



Branch Briefings

November, 2010

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President's Note

2010 had definitely been a busy year for dancing with so many special functions for clubs across Victoria and a full calendar of Branch functions. The Committee of Management has already begun, in conjunction with the Teachers' Panel, to plan Branch Functions for 2011 for all our members.

I would like to thank our outgoing President, Christine Freeman for all her hard work over the previous two years for the Branch. I'm sure she will enjoy the more "relaxed" title of Immediate Past President and she will continue to be a very active member of the Committee.

Dianne Sides is a new addition to our Committee, I'm sure she is looking forward to this new aspect of participation in Scottish Country Dancing and I welcome her on board.

I was lucky enough to attend two of the Children's Classes, run ably by Heather Ross and Jeannie Sawyer-Tuckerman. The children all enjoyed their one-hour class and it was full of fun, energy and lots of dancing. The breakup class was a huge success with family and friends participating, providing the budding dancers with an opportunity to display their talents. It was wonderful to see the children enjoy dancing and they all were eager for the dancing year to start next year so they can continue the classes.

I look forward to meeting many members at our first delegates' meeting and President's Luncheon early in 2011. Also don't forget the Branch Opening Social.

Happy dancing, Cairistiona



Pam Jones

Pam has been a part of the Melbourne Scottish Country Dancing scene for many years. Unfortunately, as her health has deteriorated in recent times her family feels that she should move back to Queensland to be nearer to them. She will leave Melbourne on Thursday 2 December to:

Blue Cross Capricorn Gardens Residential Facility
26 Magpie Avenue
YEPPOON QLD 4703

The family hope to set her up with an email address shortly and we will advise the address when it is available as she will want to be in touch with her dancing friends in Melbourne.

We remember with affection Pam's tap dancing at numerous Winter School ceilidhs and her participation in Branch and Group functions over the years. We wish her all the very best in her new home.

Teachers' Exam Results:

CONGRATULATIONS to Joy Claridge and Jeannie Sawyer-Tuckerman for passing their Unit 1 - Theory Exam. We wish them every success as they work towards the next stage of gaining their Teacher's Certificate.

BRANCH HAPPENINGS – January, 2011

- 13th Jan President's Luncheon and Delegates' Meeting
St James, Wattle Park
Commencing 12.45pm
Invitation letters will be sent early in the new year.
- 19th Jan **BRANCH OPENING SOCIAL**
St James, Wattle Park
Commencing 8.00m
Programs available now!!!! Check out our website.
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NOTICES:

- 4th Dec Daylesford Highland Gathering
- 26th Jan Australia Day March

A contingent of Scottish Country Dancers will join the march through the city streets. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Don Chitts Ph: 9754 5120

- 1st Jan Maryborough Highland Gathering - Celebrating 150 years
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