

Website Report to the National Square Dance Society of Australia Inc
2024 AGM

No major changes to this site in the past year.

Just general housekeeping and uploading publications being the main task.

We have been fortunate to receive a bundle of Reviews that we are missing. I have not as yet scanned or uploaded them.

As the National Conventions Board now has its own website @ board.ansdc.au and the Convention Archives which we previously hosted have now been moved to their site.

They are still viewable from our site though, so for most, nothing will have changed.

Our main site has been very busy with lots of interest.

The Stats show that we had 31,260 viewers with 77,72 page views in the year ending 31 December 2023.

Costs have remained steady, (*See financial Report*) but as with everything, there are always small rises.

We are keeping a close watch on our current hosting arrangements and comparing them to what else is available.

Due to our hosting plan, we have been able to offer hosting other like sites within our data allowance

We currently host the Australian National Square Dance Conventions Board website and the 2025 and 2026 National Square Dance Conventions web sites free of charge as a service to Square Dancing.

I believe we should be reviewing these arrangements on an annual basis and rather than a verbal agreement, we should have something formal in place.

Perhaps a MOA or similar.

The domain names which we have registered are squaredanceaustralia.org, squaredanceaustralia.com squaredanceaustralia.com.au squaredanceaustralia.org squaredanceaustralia.net squaredanceaustralia.au squaredance.org.au and squaredance.au (*Main Site*)

Apart from squaredance.au which is our main site, all others have redirections that are pointed to our main site.

Our Hosting provider is Siteground and we enjoy a subsidised fee and data allowance as it is connected to a business plan.

There are other websites, mainly clubs and state bodies that do post links to our site and when I come across sites that are using an old link I send them an email asking them to update it to our main domain.

Most willingly oblige, but some just ignore my emails.

Maybe when this happens we should send a formal letter to them asking them to update the link, Just a thought.

I am quite happy to continue as your Web Support person, however, I am not getting any younger and maybe it is time to start looking for someone with youth on their side, after all, what organisation really wants an almost 80 year old as a web support person?

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