

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

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Hoping all our beautiful mothers
within our club had a wonderful
mother's day.



A message from our president:

Hi Everyone,

It's dance time again we have worked hard to get the floor great for dancing so it will be easy for dancing the whole night. It would be great to see everyone there. Nice easy program and a great band playing, so how about putting on your dance shoes and come on Saturday 21st May at Bendigo East. Please show the band that their music is appreciated and that running our dances is worth it. For enjoyment, exercise, and friendship see you all on Saturday 21st.

Dianne

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 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 6th June 2016** before the Wednesday Mail-out.

General Meeting:

The clubs general meeting was held on Wednesday 27th April at the Bendigo Neighbourhood House we only just had enough in attendance to make up a quorum again 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 18th June;** Not long to go until our birthday dance... the theme is **"Book titles"**, 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!**
- **Free entry pass-** We were able to give away one of our free passes to a new couple at the dance last month, hopefully we will see them again!
- **Dinki-di-ball-** planning for this year's ball have begun.

Upcoming events to keep in mind:

- **Next Bendigo East Hop –**
 - **May 21st @ 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... each new comer a FREE pass to any dance (excluding the ball) during the year of 2016
- **Next Club Meeting is Wednesday 25th May 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.
 - **Friday May 20th St Laurence Crt Kangaroo Flat @ 1:30 pm**
 - **Thursday August 19th St Laurence Crt Kangaroo Flat @ 1:30pm**
 - **Wednesday 7th September Freedom @ 1:30pm**
 - **Wednesday 2nd November Freedom @ 1:30 pm**
- **TSDAV The OLD TIME TEA DANCE** in Melbourne - Saturday 27th, August 2016
More information to follow at the end of newsletter.

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.

New members:

No new members this month ☹ maybe next month.

Reports:

➤ Dancing at Freedom for the old folks:

On Wednesday 4th May a number of our Club members spent a very happy time at Freedom Care entertaining the residents with music, song & dance.

It was great to have more members than usual - 13 all told !!

Great music was provided by Stewart, Don , Julie & Stan with several solo items from Eric.

The residents enjoyed the dancing of Margaret Lane, Carol, Dorothy, Kathy, Doug, Phil & Tommy who ,as usual, acted as M.C. & kept the ball rolling!!!

Julie & Carol presented an excellent impromptu performance of the Charleston which was very well received !!

There was much toe-tapping & hand clapping as the residents related to the dances & good old time tunes they remembered from days gone by.

Hopefully we may find other Club members joining us at future venues which are listed below.

Margaret Dean.

➤ Dancing for the old folks at Bignold Park: On 3rd April 3 ½ couples performed for an audience of around 4 people, the performance was well received.

➤ April Dance- the monthly dance was held on 16th April, numbers were down this month with only around 16 people attending due to many members being at a wedding. Julie MC'd the night and did a fantastic job! The program had to be altered to suit the crowd and the late comers were greatly welcomed. The music was great as usual. And everyone helped out in the kitchen to help the night run smoothly! There was one new couple, hopefully we see them again this coming dance.

➤ Chris' trip to Nepal: Chris is now back from what was a very eventful journey to Nepal. While he set of to help re-build a school impacted by earthquakes unfortunately he and his team were unable to do so as one of the buildings they were working on had the roof collapse trapping and injuring several people, Chris was extremely lucky to have only just stepped out of the building. Chris said that the highlight of his trip was being able to give the underprivileged children the jumpers knitted by the CWA woman in Harcourt. We are extremely happy to have Chris back in one piece.

➤ My wedding- On the 16th of April my wedding was held at the Bendigo Pottery. The weather was lovely and Ash and I both had a fantastic day. We would both like to thank all those who sent us well wishes, gifts and came to share our special day. A special thanks to Don and Julie who played music for me to walk down the aisle, making the day extra special. I have attached some photos at the end upon request from some members ☺

A tribute for Peter Ellis

It is hard to believe it is almost 1 year since Peter died (18th May 2015). For any new members Peter was our esteemed Band leader, also an inaugural member of the Bush Dance & Music Club. The Band and the club have missed him enormously. Peter was such a powerhouse when playing. In the band you heard him above all other musicians and his knowledge of old time music and dance was extraordinary. He received an OAM for his lifetimes work. At the May dance the band will be playing some of Peter's favourite tunes. I'm not sure which tunes but the band might announce them.

The Bendigo Field Naturalists Club is having a tree planting ceremony in Peter's honour. It is at 10am the 22nd May 2016 at the Golden Square Senior Citizens Club Rooms in Old High St Golden Square. beside the Fire Station on the morning after our next dance at Bendigo East. If anyone is interested in going you will be welcome. The Field Naturalists have set aside a few plants at the Goldfields Revegetation Nursery in Tannery Lane for purchase and planting on that day. People can go there and pay for the plant to be planted on the day. Mary Smith.

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 ☺

May

- 12th May- Samantha Budge
- 29th May- Lionel Budge



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 could 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:

LIFE
ISN'T ABOUT WAITING
FOR THE STORM TO PASS...
IT'S LEARNING TO
Dance
in the rain

TSDAV presents

The OLD TIME TEA DANCE

Saturday 27th, August 2016

Dancing 4.30 pm till around 9.30 pm

Music by

The Gay Charmers and Friends

St David's Uniting Church Hall

74 Melville Rd, Brunswick West

(between Victoria and Hope Sts, Melways 29C6)



Tea & coffee provided

Please bring tea-time goodies to share

Tickets: \$20 at door

\$15 pre-paid

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