

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

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## Newsletter contributions:

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 5<sup>th</sup> March**, before the Wednesday Mail.

## Reports:

### ➤ General meeting:

Our clubs General meeting was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub, there were 9 members present. Throughout this meeting we discussed;

- Are you happy with our dance hall? The club has been at the Bendigo East Hall for a few years now, so at the last meeting the committee decided on a Poll of members. This is to find out if members are still happy with Bendigo East Hall as a venue for our dances. There have been various comments and complaints over the years such as, we should have an Air – conditioner, a better floor, or a nicer looking hall or even have the dance on a different night. The Committee would like to know everyone's feelings on this subject. At the next dance there will be a book on the table at the door so please write in it and let us know your ideas and feelings on this and please make any suggestions if you have any.
- FREE passes: We have decided to keep our FREE pass initiative going in the hopes of attaining some more patrons at our dances, so if you know someone who wants to try our dances tell them to come along and get their next entry FREE of charge!
- Double booking for March Dance: The Bendigo East Hall has been accidentally "Double Booked" for the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and our dance will be moving to the Holy Trinity Church Hall in Kecks St. Flora Hill for that night only.

➤ Annual General Meeting: Our yearly AGM was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at the Bendigo Neighbourhood hub following the General meeting, there were 9 members present. To start the meeting Dianne read us her report from 2017;

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE BUSH DANCE AND MUSIC CLUB 2018.**

This year we have had a great time with the monthly dances being enjoyed by the people who came. Some of the dances we have had 40 plus and the ball at Eaglehawk 100 plus.

The Emu Creek band has played really well and the dancers have enjoyed their music, even when they were not dancing. The Gay Charmers played for the birthday dance which had a theme of Nursery Rhyme. Quite a few dressed up for this one. We have also had a Scottish night as well as an Irish night. Many thanks to both bands for playing so well.

I would like to thank Mary for the hard work she has done getting the raffle, lucky door and spot prizes each month, as well as keeping the paper work up to date. Also sorting out some problems with the hall when it was double booked.

Wilhelmina for paying the bills and keeping the books in order, balancing them and giving a report each month.

Esma and all the other door people for sitting at the door for each dance and the ball.

Elka for her newsy newsletter.

Finally I would like to thank John and Chris for helping with the MC'ing.

Our 22nd annual ball was held in September at Eaglehawk Town Hall was a great success with a lovely supper, great music, many thanks to the Gay Charmers and our famous Emu Creek Bush Band for their lovely music all night.

We have done a few displays at some age care facilities and the ones we did were enjoyed by the dancers and the residents that watched us.

The last few weeks we have had two of our long standing members pass away, these were Ila Silk and Margaret Dean. My deepest sympathy to all their families.

The dance book is now ready for a reprint with thanks to Mary and Carol. We hope to have this reprinted again in the very near future.

In closing I would like to thank all the committee for helping the club in any way in the last 12 months, and everyone else who helped the club in anyway.

Looking forward to another year of dancing and hopefully a few more people coming and trying out our dances.

Let's make 2018 the best year for dancing ever.

Dianne Pearse

President

✓ Executive Committee: During this meeting a new executive committee was decided on, with not a lot of change. This year Dianne Pearse is again our President and has also taken upon the role of publicity officer. Neil is once again our Vice President. Mary Smith continues as our Secretary for her 38<sup>th</sup> year. Carole Rowe has been elected to be our Assistant Secretary. Wilhelmina has undertaken the treasurer's job again this year. And last but not least you're stuck with me for another year writing your newsletters.

✓ Membership fees: It was decided that our fees would remain the same as last year;

they are: **Single membership \$20**

**Family membership \$35**

These fees are now due to be paid, you are able to pay these at our dances at door or you are able to make a direct deposit to clubs bank account using the following details (Please remember to use your name as a reference, e.g M. Smith fees);

**Account name: Bush Dance and Music Club INC**

**Bank: Bendigo Bank**

**BSB: 633 000**

Account number: 10031 8351

Fees are now due ☺

✓ Door fees: Again it was decided to keep the entry fees as they were;

**Members \$5**

**Non members \$8**

**Children under the age of 16 FREE**

## Upcoming events to keep in mind:

➤ **Clubs Monthly dance- Bendigo East Hop –**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February @ 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.

➤ **TSDAV event in Melbourne- Sadie Hawkins day Hoedown- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

Starting at 8pm – 11pm followed by supper. Music by Maggie Fiddler and her Mountain boys. Held at the Ashburton Uniting Church Hall (rear hall) 3 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton ~ ( Melways 60 D 10 ) Cost is \$15 .

For more information contact **Norm Ellis on 03 9888 5332**

➤ **Dance Clubs General Meeting –**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February @ 7.30pm**\_at Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub at the Strathdale Community Centre, Crook St. Strathdale. If you're available we would love to have you there!

➤ **Scots Day Out-** An enjoyable day out is to be had by all on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018** in **Rosalind Park.** Our wonderful band will be part of the festivities, they have 2 performances; **11:00 – 11:30am and again at 1:00 – 1:45 pm**, you will find them in their usual spot near the View Street gates in a lovely shady space.

# Facebook:

Our Facebook site is still quiet as I have not had much to add onto it, will hopefully be able to improve it this year, if you have any suggestions please let me know.

Don't forget to like and share our Facebook page if you have some free time to check it out.

Our page is getting quite a few views which has been great to see. If you are visiting the page please feel free to leave feedback about our dances or add photos or videos you may have so everyone can see how much fun we have at our dances. The link to the page is below :

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

# Email:

- Please reply to club emails where possible, especially meeting reminders.
- 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.

## Birthdays and anniversaries:



### February Birthdays:

This month we wish **John Fordham** (7<sup>th</sup> February) and **Geoff Barker** (7<sup>th</sup> February), wishing you both all the best as you celebrate the day.

Please don't forget if I miss your birthday to let me know so I can add it to our birthday book.

### February Wedding Anniversaries

Wishing Don and Julie Manypeney a very happy Wedding Anniversary for the 12<sup>th</sup> February, may you enjoy many more happy years together.

Very much looking forward to seeing you at our first dance of the year!