

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

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How fast has 2016 gone? I cannot believe that we are in
December!

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like anything included in the newsletter please email it to me on 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 23rd January**, before the Wednesday Mail-out.

REPORTS:

➤ General Meeting:

The clubs general meeting was held on Wednesday 23rd November; at the Bendigo Neighbourhood House, there were 10 members at the meeting, which was a good turn up, this was our last meeting for the year.

➤ November club dance:

Our monthly club dance was held on Saturday 19th November. While numbers were down again that did not stop the crowd of around 28 from having a great night. I did forget to mention it in last month's newsletter that the night had a Scottish theme (I do apologise) and even though I was forgetful it was wonderful to see that some people had remembered and came dressed up. John again did a great job at MC'ing the dance. Dancers may have been a bit scarce but that was certainly not the case for the band who almost outnumbered the dancers; the music was wonderful as always and Marg Hogan was back! Hopefully next year the numbers may pick up.

➤ Dancing at the old folk's home:

It's been a while since we have had a demonstration. Thanks to the 3 couples who visited Freedom on the 2nd November to entertain a group of around 25 residents who enjoyed watching and even a few staff members got up and joined the fun; even some of the residents could be seen having a bit of a jig.

➤ Maldon weekend:

Don and Julie along with the band attended a weekend of music and dancing at the Maldon Folk Festival over the weekend of 28th - 30th October. They played for the Old Time / Bush Dance on the Friday night of the 28th and from all reports the night was great with 17 musos counted and up to 60 dancers. Julie received some lovely feedback about the music being wonderful. Of course it was!

UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- **Christmas Party** - I can't believe we are already at that time of year when we book our party! **Saturday 10th December @ Sedgewick Hall**. More details at the end of newsletter. Please contact Mary Smith and book and pay by Saturday 3rd December.

- Don't forget to bring a small plate of supper.

- **Bendigo East Hop** – There is no dance in December or January...but do not fear as we are back on February 18th

- **Club Meeting** - There is no meeting in December.

The clubs Annual General Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 8th February 2017- 7.30pm** at Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub at the Strathdale Community Centre, Crook St.

Strathdale. This is the meeting to come to if you would like to join the executive committee and become more involved in the club.

- **Dancing at the old folk's homes:** Yet to be confirmed but we have a tentative booking for February at Stella Anderson



FACEBOOK:

Don't forget to check out our new facebook page, you can find upcoming events and look at photos from the ball! It's also a great way to keep in contact with the dancing community. If you do check out our page, please share it around so we can build up our audience and encourage more people to come along to our dances 😊

<https://www.facebook.com/bushdanceandmusicclubbendigo/>

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 so that I can add you to the list.

DANCE VIDEO CLIPS...

Coral Eden from Melbourne has sent a link to us, leading to a page where two dances that she filmed at Bundanoon last June can be seen. She did this filming on behalf of Peter Ellis as these dances were on Peter's long list to film but he did not complete them. If you would like to have a look, follow the following link;

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1sNfGXQ05iCX7DipD_sCYcECJcj6Fbn

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:



December Birthdays:

- Eric Robinson 11th December
- Alida Robinson 11th December
- Chris Beggs 18th December
- Stuart Simms 21st December

Wishing all our birthday people a Happy Birthday; may your day be filled with fun and joy!

If I have missed anyone; let me know and I'll make sure you are added to our birthday book.

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month, if you have had or are having an anniversary please let me know so we can celebrate with you.



Wishing you all a very safe and merry Christmas, eat well and don't worry about the extra kilos...you can lose them all again when we start dancing in February. Enjoy the rest of the year and will hopefully see you all at our Christmas party if not see you all in 2017!

"Let's dance and sing and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year."

- Sir George Alexander Macfarren



Busk Dance and Music Club of Bendigo Christmas Party

Saturday 10th December

@ Sedgewick Hall catering by Rankins Catering

Join friends from 4:30 for a chat and be ready for dinner @6:00 pm

Cost \$ 30 per person

Santa to make guest appearance!

Please contact Mary Smith book your place. RSVP by 4th December

Menu:

Main:

Lamb and pork with Potatoes in foil (Idaho)

Gravy and Crusty dinner rolls

Roasted root vegetables

Garden green salad, baby beets with yoghurt and mint

Dessert:

Fresh fruit salad with Chantilly cream

Chocolate mud cake with cream and strawberries

Variety of baked cheesecakes served with cream

