



# AROUND THE TRAPS

## OUR JANE AUSTEN NIGHT Was a beauty!



*Lots of dancers and boundless enthusiasm.*

The music was supplied by Short Dented Potts and was excellent, as it is always. Thank you to those fabulous musicians, particularly for the extra half hour. Everyone was having too much fun to pack it in at 11.00, so the band generously continued until 11.30. Even then we finished with reluctance.



David taught and called the dances, both on the night itself and at the practice on the Sunday prior. Quite a challenge given the number of new and inexperienced dancers, but he triumphed as usual.



A big thank you to Doug and Susie, who oversaw the supper arrangements, as usual, going the extra mile. Supper was fantastic. Thank you to all the dancers who excelled themselves with their supper contribution. It sure does make a difference.

Everyone managed the dances beautifully – even Mr Beveridge’s Maggot – quite a challenging dance - and it was lovely to see the new dancers embracing regency costume.



The hall was beautifully decorated by Heather, Jon, John and Noel - and it looked fabulous. Just love the new lights, Jon! There were heaps of balloons, too, that all magically disappeared with a small girl at the end of the night – an absolute blessing for the Committee.



*Novocastrians Julie, Judy & Monica*

## PREVIOUS DANCES

We have been busy so far this year, with a full programme of dances. February with The Waterbombers, a British Isles Social run by John Short in March, a bush dance with old

favourites Ryebuck in April and a Colonial Night with Southern Cross in May.

Numbers are picking up after COVID and we are thrilled to have so many new and younger dancers. It is so gratifying to watch their ability increase from dance to dance. They are our future.



### **AUGUST BUSH DANCE**

Plans for our August dance are underway featuring Barangaroo with John Short calling. It will be an easy dance, with some old favourites like Blackwattle Reel, Merry Widow Waltz and Margaret's Waltz and a couple of newer ones, but all the dances will be easy. The programme and dance instructions are on our website, and many of the instructions include a Youtube video, which can be really helpful for the less experienced dancers.

### **ROSELLA FOR SEPTEMBER**

We welcome the return of Rosella Bush Band for another easy dance on September 14. Rosella was quite a hit when they played for us last year. Keep an eye on our website for more details.

### **SUPPER**

A reminder to bring your own mug and a plate of supper to share. Or just your own supper if you prefer. We are finding the arrangement works very well. Please wash your own mugs and dishes when you have finished, too.

### **CASH PLEASE!**

We also remind you that we do not have any EFTPOS facility. Please bring cash, or if you prefer, you can deposit the admission price to

our bank account, using your surname and "entry" as a reference, and bring a copy of the receipt with you to show at the door.

### **FFSB24 IS COMING!**

Our Flannel Flower Spring Ball will be held on October 12. Start checking out the op shops for your costume now. **Formal costume is requested.** Not necessarily Colonial, just something a bit special. It is a ball, after all. I am happy to loan my pattern for a Colonial Shirt if anyone is interested in making one. It is easy to make, and coupled with a pair of light coloured jeans, makes a fine Colonial costume –and is acceptably formal..



Barangaroo will be supplying the music with John Short as our MC.

There will be a practice on the Sunday afternoon prior to the Ball, at the East Gosford Hall. We are unable to have the hall in the morning, so the practice will start at 12.00 and continue until 5.00pm or so. Please try to be there to start. John Short will be teaching the dances. Cost is \$10.00. Attending the practice ensures the ball flows more freely with less walkthroughs.

Perhaps bring a sandwich or snack as we will stop for a short break around 2.00pm. Coffee & tea will be supplied, but remember to bring your own mug, plate, etc.

You will need a ticket to attend the FFSB and they are available now, You can book through our website, and deposit the money directly to our bank account (all the details are on the website) using your surname and "FFSB" as a reference. We are automatically notified when you book, so there is no need to email.