



RSCDS ADELAIDE & DISTRICTS BRANCH

REEL SPIEL

Newsletter 4

November 2017

VISTA VIEWS - GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Here we are nearing the end of 2017, and Christmas is but a month away! Where has the year gone?

The Branch AGM has come and gone and there are many people I would like to thank for their support over the past 12 months. The Branch Committee members, Branch members, Adelaide dancers and of course Mechthild.

This year's program of events has been varied, from the restrained Welcome Social to the frenetic Winter school. We also had opportunity to have several very talented musicians play at 3 events this year - the Ball, Winter School and Halloween social.

I would like to thank the Winter school committee and Adelaide dancers for the support you extended to all those who attended the school. This was commented on by interstate dancers. On a personal note, I would like to thank the Winter school committee for inviting me to teach at our school, it was unexpected. Community does what community does best....supporting one other.

Roy Hetherington has served 5 years and is stepping down as Branch Treasurer. Thank you Roy, for your years of service and I look forward seeing you back on the committee sometime soon!

Neville Pope, who obviously survived the Winter School, has been elected as the new Branch Treasurer. Glutton for punishment is all I can say!

The last Branch event for 2017 will be the Branch class breakup on the 28th November and the first Branch event for 2018 will be the Welcome Social on the 3rd February, at St Margaret's Church, Cnr Port and Woodville Rds, Woodville. The Branch class will recommence on 6th February.

The Committee have also booked the halls for the Branch Ball, the 2 day schools and socials planned for 2018. The dates are in the Reel Spiel. The Committee's aim is to build a permanent calendar of events, so members will know in future when days of dancing, socials and the Branch Ball will be held.

I look forward to seeing you at next year's events.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I'll leave you with these thoughts:

We don't see things the way they are. We see them the way WE are.

People were created to be loved. Things were created to be used. The reason the world is in chaos is because things are being loved, and people are being used.

Yours,

Andrew

**ADELAIDE SCOTTISH COUNTRY
DANCE & SOCIAL CLUB**
Penny McGee(Secretary)



We were delighted to be able to offer our hall for a combined Halloween Social with the RSCDS Branch. Iain McKenzie kept the toes tapping (and dancing!) with his wonderful music on the accordion, and those who turned up for the evening were enthralled by it. It was a great evening of dancing and fellowship, and thank you very much to Andrew Timmins for organising and hosting Iain's visit. Truly a night to remember.

We hope another highlight event will be our Ball to celebrate St Andrew's Night, on Saturday November 25th. Bring your Ball gowns out again and join us for an evening of dancing with Elizabeth Baillie at the keyboard. It will be held at our regular venue – St Theodore's Church hall – 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. We especially welcome all visitors on the night. \$10 admission and please bring a small plate of supper.

Our Christmas party will be on December 16th at 7.30pm and, as usual, we will host a Hogmanay dance commencing at 8.30pm.

Regular dancing will recommence on Saturday January 13th. All welcome.

Penny

**BURNSIDE DANCERS
WEDNESDAY NIGHT**
Margot Mernitz



We have had a very sad event. Joe Janiszewski, the husband of one of our dancers, Irene, died suddenly on the 25th of October. Everyone felt very concerned for Irene. Another dancer, Robin Griffen, is not very well. I am quite happy for my dancers to go off on holidays but it is so sad when they cannot come to dancing because of health issues.

However, the dancers who can come to class are practising for the St. Andrew's Ball. Most of the dances are old favourites, but one or two are a little bit more challenging. As the teacher I usually prefer written instructions, but the symbolic image makes St Andrew's Gardens so much clearer than the written word, and watching the Saltire Society Reel on the T.V. was quite rewarding.

Our break up night will be Wednesday December 13th. You are all invited to join us at Rosepark Scout Hall at 8 pm when we will probably dance some of the Ball dances.

Happy dancing to everyone from the Wednesday Night Class

Margot

GILLES PLAINS SCOTTISH COUNTRY

DANCERS

Maureen Morris



It has been a good year at Gilles Plains Scottish Country dance group, with lots of good dancing and fun together, and all coming to a rapid close.

Our final class will be on December 6th followed by lunch at the Grand North on Grand Junction Road. If you would like to join us please let me know on 82618225 or 0439 686 173

I've been unable to attend branch events this year but hopefully will be more active next year. Those who attended the branch ball and winter school social reported that a good time was had by all. Congratulations to all the organisers.

Weather permitting class will start back in 2018 on Wednesday 7th February. Hopefully we'll have two ceiling fans installed by then.

Seasons greetings to all and a safe holiday period.

From Maureen and the Gilles Plains dancers

BYDAND

Lois Hall



Bydand members continue to enjoy learning new dances under Noriel's expert tuition. Some of the Halloween dances proved a little challenging but worth the effort for those of us who attended the Halloween Social at Rose Park. Thanks to the Adelaide Branch and the Adelaide Scottish Country Dance and Social Club for a great evening.

We are pleased that Noriel is recovering well after a stay in hospital and we look forward to dancing again on Friday evenings.

The final night for the Bydand group is December 1st. We would be pleased if you would all join us for a fun evening and ask if you will please bring a small plate of supper to share.

Thank you Noriel for another wonderful year of dancing.

Happy dancing everyone and Happy Christmas to you all.

Lois.

FREE MAGAZINES

I have 75 issues of the Scots Heritage Magazine to give to anyone interested in Scottish culture, heritage, clans, people, books, music, etc. These magazines are no longer available in printed form.

I have tied them in bundles of 10 so anyone interested can have as many or as few as they wish.

Please call me on 8268 3802.

Noriel Tarca

CEILIDH CLASS @ FRIDAY

NIGHT AT SPICER

Andrew and Mechthild Timmins

Thursday night numbers still ebb and flow and we are now trying fortnightly classes, with mixed success. Lately, numbers have picked up with some new members. (See photos on P6 of us dancing the Eight-some Reel and Fisherman's Reel with 5 men and 5 women).

Friday night numbers also vary from 4 couples to 7 couples. Our beginner's class, from 19:30 until 20:00, varies between 2 to 6 people, dependant on dancers' work commitments. They are making slow and steady progress and all have attended at least one Branch function this year. The class also welcomed back Chris & Zara from Scotland, Neville from NSW and Anna & Eleanor from Europe.

Our Christmas Break Up will be on the Friday 15th December at the Spicer Uniting Church Hall, 7.30pm start. All are welcome to join us for the evening. Please bring a plate of supper to share. The Friday night class will restart on 19th January 2018

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Andrew and Mechthild



BURNSIDE DANCERS

MONDAY PM/ WEDNESDAY AM

Jean Lumsden



The end of 2017 is fast approaching and our break-up dates are Monday 8pm 11th December and Wednesday 9.30am 13th December.

We wish all of our friends a dancers a lovely festive holiday and a Happy New Year.

Mary has asked me to advise those who wish to contact her that her landline phone number, 8264 8761, is now disconnected. Her new mobile number is 0405 180 836

Jean, Mary and Neville

FLEURIEU SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS

Annette Joyce



Perhaps we've too many adventurous dancers in our group? Over the past few months various members have been off touring, walking and cycling here and elsewhere. With 'elsewhere' including Zara and Chris walking (and dancing) in Scotland.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the brave few who chose to face the winter chills kept our group going – although we had to cancel two weeks when other commitments intervened. Thankfully, though, none of us got the cold or this year's dreaded flu.

Lower attendance meant we never did manage a 4-couple set and, having exhausted our own resources of 2-couple and 3-couple dances, we asked friends from other dance groups for help. And we repeat our thanks to those who gave us suggestions.

Happily, our last few evenings this year should see us return to those giant 4-couple sets, as all our wanderers will be back. Our last session is on 11 December, and we'll re-start on 6 February.

If you've a South Coast holiday early in December, or from February onwards (except during school holidays), we'd love to see you here in Goolwa for our 4.00-6.00 pm Monday dance. Please call Dorothy on 0417 651 976.

Annette

HEBRIDEAN DANCERS

Sharon Vincin



Hebridean Dancers

This term has seen Hebridean dancers busy with several demonstrations, including a 200th birthday celebration of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Bahá'í Faith. We danced at Mellor Park and also enjoyed a group dance with many of the crowd, who were very enthusiastic. We also performed for a very appreciative group of carers at the Dernancourt Uniting Church, and again managed to get a few of them up on their feet.

Jean returned from her UK visit with pneumonia, which sadly sidelined her for several more weeks. Noriel took over the class and enjoyed working on some challenging dances with us and also preparing us for the Halloween Social. Several of us then joined in the Halloween Dance which was a real hoot. Well done to the organisers for a fun night, with lovely live music from Iain McKenzie.

Sadly soon afterwards, Noriel also became unwell and was laid low for a couple of weeks. We are all very glad to say that she is on the mend now, except for sporting a forehead scar of which Harry Potter would be proud!

We have missed Barbara for a few weeks whilst she went on a caravan holiday with her husband, and also Bev who visited Queensland for a couple of weeks. We have welcomed Elizabeth Bailey to the classes and she has taken to us like a duck to water.

Our next demonstration will be at the St Andrew's Day celebration at the Burnside Library on 30th November (see P4). Hopefully we will have another good crowd. Yet another year almost over, and we must thank Jean for another terrific year, along with Barbara and Noriel who have stepped in to teach when Jean could not be with us. We hope to see many of you at the various upcoming end-of-year breakups and celebrations, and wish you all a happy, peaceful and enjoyable holiday season.

Slainte mhòr!

Sharon

VICTOR HARBOR SCOTTISH DANCE GROUP

Chris Hawkins



It is always lovely to read all the news in the Reel Spiel and to feel part of it all, even though we are way down South. It seems that our age group does not enjoy the night travelling and also has to consider the extra cost involved as well.

Our own little group here in Victor is growing and we now usually have two sets, even with a few folk away. We do seem to have a pretty keen regular group of dancers and that makes it easier "teaching - wise" too.

We were very excited to have Margot come and visit and dance with us a few weeks ago. It was a lovely surprise. Unfortunately that day, we were in the Assembly room which we have to make do with once a month. It has a carpeted floor which limits the footwork. However we make do !!!

A small group of us danced at the Goolwa Concert Band Annual Concert in September. Jock McCallum piped "The Green Hills of Tyrol" and then piped "Orange and Blue" for Colleen, Di and myself to do a Ladies Step Dance. We were then joined by Penny and Edith to dance "Domino 5". As the Concert had the theme of "Colours" it worked in very well as an item and was very well received by the audience – I am proud to say we got the biggest applause for the afternoon!!! The only thing we were worried about was, that we had to remember, that we were dancing to the audience instead of having our "Mr Music" in front of us – the piper was at the side of us instead !!! It is very easy to get disorientated but we didn't !!! Yay !!!

Next year we hope to hold another ceilidh and this time I will try to get a date set earlier so it can go in the Year Book.

Our last dancing day for this year is Monday 18th December and will be a Christmas shared afternoon tea in the clubrooms at Carrickalinga House. Please wear tartan if it is not hot. We will resume again on Monday 15th January.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members who have been so wonderful this year, particularly Don Headon (our Mr Music) who puts in his time to record the dances we need for the day and working our sound system. Thanks to Jock for his great piping from time to time and also the Senior Citizens Club of course, that have made it all possible.

We hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and safe and healthy year for 2018 .

Chris

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2017-2018

The RSCDS Adelaide and Districts Branch held its AGM on Tuesday 21st November 2017 in the Spicer Church Hall.

The following people were elected for the coming year.

President: Andrew Timmins

Secretary: Anna Grant-Henderson

Treasurer: Neville Pope

Committee members:

Andrew Buchanan

Terry Donald

Lois Hall

Louise Kropinski

Noriel Tarca

Sharon Vincin

Reel Spiel: Caroline Donald

Webpage: Sharon Vincin; Caroline Donald

Facebook: Louise Kropinski; Jill Pope

Public Officer: Louise Kropinski

Auditor: Andrew Stenhouse

ST ANDREWS DAY CELEBRATION

11am, Thursday 30 November 2017



The Scottish Associations of South Australia and the Burnside Library invite you to attend a concert celebration . This includes speakers on St Andrew, patron saint of Scotland, the Saltire cross flag of Scotland, Scottish country dancing, highland dancing, live music, haggis tasting and a sing-along.

Light lunch provided.

Bookings Essential - either online

or phone 8366 4280

Cost \$5

www.burnside.sa.gov.au/Whats-On/Library-Events/St-Andrews-Day

RIVERWOOD DOWNS WEEKEND

This weekend is organised by the Colleges class from Newcastle, which is part of the Hunter Valley Branch.

Neville Pope reports:

When I mentioned to Ros McKie that we might make our "after Winter School" holiday a trip to Hunter Valley's Riverwood Downs weekend, she said, "Why don't you come and teach?" So I did.

We duly left Adelaide on 18th October with the caravan in tow and travelled via Melbourne, where we stayed with Jeannie and Max Tuckerman and danced at the Mitcham class. Then east to Bairnsdale and from there up into the mountains where we spent a few restful days at Omeo before tackling the very winding road north to Tallangatta and Corryong. We saw snow in the distance, but none close. We also drove across to Khancoban for the afternoon to see part of the Snowy Scheme. Then we had a quick trek north, stopping overnight at Mittagong, to Penrith and the Avan people, because our tap was leaking again!



From Penrith, we stayed overnight at Wiseman's Ferry and then north again, arriving at Fingal Bay, where dancers we met at the 2004 Winter School live. We had lunch with them at the local Sports Club. The next day was washing day and various other maintenance activities as well as some re-provisioning before heading up to Riverwood Downs on the Friday.



Chris Duncan and Catherine Strutt were playing at Riverwood this year. We had a good social on the Friday night and chatted afterwards, but I made sure I got to bed at a reasonable hour as I was teaching the next day. On Saturday, Brian Charlton (Sydney) was first teacher and included a dance written especially for Riverwood Downs, *To the Downs*. I followed with *The Kelpie of Loch Coruisk*, *The Tusmore Park Canon* and finished with *Bobby Brown's Canadian Breakdown* for a bit of fun. (Thank you Branch Class for having 7 couples one night!)

On Saturday afternoon there was some English Country Dancing and a walk-through of some of the harder dances for the Social that night while Ros and Jeanette challenged me to a game (well - several) of Blokus. A good time was had by all at Saturday night's social with Brian's new dance and *Tusmore Park Canon* being included.

On Sunday morning, Fran Buccello from Hunter Valley was the first up and included *The Floozie in the Jacuzzi* as her first dance. I was disappointed to be running a bit late and missed it as I've always enjoyed it, but it was great to watch. Bill Unger (from Sydney) was the final teacher for the weekend and included *Dancing on Parnassus* which we have danced Friday nights and Thursday nights.

For most people, Sunday lunchtime was the end of the weekend and a lot of goodbyes were said with promises to see people in July next year. From previous experience, we had booked an extra night as had our friends from Fingal Bay and there were about a dozen of us left. We ate leftovers for dinner (less than other years and no barbecued meat left either, but we made do). Then after dinner some of us taught a few dances. Marney had one she wanted to try and I had one that I'd written for our friends, but they'd never seen danced.

Monday brought more promises of "See you next July" (Hunter Valley Branch will be hosting the Winter School next July in Shoal Bay) and we set off on our road home with a week's travel ahead of us and a few days to spare for rests along the way.

Neville



Branch Class Hot Weather Policy

If temperature is 35° at 6.00pm as shown on Channel 10, the class will be cancelled.

Membership Fees for 2017-18

Please renew by 31 March
to avoid a late fee of \$10

Single membership \$45
Joint membership \$70
Under 25/students \$32

Branch Class Fees
Members \$8.00
Non-members \$10.00

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Season's greetings to you all
All items for the next issue are due by the end of February, I look forward to receiving photos and accounts of final classes, Hogmanay and the Welcome social

Thanks, Caroline
tgandcmd@ozemail.com.au

DIARY DATES

Saturday 25 November 7.30 for a 7.45 start	St Andrews Ball	St Theodore's Anglican Church Prescott Terrace, Toorak Garden
Saturday 3 February 2018 1.30pm	Welcome social Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share	St Margaret's Anglican Church Hall, Woodville
Saturday 14 February 2018 Day school 10am Social 1pm	Day school & Social Day school in the morning 10 am - 12 noon. Bring your own lunch. Stay on after the morning class, or come and join in for the afternoon social at 1pm	Spicer Uniting Church Hall Fourth Avenue, St Peters
Saturday 21 July 2018	Day school & Social	Willunga Show Hall
Saturday 8 September 2018 7.30-11.30pm	RSCDS Adelaide Branch Ball Musicians: Iain McKenzie & Emma Nixon	Estonian Hall 200 Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide

OUT & ABOUT



Lois and Sharon



Hebridean Dancers at a Carers Day at Dernancourt Uniting Church (above) and (below) involved in a celebration with members of the Bahá'í Faith at Mellor Park



Halloween fun

When one costume just isn't enough—Lorraine brings more!



Thursday Ceilidh Class

Eightsome Reel (L) and Fisherman's Reel (Below)



CLASSES AND CONTACTS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CLASS	TIME	VENUE	TEACHER/CONTACT
Burnside	Monday 8.00 – 10.00 pm	Rose Park Scout Hall Hewitt Ave ROSE PARK	Jean Lumsden 8266 0589
Victor Harbor	Monday 1.30 to 4.00 pm	Carrickalinga House, 17 Torrens Street, VICTOR HARBOR	Chris Hawkins 7522 4261.
Fleurieu Scottish Dancers	Monday 4.00-6.00pm School term only	Church of Christ Hall Porter and Wildman Streets GOOLWA	Dorothy Bagnall 0417 651 976 Annette Joyce 0437 734 083
RSCDS Adelaide Branch	Tuesday 8.00 – 9.30 pm	Spicer Uniting Church 44a Fourth Ave ST PETERS	Anna Grant-Henderson Secretary 7200 3431
Burnside	Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30 am	Druids Hall Cassie Street COLLINSWOOD	Jean Lumsden & Mary Hodgen 0405 180 836
Gilles Plains	Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00 noon	Gilles Plains Scout Hall Wandana Avenue GILLES PLAINS	Maureen Morris 8261 8225
Hebridean	Wednesday 1pm	Glenunga Uniting Church L'Estrange Street GLENUNGA	Jean Dodds 8338 2753
Burnside	Wednesday 8.00 – 10.00pm	Rose Park Scout Hall Hewitt Avenue ROSE PARK	Margot Mernitz 0413 722 537
Adelaide Social Club	Thursday 7.30 – 9.30 pm	St Theodore's Anglican Church Prescott Tce TOORAK GARDENS	Neville Pope 0417 823 537
Ceilidh Class	Thursday 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Spicer Uniting Church 44a Fourth Ave ST PETERS	Andrew & Mechthild Timmins 8265 6938
Bydand	Friday 7.30 – 9.30 pm	St Margaret's Church Woodville Road WOODVILLE	Noriel Tarca 8268 3802
Friday Night Spicer SCD	Friday 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Spicer Uniting Church 44a Fourth Ave ST PETERS	Andrew & Mechthild Timmins 8265 6938
Adelaide Social Club	Saturday 7.30 – 10.30 pm	St Theodore's Anglican Church Prescott Tce TOORAK GARDENS	Arthur Littlejohns 8260 4397 Lorraine Findlay 8255 9243



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