year and all 88 members look forward to many more of fun and fellowship through square dancing.

NURSERY SQUARE DANCES

In response to special requests, Graham Rigby released in February his latest R.C.A. recording, "Nursery Square Dances" and already over 40 schools are dancing to the disc. As its name implies, it contains square dances to nursery rhymes (eight in all) and is especially designed for the very young. For details re availability refer advertisement this issue.

CAROUSEL ROUND DANCE CLUB

The club is enjoying dancing and revising the rounds for the convention, the enclosure of some new rounds is most interesting.

"Second Hand Rose" is proving popular, with everybody enjoying the change of tempo.

Most of our new members this year are from the successful basic Friday nights held last year.

WAVELL WHIRLWAYS

St. Valentine's night — our first feature night for this year. The dress parade was led by the good Saint himself. Winners were, "Miss Lipid", Debra Shanahan; second, "Salt'n'pepper", Gram and Shirley Strickland. Judge, Mr. H. Jones. Guests included members from Hollandia Swingers, Wheeling Lights, S-Bar-B, Circle W, and Star Promenaders. A good fun" night.

BONGEEN HI-STEPPERS

This new club opened the year with six sets of all ages and with the good looking and energetic ladies committee running it, is sure to go well. Caller, Bill McHardy, now more active than ever on the Darling Downs, travels from Toowoomba to lead the fun.

TWILIGHT TWIRLERS

A wonderful time was had at the Tallebudgera summer holiday camp by the Twilight Twirlers members who attended.

Twilight Twirlers assisted by members of Summer Sounds gave two demonstrations, one at Big Top at Mt. Gravatt and one at Kenmore Village this month.

GARDEN CITY PROMENADERS

Nice to have a visit from Tiny Hall and her aunt on their way back to Tamworth. Also nice to have Ron and Nancy Matthews and family join Toowoomba Club from Armidale. Already Ron has called some tips for us, and well too.

HOLLANDIA FOR SYDNEY

Hollandia Swingers, of Holland Park, are excitedly preparing for their tour to Sydney in June for the "Interstate Festival".

Two teams will represent the club in competition, and, although this will be the youngest group ever to leave Queensland, a good showing is expected.

Fund-raising projects have already begun!

IRONGATE SWINGERS

Have landed themselves a spot in the Pittsworth Show. Good publicity for this one year old club whose junior team took out their section at last year's Darling Downs Championships. Nice going, gang.

CONVENTION TRANSPORT

Dancers and callers attending the 14th National Convention who will require transport to and from the convention sites over the Easter weekend, are requested to contact the Transport Officer:

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COUNTRY-WESTERN BARBECUE

Ashgrove's "S-Bar B" dancers went "open air" on Friday, February 23, when they joined Graham Rigby at the big "Country-Western Barbecue"

organised by the South Brisbane branch of Rotary. The entire club joined the "round-ups" in this delightful riverside setting and later on, many Rotarians and friends joined in. A great night was enjoyed by all!

QUEENSLAND DIARY

MONDAY:
GRANGE: "Summer Sounds," Progress Hall, corner Wilston Road and Daisy Street. Weekly. Warren Fleming. 56-3586.

TUESDAY:
SALISBURY: High School Auditorium, weekly. (Basic Group). Ivor Burge. 78-2591.

MILTON: "Carousel" Round Dance Club, Christchurch Hall, Hale Street. Fortnightly. Elva Hoppe. 71-2932.

BALD HILLS: "Twilight Twirlers", Memorial Hall, Gympie Road. Weekly. Warren Fleming. 56-3586.

GEEBUNG: "Star Promenaders." R.S.L. Hall, Newman Road. Weekly. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

WEDNESDAY:
WAVELL HEIGHTS: "Wavell Whirlways," Memorial Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road. Sid Leighton. 69-1401.

WYNNUM: "Circle W," Methodist Church Hall, Ashton Street. Junior (7.00 p.m.), weekly. Neville McLachlan. 96-3302.

TOOWOOMBA: Boy Scouts' Headquarters Hall, Scouts' Way (behind St. Luke's C. of E.). Weekly. Bill McHardy. (Toowoomba 52-155).

THURSDAY:
SALISBURY: "Curly Q's", High School Auditorium. weekly. (Intermediate Club). Ivor Burge. 78-2591.

MILTON: "Wheeling Eights," Christchurch Hall. Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

BALD HILLS: Memorial Hall, Gympie Road. Weekly. Warren Fleming. 56-3586.

FRIDAY:
ASHGROVE: "S-Bar-B," St. Barnabas' Hall, Waterworks Road (bus stop 12). Weekly. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

TOOWOOMBA: Boy Scouts' Headquarters Hall, Scouts' Way (behind St. Luke's C. of E.). Weekly. Bill McHardy. (Toowoomba, 52-155). Family Night.

PALM BEACH: "Gold Coasters", Pastime Hall, 10th Avenue. Jack and Yvonne Looby. 34-1181.

SATURDAY:
IRONGATE: Public Hall (Darling Downs). Monthly. Bill McHardy.

SALISBURY: * "Suzy Q's", High School Auditorium. weekly. (Advanced Club), Ivor Burge. 78-2591.

MILTON: "Bar-K Ramblers", weekly, Christchurch Hall, Hale Street, (open). Bernie Kennedy. 79-2196.

MILTON: "Wheeling Eights," Christchurch Hall. Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

NAMBOUR: Woombye Hall. Every four weeks. Neville McLachlan. 96-3302.

HOLLAND PARK: "Hollandia Swingers", Scout Hall, Victor Street, weekly. Graham Rigby, 56-1251.

NUDGEE: Methodist Church Hall, Earnshaw Road. Monthly. (Second Saturdays.) Sid Leighton, 69-1401.

Victoria

KEYSBOROUGH

There should be an ad. elsewhere in this issue giving our dates for the next month or two. Had three sets last Saturday night after a washout, or was it a burn-out? the fortnight before. Nice to have Val from the Wickmonites with us, also Susan and Sadie Reedy, who we thought had left us. Fortunately they will be with us another month or two.

MOORABBIN

Visitors this month were Len and Barbara Allen from Washington, also Pat and Les Schroder brought along Bill and Rosa Calpon from California, South Aust. sent us Clarice and Arnold Earnshaw, and Heather Edwards and Ken Sporton. From N.S.W. came Barry and Marie Markwick and Denise Simpson. Also Helene Earley from Wheeling Eights, Q'ld. It was nice having you all.

WHITEHORSE CLUB

Congratulations, Lorraine, on winning fourth in Miss Sportsgirl quest. Thanks to all square dancers for their help during the year.

Our birthday night last month was a great success. We hope all those who came had a great time.

Congratulations also go to Brian and Gayle on their engagement.

Large numbers at beginners class are surprising all, (15 sets).

Fifty-four of us are now preparing for a great convention. See you all there.

THANK YOU TO VICTORIA

I should like to express my sincerest thanks to the Victorian Square Dancers' Association and to the Victorian Callers' Association for all the help and encouragement that they have extended to me during my term of office as Miss Square Dancer. Without your help it would not have been possible for us to raise the grand total of \$3,077, which resulted in my gaining fourth place in the Miss Sports Girl of Victoria Quest.

I would particularly like to thank the members of my hard-working committee who organised so many functions during the year and to the dancers who never failed to attend. Also the many callers who contributed so much time and effort to either attending these functions or organising their own.

In particular, I must thank Jack Murphy of my own club, the Whitehorse Club, and his members who gave me so much help and contributed so much money Jack Tucker, our secretary, deserves a special mention for without him we would not have reached this total. I am truly grateful.

There is not enough space to express my gratitude to all the callers and dancers who helped give me such a rewarding year. The happy faces of the crippled children in Yooralla are, I think, reward enough for all of us.

MISS SQUARE DANCER,
LORRAINE BURGESS.

WHY?

The last dance of the Startimers at Greenwich was held March 3! This was the blunt announcement made to a bigger than usual gathering of members and visitors to this long established club, with the statement that rising costs and small numbers had brought this about.

You might ask why write to the Review? In answer to a query as to whether a general meeting was being called and a balance sheet presented to arrange disposal of any remaining funds, the reply was that there was no statement readily available and the committee had complete autonomy for the running of the club.

Prior to the above announcement typed slips were given to selected members and visitors advising the setting up of a couples club at Willoughby, for which they would receive application forms. Surely in the case of what was originally a prestige club established primarily for advanced dancers some opportunity could have been given for discussing a remedy, either to raise the entry fee or transfer to another hall, such as the couples club proposes to do. Have members no say at all? It seems their only recourse, if they are not amongst the selected to receive notifications, is to join one of the other clubs operating on the first Saturday.

Sorry to spoil the image of the happy square dancer!
A DISGRUNTLED MEMBER

LETTER TO EDITOR

It is understood that the proposal put forward on behalf of the N.Z. Callers and Tutors' Association (re a change of name of your annual convention) is to be placed on the agenda of the 14th convention.

May I, as an individual, not as a member of the above named association, suggest a further change to an idea?

It would appear that annual conventions are rotated by bid between Queensland, Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia, all who have one bid, and New South Wales who have two bids (Sydney and Newcastle).

Would it, therefore, be feasible for N.S.W. to make one bid only and replace the second with New Zealand. We in New Zealand would then bid alternatively between Christchurch and Auckland.

Assuming "normal" rotation would mean Christchurch one year and Auckland six years later, thus requiring Australian dancers to travel to N.Z. once every six years. This idea would, therefore, not change the normal rotation within Australia.

ART SHEPHERD.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

We welcome Art Shepherd's letter and appreciate the suggestions he makes.

However, his belief that convention bidding is in set rotation by the various States and areas he mentions is not strictly correct. Things may have turned out that way in recent years, creating an impression of a set rotation of venues, but in actual fact any State or area, including New Zealand, has the right to place a bid, and if successful to stage a future convention. The only proviso being that the convention constitution is adhered to and that the bid is made by personal representation at a previous convention. (e.g., the South Australian bid for 1974 was made at the Brisbane convention of 1972).

We agree with Art that many Australian square dancers would welcome a N.Z. venue every few years, but no changes are needed to make this a reality. Just come along and make your bid, we're sure it would be most enthusiastically received.

EDITORS.

Stuart & Schwarze

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Tasmania

TASSIE TWIRLERS

Several successful demos over the past few weeks. Hilarious situation occurred at one when dais sagged badly in the centre. Good rollup enjoyed fun, games and dancing at Round-up Festival with emphasis on fun. Vegemite and cold water found in unusual places. Pleased to see our beginners progressing so well. LOST or strayed: One razor.

LAUNCESTON

Annual meeting over — all but one of 1972 committee returned to office. Welcome to Leighann.

Presentations made to Elsie prior to her departure for England, and Chris. on her forthcoming marriage.

Arrangements made for picnic at Myrtle Park on Sunday, April 8. Camp enjoyed by those who attended.

PS from Tasmanian dancers: The Apples suggest the Rock.

W.A. News

SHANANDOAHS

An average of six happy sets dancing. Finding new dancers coming all the time. Congratulations to Elaine and Jeff Arton on their new baby girl named Nikala Dianne, we can see from even now that she is going to join us in later years. Wedding bells for Pat Davis. Best wishes to our caller and his wife, Steven and Colleen Turner settling into their new home.

THE SUNDOWNERS

The Sundowners would like to say, "Congratulations, for a job well done" to the dancers and callers of the W.A. Square Dance Society for participating in the festivals held in W.A. during the summer months.

We reopened January 23, with a few new faces showing up.

We celebrated our club's third year and our caller, Kevin Kelly's 21st birthday with a "Hobo Night".

Wonder where Colin Richardson found his outfit? He looked like an old time preacher.

A great big thank you to everyone that came to celebrate with us.

WHITE GUM VALLEY SQUARE DANCE CLUB

This club has opened its doors to what looks like being a record year, 11 sets on the first night and was it hot!

Congratulations to our president on being elected again to the position of Societies' president, also to Dennis, Les, Bob and Bill, oh... I nearly forgot, Meg, hope you busy people have a happy year.

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WEDNESDAY:

RIVERSIDE Square Dance Club, Maylands Yacht Club Hall, 4th Avenue, Maylands, off Guildford Road. Weekly. Caller: Graham Halliwell.

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THURSDAY NIGHTS:

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N.S.W.: LEARN TO ROUND DANCE

AT THE RENDEZVOUS

(See Diary)

32-5031

LA RONDE

"CONVENTION TIME IS HERE AGAIN —" and this year is one of great interest to me. The Round Dance segment will set the stage for an updating of programmes at future Conventions.

It is an effort to think on a wider national scale. Recordings of the classics and evergreens will always be available but so much of our material is OUT. We must consider people just coming into the R/D field and those who are still to come. R/D leaders have been aware of this for some time and it is thanks to their combined efforts from all States that framework at the coming Newcastle Convention has been established. Dancers will find the best of each State's selections on the programme — the cream.

To the Convenor and Committee of the 14th National, a happy and successful convention. To the dancers, go to it; have a swell time. If you don't already join in the Rounds, do come along, this is the glamour spot of the convention and well worth seeing.

SIMPLE ROUNDS

As promised — and at the outset I will add my thanks to my friends, Pat and Bill Bliss, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U.S.A. This couple have been wonderful in their very generous help to me on many occasions, and once again am able to pass this on to our dancers here. Perhaps this will be of more concern to callers with beginners and one night stands, but many dancers will also find these handy for birthday parties and get together, they are fun.

1st suggestion: **Do your own thing**, select a good disc with melody and beat. Put a few easy movements that will flow together and you're in business. Get into that record box and see what you can come up with, fellows, and if you

get a winner — let us know, you may already have something in this line, so pass it on.

What makes a good easy dance? Take a look at that ever popular marathon — the Progressive Barn Dance. Pull it to bits and what is in it?

(1) Good popular singalong tunes with the band thumping out that **down beat**.

(2) Three easy steps over and over again. **WHEW!** and **progressive**.

All in a nut shell.

From the numbers Pat and Bill have sent over I will briefly list them with comment. Some of these move along and until dancers get the pattern the record can be slowed a point or two and then speeded up gradually.

A Grape Vine will tangle most people on first trying it, so for One Nighter, three walk steps and touch will get there.

Blue Star 1788, "Mamie's Mixer": Really simple. Flip: Not easy, good music, one to try your own on. Catchy rhythm and tune.

Columbia 4.43463 "Tippy Toeing". Easy and jivey, suit younguns. Flip: Blues and out.

Decca 32938: Fairly easy. Interesting good slow rhythm. Flip: Blues and out.

Gretn 14082. "Winter Mixer": Easy and fast beat. Flip: Adv. waltz.

Jewel J.121: "Bonnie Mixer": Easy, beaut fast 2 step. Flip: Adv. waltz.

Gretn 14080. "Look Me Over". Easy, bright. Have tried something to this myself. Flip: Adv. waltz.

Windsor 4705. "Turn Around Mixer": Easy, drives right along, double progression. Liked this one. Flip: Try 2nd night, good fun.

Paramount PAA0117. Easy, with vocal. A and B sequence both simple, new dancers would need cue on change of sequence. Flip: Vocal L-O-V-E.

If they can waltz — Blue Star 1797. "Mississauga Waltz Mixer": Slow, very graceful good. From the Brisbane Convention. Don't let the title put you off, should be a law agitator! Flip: Easy Samba but quite difficult to time. Idea: use moves to another tune. Key Note Kids. —LUCKY

DEAR(EST) ED ! !

The paddles on the old steamer are getting bigger and more hot air is coming out of the funnel every day. Fancy the Editor-in-Chief trying to raise support for a convention on the Apple Isle!

But is he so wrong? Sydney Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Adelaide, Newcastle and Perth have all held conventions, why not Tasmania?

They have dancers, callers and halls (Wrest Point Casino Ballroom could do as a substitute hall). If they are short of organising personnel (and doubt it) why not enlist the aid of the Government Tourist Bureau?

As George points out, quite a few people organise their holidays to coincide with a convention. So the convention holiday could have three attraction points — the holiday break, the convention and its activities, and the tourist attractions of the convention locality. Which of these points is the deciding factor for a person when deciding if he or she should attend? A dancer may prefer a new site to an old well used site he has seen before. Also, with a new location the end result of a convention can be an increase in the number of local dancers.

Are there any other suitable locations in Australia or NZ? Toowoomba (Qld.), Tamworth and Armidale (N.S.W.) and Shepparton (Vic.) might be starters. Dust or not, I would enjoy a trip to Alice Springs.

TERRY BROWNLOW

We regret space does not permit the publication of all the other letters on the same subject — we print this one because of the affectionate heading.

EDITOR

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