



AROUND THE TRAPS

Flannel Flower Spring Ball

Undoubtedly the highlight of our year, FFSB18 was our eleventh ball and it seemed that it was enjoyed by all who attended.



Looks like the Castle Schottische called by David.

Music was great! Thank you Short Dented Potts.

Our Guest Callers, Bill Propert, David Potter, Fran Bucello and Ken Leslight added interest and variety to the evening. All of the Guest Callers also attended the practice held the Sunday prior to the ball.

Our MC, Mr John Short, was superb, as always. Cool, calm and totally in control. And without a single dance instruction in sight. However does he do it!



Our fabulous supper is always popular

The hall was beautifully decorated by Leanne & James McMaster and our supper, organised by Yvonne & Don Small, and augmented by our members, was as it always is. Fantastic!

Thank you so much to all the people who made the ball such a success.

Kariong Workshops

Our Friday evening workshops at Kariong are continuing with the number of attendees increasing. The dances for FFSB18 were practiced and we are currently looking at those for our Armistice Social. And just as soon as that is put to bed, we will be tackling the dances for our Christmas Contra.

Welcome to our new dancers, Joanne, Robin, Doreen, Dorothea, Ross, Lynette & Phillip.



Jane, Robin & Steve and Joanne, pictured with Helen at the Flannel Flower Ball

While the workshops operate at Beginner Level, it is always a huge bonus when experienced dancers grace us with their presence. It means so much to beginners to be partnered with someone with some experience under their belt. For this reason I am most grateful to Anne Maree, Carmel, Don & Yvonne, James and Leone who front up, week after week. Thank you. You are terrific.

Kariong is held on Friday evenings, 7.30 – 10.00, Kariong Community Hall on the Corner of Woy Woy Road & Dandaloo Street. The \$8.00 admission cost even includes a cuppa!

Music in New Britain

Many of you would know Peter Bonner. Peter is now in care and his daughter asked me to find good homes for his Recorders, Tin Whistles, music, books, etc. Not an easy task. However, as it turns out, Anne Maree Turner mentioned she was heading off for a "holiday" in New Britain. Fortunately she was able to find room in her luggage for the instrument collection, which all found wonderful new homes in the tropics.



Anne Maree conducting a music lesson

AMT reports she had quite an adventure and a wonderful time, even coping with the odd earthquake.

National Parks Appointment

Congratulations to Bill Probert who has recently been elected to the position of President of the National Parks Association (NPA) of NSW Central Coast Branch. Bill has been the Activities/Walks Coordinator and a regular leader for the last 5 years and will also continue in this role.

A keen bushwalker for most of his life and an enthusiastic bush dancer for the last 25 or so years, he has found bushwalking to be physically, mentally and socially beneficial. His plan is to promote these personal benefits but also to help others appreciate and protect the wonderful natural environment of the Central Coast and elsewhere.



"Bushdancing and more recently Australian social dancing has provided many hours of fun and satisfying activity and social contact. However, opportunities here are diminishing and so more of my time and interest is with NPA in promoting and providing leadership in its conservation and

environmental values", Bill said. "Not a lot of people know about my love of photography and in particular capturing our beautiful local native flora and fauna (when I can find it)".



This is Caleana major (Flying Duck Orchid) taken on the Coastal Track of Bouddi National Park. The duck like flower is only about a half of a centimetre long.

Interested in learning more about Bill's activities? Contact him on: billprobert@optusnet.com.au

Our Armistice Social November 10

Conducted by John Short, on the eve of the centenary of the Original Armistice, it will be a dress up night for those who fancy it. All the dances are drawn from the period of WW1 or have a military theme. Details, Programme and Dance Instructions can be found on our website. A gold coin donation to Legacy will be requested.

Christmas Contra December 8.

Yes, it is here already! Dress up in your Christmas glad rags and join us for our Traditional Christmas Contra.

Pastrami on Ryebuck will play up a storm with Julie Bishop Calling.

Details, Programme and Dance Instructions are all on our website. We have only one Contra each year, so don't miss it.

New to Contra? Don't be put off. The dances will be taught at Kariong from November 16. They are basically easy and a lot of fun. Come along and practice them ahead of the actual dance.

Dancing By The Water

We will probably do it again on Saturday nights in January. Keep an eye out for details.

And have a great Christmas everyone!