

# Newsletter of the Bush Dance & Music Club of Bendigo Inc.

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## Coo-ee!

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Hoping everyone had a fantastic and safe Easter, and if you ate a few too many eggs (like myself) the next dance is not far away for you to burn them off.

### Newsletter contributions:

**Due to changes in the mail we have had to change the deadline for submissions for the newsletter.**

If you would like anything included in the newsletter please email it to me on [flecks@hotmail.com](mailto:flecks@hotmail.com) or if you are not on email phone me on 0404 532 779. Please note the last day I will be able to include anything is **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016** before the Thursday Mail-out.

### General Meeting:

The clubs general meeting was held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March (rather than the original date due to not enough members to form a quorum) at the Bendigo Neighbourhood House we only just had enough in attendance to make up a quorum this time, so if you are able to make it to a meeting please make an effort. Following are some points from the meeting:

- **The South East Australian Dance Directory-** Mary has some copies for sale; **\$12.50 each**, if anyone is interested they have all the Old Time dances far and wide in it, please see Mary.
- **Birthday dance: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June;** Just a reminder that our upcoming birthday dance is a **Book titles** theme, so many options to choose from;
  - Come as an oopma loompa from "Charlie and the chocolate factory
  - Dress as your favourite super hero a comic is a book as well

**The options are endless and we can't wait to see what everyone comes up with!**

- **Changing hall for monthly dances-** Mary has been around collecting quotes for the hire of many halls around the local area, all were rather expensive and seemed a little out of our reach. After a discussion at the meeting the decision was made that while the floor at our current hall can be maintained to the standard of the March dance we would be better off staying where we are currently located.

*Upcoming events to keep in mind:*

- **Next Bendigo East Hop –**

- **April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8 pm at Bendigo East Prog. Hall Lansell St. Bendigo East.**

**Admission:** Members \$5 Non-members \$8 and Children under 16 Free

A Plate of Supper to share is always appreciated and enjoyed

**Don't forget to bring a friend along and tell them about our great promotion... will now be giving each new comer a FREE pass to any dance (excluding the ball) during the year of 2016**

- **Next Club Meeting is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 7.30pm** at Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub at the Strathdale Community Centre, Crook St. Strathdale. Please try your best to make it as numbers have been hard to get, without meetings it's hard to keep the club going.
- **Entertaining the old folks:** we have a few dates to put on our calendars this year; If you could make it along it would be very much appreciated by both the residents and your fellow club members. The oldies do love the music and watching the dancers, a lovely trip down memory lane for them.
  - **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May Freedom @1:30 pm**
  - **Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> St Laurence Crt Kangaroo Flat @ 1:30 pm**
  - **Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> St Laurence Crt Kangaroo Flat @ 1:30pm**

*Email:*

- Please reply to club emails where possible.
- If you would like to receive your club newsletter via email please email me on [flecks@hotmail.com](mailto:flecks@hotmail.com) so that I can add you to the list.

*New members:*

No new members this month ☺ maybe next month.

*Reports:*

- **Dancing at Freedom for the old folks;** 13 of our dancers visited the folks at freedom nursing home on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March (St Patrick's Day), dressed in green they entertained around 14 residents. Eric brought along a special leprechaun that sang which was well received by all. The residents had a great time and shared a lovely green afternoon tea with our dancers,

- **March Dance-** the monthly dance was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, we had a green theme in honour of St Patrick's Day and it was fantastic to see lots of green on the night (even green food!) Around 30 people attended the dance and all in attendance seemed to have a great time. It was noted the floor was much better to dance on this month, a little fast to start with but much better after Julie gave it a quick sweep.
- **National folk festival:** Don and Julie said the tea dance was great with over 100 people in attendance. The music was great and the band played well. The concert was great and it was nice for Don and Julie to be able to watch and listen for a while rather than play.

## Birthday/Anniversary book:

Once again I would love you all to please let me know any special dates (birthdays, anniversaries) so that we can help you celebrate, thanks ☺

April

- 25<sup>th</sup> April- Marg Dean



Wishing you all the best on your special day, may you enjoy your day surrounded by love and laughter!

### Other notes:

- ❖ **CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE-** Please see Mary and pay for club fees as soon as you can as this might be your last newsletter.  
**Singles \$20 or Family \$35**

Until next time, I hope to see you all at our next dance and I will leave you with a quote:

“The happiest people do not have the best of everything. They make the best of everything they have”

*A very special invitation to all...*

In April I (Elka) am getting married, I have known most of you for my whole life (that's quite a few years now!) and as you can imagine it's just not possible to have everyone at the reception but Ash and I would love to see you all there at the ceremony! Details are as follows...

*Elka &  
Ashley* 

*Dear Dance club members;*

Together with their families

Elka Budge and Ashley Castle

Request the pleasure of your company to  
help celebrate the joyous occasion of their  
wedding

*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016*

*The Bendigo Pottery*

*3:30pm*