



Branch Briefings

June, 2013

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President's Note

Well, the dancing year is in full swing and I have been able to attend quite a few of the Groups' socials and the Branch functions.

The new sound equipment has been tried out and also the wireless microphone. I am pleased to report that all went well, so we should have no problems at our Branch functions in the future with regards to music or not hearing the teacher.

The defibrillator has also arrived, so I am off to do some training together with Jo Reed and Christine Freeman.

I am looking forward to the remainder of the dancing year and attending as many group socials as I can, including the country socials and I am especially looking forward to the Amberley weekend School.

Jeanie

New Equipment

As reported at the Delegates' Meeting in June, the Winter School Committee proposed to the Branch Committee of Management that new music equipment and a defibrillator be purchased from the profit made from Dookie 2012. Two sets of new music equipment have now been purchased, which comprise:

- CD player (with pitch/speed control)
- Mixer
- Speaker
- Wireless microphone

The equipment is capable of playing music from computers, Ipods and USBs and will be used for all Branch classes and functions where music equipment is required.

A defibrillator has also been purchased and will be available at all Branch socials and meetings.

Three members of the Branch Committee will be undertaking training and we are asking for three further volunteers from our members to take up an offer to be trained by the St John Ambulance training centre. The Branch will cover the cost of the training. If you are interested, please contact Christine Freeman on 9444 7828.

Do you have defibrillator training? Would you be prepared to help in an emergency at a Branch function? If so, would you please contact Christine Freeman and your name will be added to the list of trained people.

**Branch Weekend School - 2nd - 4th August
Amberley, Lower Plenty**

Teachers: Francis Walduck (Qld) & Jeanette Stephan (Sydney)

Applications are now open for our Branch Weekend School to be held at Amberley, Lower Plenty. Forms are available on the Branch website: www.rscdsmelbourne.org.au We look forward to seeing you there!

Branch Classes

The Beginners' Class, the Demonstration Class, the Children's Class and the Intermediate Class are all running successfully. We have had a very good response from dancers to all these classes.

However, if you know of any beginners who may be interested in attending on a Saturday morning at the Ormond Uniting Church from 10.00am - 12.00 noon please pass on the details of the Beginners' Class and encourage them to attend.

****ADVANCE NOTICE****

Make a note in your diary that there will be a general class on the 9th October to be taught by Ruby Wilkinson one of Perth Winter School teachers. Bill Ewan, a pianist, who is one of the musicians at the School will be playing for the class. Beginners are welcome to come and watch. Further details will be advised later.

Book 48

Are you interested in helping to evaluate some of the dances for Book 48? The Branch has been sent six (6) dances to review. All dancers (except Beginners) are welcome to come to Coatesville Primary School hall on the 27th July at 1.00pm. Afternoon tea will be provided.

New Dancers' Social

Remember the New Dancers' Social on the 11th August. Free Entry - however, it would be appreciated if everyone could bring a "small" plate for afternoon tea. This is a good opportunity to welcome our newer dancers at their very own social.

Unit 0

It is proposed that the course for Unit 0 will be held on the 19th October and the 16th November from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Pascoe Vale Senior Citizens Centre, Camdon Street, Pascoe Vale (Mel Ref 17 A9). Further details (including the cost involved) will be advised to all those registered before the start of the course.

Whilst we have a number of Branch members interested in undertaking this course any other members who would like to participate please contact Jo Reed - familyreed@bigpond.com

New Name!

The Woodend Group has a new name - the Macedon Ranges Scottish Country Dancers Inc. Please make a note of this in your Directories. All other details remain the same.

Cancellations!

- The Ewing Social on the 27th July has been cancelled and will be replaced with a mid-week social on Wednesday, 21st August.
 - The Inverloch Social on the 8th September has been cancelled.
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Change of Date!

Please note that the date for Melbourne Scots 65th Anniversary Social has been changed from Friday, 8th November to Friday, 15th November. David South and Julia Arnold will be the musicians.

BRANCH HAPPENINGS – July, August 2013

27 July	Book 48 - Dance Review	1.00pm - Coatesville Primary School
28 July	Teachers' Panel Meeting	2:00pm - St James Uniting Church Hall
2-4 Aug	Branch Weekend School	Amberley, Lower Plenty
11 Aug	Social for Newer Dancers	2:00pm - Ormond Uniting Church Hall
17 Aug	Advanced Low Impact Class	11.00am - St James Uniting Church Hall
24 Aug	Beginners' Term Three	10.00am - Ormond Uniting Church Hall

Other Events:

- 7 July Kirkin' o' the Tartan - Scots Church, Melbourne
- 5-7 July Robert Burns Scottish Festival - Camperdown
Details: www.camperdownburnsfestival.com
- 10 Aug "The Australian Ladies & other Scottish dances"
Albert Hall, Canberra – Details on the Branch website