

AGM 2024 President's Report

As you are aware the primary purpose of the National Society is to promote square dancing. It is important that states work together for the betterment of square dancing. This requires communicate and cooperation from everyone.

At the Adelaide Convention last year it was suggested that the last Sunday in February was not an ideal time to promote square dancing and that National Dance Day on the 29th April would provide more opportunities to showcase square dancing along with other dance genres. The National Society look forward to promoting this day with events that are occurring all over Australia.

The criteria for the Honour Roll has changed slightly with a greater focus on outstanding contribution at a state and national level rather than at club level. I encourage all state associations to nominate those individuals in their state who make an outstanding contribution at that level. The template is available on the website

The NSDSA would like to acknowledge and congratulate the longevity (greater than 50 years) of square dance groups around Australia. The plan is to have state delegates attend the club celebration and present a congratulatory certificate to the club on reaching their 50th year and 60th year and to also make mention of those clubs at the Dancers Interest Meeting at the following National Convention. This, like other ideas requires cooperation from our state representatives to let us know when these milestones will take place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kevin Thomas, Barbara Treharne and Pauline Hansford for their continued support and valuable contribution to the National Society. They volunteer their time and skill for the benefit of square dancing.

I would also like to acknowledge the committee for their work and dedication over the past year. To the outgoing committee I thank you for your service and welcome any new members to the committee.

Regards

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