



Branch Briefings

February, 2014

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President's Note

Well another dancing year has begun and I hope you all had a good break and are ready to dance again.

For the year ahead the Branch has organized some great events and we have tried to plan something for all levels of dancing. We have Days of dance, a Melbourne 45th Anniversary celebration and a teaching weekend just to name a few. The committee is a little smaller this year and a lot of extra work will be needed, but we will all work together and assure you of our best. I hope everyone will come along and support all our functions. If we can help you or your group in any way then please let us know.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and visiting as many groups as I can.

Happy Dancing,

Jeanie

Benefits of membership of the Melbourne & District Branch Inc

MEMBERS may attend:

- (a) Branch Schools and Functions
- (b) Overseas Schools

MEMBERS will receive

- (a) Tuition from trained teachers at all levels.
- (b) The Melbourne & District Branch Directory and Social Calendar.
- (c) The RSCDS magazine Scottish County Dancer published twice yearly.
- (d) Admission to Branch functions at concession rates.

MEMBERS are invited to actively participate in the running of the Branch.

Memberships - due 30th April 2014

Membership forms for the RSCDS have been supplied to all Groups. These are to be returned to the Group Secretary for forwarding to the Treasurer no later than 30th April. A \$15 late fee will be required if membership forms are received after the due date.

Payment can be made either by cash, cheque or EFT/Direct Debit to the Branch's nominated bank account. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque out to the RSCDS Melbourne & District Branch Inc. If paying by EFT/Direct Debit please make payment to: ANZ - BSB 013 128 - A/c 006713853. It is **ESSENTIAL** that you use a reference to enable the Treasurer to trace your payment and ensure your membership is valid. The recommended reference is to use your surname plus the membership type against your payment - e.g. Jones/Single

Headquarters new Website

The new RSCDS website was launched on Monday 10 February. All members will be sent to their known email address, a login and password for the new website. There is no need for you to register. The emails are being sent out through an alphabetically listing of Branches and then members names. If you have not supplied an email address via your current membership you will be able to complete the 'contact us' form found by using the following link: <http://www.rscds.org/branch/view.1529> which will enable you to get a login and password using your membership number.

Branch Website

REMEMBER: if you want your Group's social events to be put on the Branch website you should send a notice (preferably in pdf format) to Christine Freeman chrisfree@optusnet.com.au

BRANCH HAPPENINGS – MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2014

1 March	Teachers' Workshop, St James, Box Hill, 10.30am
23 March	Branch Children's Class, Coatesville Primary School, 2pm
24 March	Committee of Management Meeting
29 March	Branch Beginners' Introduction Morning, St James, 10am
5 April	Branch DAY OF DANCE incorporating Delegates' Meeting Venue to be advised, 10.30am - 3.00pm
	Branch Beginners' 1 st Term commences, St James, 10am
6 April	Teacher's Panel Meeting, St James, 2pm
27 April	Branch Children's Class, Coatesville Primary School, 2pm
10 May	Branch Class for Intermediate Level Dancers commences, St James - 12.30pm
25 May	Branch Children's Class, Coatesville Primary School, 2pm

Other Events

The White Rose Festival - UK

The 60th Annual Festival which will be held on 12th July, 2014. The Festival is held just outside Leeds on the playing fields of Gateways School in a rural setting opposite to the Harewood estate. There will be massed open air dancing for adult and junior teams, opportunities for demonstrations of pre-selected dances and ladies' and men's Highland displays, and an evening social dance. Dancing will be to Luke Brady and his Scottish Dance Band with piping from Alan Harrison. Ian Slater will also play for the juniors if the event is held indoors because of wet weather. Full details of the dances and additional information can be found at <http://www.rscdsleeds.org.uk/Festivals/WhiteRose2014/> or contact our Secretary Irene Dracup, 21 Lawns Drive, Leeds LS12 5RJ glyn.cup@virginmedia.com