



AROUND THE TRAPS

Jane Austen Success

We were delighted with our Jane Austen Night on August 11. So many people decided to dress up.

The full day of practice held on a prior Sunday was certainly beneficial as well as being an entertaining day of dancing.

With the fabulous programme and teaching provided by David Potter almost everyone was able to dance every dance. And that included Queen of Sheba and Newcastle. Not the easiest dances on the programme by any means.



The pace on the night never flagged. The music, provided by Short Dented Potts, was wonderful.

It is so good to see Leon Dent back playing for us. Leo was part of Snake Gully and Bon Accord – both now sadly defunct. He did, however, make his presence felt, and indulged us all beautifully, with some delightful supper music. Thank you, Leo.

It is lovely, also, to see that Kathy Potter is steadily recovering from her ailments. Good work, Kathy, and thank you for the lovely music.

The fabulous supper, overseen by Yvonne & Don Small and Helen Propert was outstanding, as were the decorations, made by Anne Maree Turner. Purple and white balloons, provided by President Mike Young, added the finishing touches. Thank you to all the members who brought a plate, thus ensuring our supper lived up to its reputation. It was indeed a top night!

However, none of our committee remembered to take any pics, so if you have some, I would love to receive them.

Kariong Workshops Re-introduced

A rather sudden decision was taken last month, when our former hall again became available, to re-introduce our weekly Workshops in the Kariong Community (formerly Progress) Hall on the corner of Dandaloo Street and Woy Woy Road.



Earlier days at Kariong

We have been blessed with two new couples, Holly & Stephen and Beryl & Bob, as well as Gordon, a regular Square Dancer seeking to extend his repertoire and Colin, who has been dancing only a very short time. All are doing exceptionally well.

Anne Maree Turner, Leone Kennedy and James Rooney deserve a huge thank you for their continuing support. It makes an enormous difference to have experienced dancers to partner the beginners.

The next workshop, on August 17, will be taken by Bill Propert who plans to teach that old bete noir **rotary chasse**. So go along and brush up on your skills and ensure Bill receives the support he needs for us to keep the workshop running.

Future workshops, while still geared to beginners, will also provide practice for our October Flannel Flower Ball and our September Social.

In past years, Kariong provided a steady stream of new people for our bushdances. Our numbers are presently holding reasonably steady, but we must find new dancers. Please take some flyers with you and encourage your friends and acquaintances to come along to Kariong to learn.

Of course, the best way to do that is for you to bring them. Friday night, 7.30 - 10.30. \$8.00

July Social

We were pleased with our July Social, conducted by Bill Probert, which attracted a number of beginners. Under Bill's instruction, they managed to complete most of the dances on the programme and reported enjoying themselves immensely.

September Social

Our next Social, on September 8, will basically be a Bush Dance, with a large sprinkling of dances from our Flannel Flower Spring Ball programme. A programme will be posted on our website shortly.

Flannel Flower Spring Ball

Tickets are available for purchase on our website. Fill out the Booking Sheet and Direct Debit the amount to our bank account, using your name as reference. Couldn't be easier!



The ball is closing in on us, being only nine weeks away. The Programme and Dance Instructions are available on our website. Hope everyone is thinking about a costume. Formal is requested.



Again, we will be striving for a "no walkthrough" policy, so please take the time to become familiar with the programme – or better still, come along to Kariong and practice.

A full day of practice for the ball will be held at the East Gosford hall on October 7 and John Short

will be holding four practices at his Pennant Hills Workshops on September 10, 17, 24 & October 8. All information is on our website.

New Members

We have been fortunate to attract a number of new members recently. Welcome to Colin Fong, Colin Thom, Andrew & Linda Leggett, Paul Young, Bev Grant, Patricia Giles and Jane Stubbe. We hope you enjoy the CCBDMA and will become part of our community.

A Note of Appreciation

I was thrilled to receive this note following the Jane Austen dance.

"I would just like to say a huge thank-you to you and all the other members of your club for making me feel so very welcome.

I had a fantastic time, I was so grateful for the patience you all showed me as it was my first time and I know I made a lot of mistakes. I really enjoyed the entire evening. I was amazed at how welcome you all made me feel, and how friendly everyone was. I probably won't make it to the workshops in Sydney but will definitely endeavour to attend most if not all your dances at East Gosford. Please keep me informed of all dances and balls as I am keen to attend as many as I can.

I have been experiencing a very difficult time in my personal life, and the friendship and laughs on Saturday night was a huge lift for me!

Please forward my thanks and appreciation to all your members and I look forward to the next dance and meeting you all again.

*Many Thanks,
Jane S."*

And that is why we are known as "The Friendly Dance". Take a bow, folks!

New Sydney Ball

David would never forgive me if I didn't mention that his New Sydney Ball will be held from 7.30 – 11.30 pm. at the Berowra Community and Cultural facility, on Saturday, August 25.

Settlement to Federation costume is requested and music, of course, is provided by Short Dented Potts.

Check out their website www.newsydneyball.com or ring David on 0413 210 789.

Happy dancing, everyone.