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

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Newsletter contribution <u>deadline</u> is Tuesday 9th June before the Friday Mail-out.

Next Bendigo East Hop — Saturday May 16th 8pm at Bendigo East Prog. Hall Lansell St. Admission. Members \$5 Non-members \$8 and Children under 16 Free A Plate of Supper to share is always appreciated and enjoyed.

Memberships Subscriptions have been due since February. Family \$30 and Single \$18 **Membership cards** were sent out in the last newsletter and at the dance with a couple more to go in this one, if your membership has not been renewed this could be your last newsletter.



Next General Meeting is Tuesday 27th May 7.30pm at the Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub in the Strathdale Community Centre Crook St. Strathdale.

Mary will probably send out an email to ask if people can come to the meeting so please reply with a yes or no answer.



Email. Please reply to Club emails re the meetings especially.



Birthdays May

Sam Budge 12th & Lionel Budge 29th. Only 2 birthdays for this month. Warm and special congratulations to Sam and Lionel. Hope you enjoyed your day.



Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations Doug & Dianne Pearse for the 20th.



Reports from the April General Meeting.

1 Membership Cards have been distributed in the newsletter and at the last dance.

- **2 Dance Halls in the area.** We are getting together a list of halls that are suitable to use for dance lessons must have a good floor, kitchen etc. with phone contacts and prices per hour. If anyone knows of a hall that we would be interested in let us know. The City Council website only has the main few such as Spring Gully, Axedale, Marong etc. Committees are allowed to put their halls on the website free of charge but haven't, That's why we are getting together our own list of halls that are for hire.
- **3 Half price entry?** No one has asked for this discount entry as yet. Remember if you or anyone brings a person to the dance that has not been before, you will both be admitted for half price. But please speak up at the door as Esma might not remember.
- **4 Chris Beggs** mentioned that the Colonial Dancers in Melbourne advertise on **Meet Up** and have had some new people come to their dances. Does anyone know of this site?

Retirement Village Dance Displays

Golden Oaks on Friday 27th of March there were approx. 30 residents watching, they seemed to be enjoying the entertainment and Afternoon Tea was provided for us, which was very nice.

Strathaven on Wednesday 1st April the visit there went well but only 3 couples turned up to dance. We do need more dancers to help.

The next visit will be to Chum House Thursday 14th May at 1.15pm

If you are interested in supporting these entertainment displays for the very appreciative elderly, please contact Margaret Dean 5439 6246 or Julie Manypeney 5447 3141 for details. It is now difficult to assemble even a minimum number for a set, so increased patronage for these events is urgently needed and very welcome.

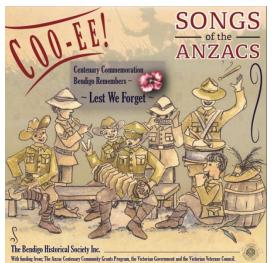
Reports

Dance report for the April dance. This night was one of the best nights for a long time. I think attendance of some younger people from Melbourne help give the night a lift. It was also good to see some new faces coming along and joining in with the dancing and having fun The music by Emu Creek was as always good to dance to .

Just a little bit extra on Friday the 24th of April Elka Lionel and myself were asked to be part of

a dance team at the release of the Cooee CD at the Capital Theatre. We all enjoyed the night thanks to those that invited us to join in. Mary Budge

Anzac Eve Concert at Capital. The Mayor Peter Cox launched the Anzac CD at the end of a very enjoyable concert. Club members danced on the stage as part of the entertainment. The dance that they did was The Military Two Step and they made a good job of it under the circumstances with the very small area allowed for them on stage. The concert at the Capitol Theatre was a great success but "just another hour "as one lady said, would have been great.



CDs are available through the Bendigo Historical Society outlet at Specimen Cottage Hargreaves St on



Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 4pm.

New Members. Welcome to our newest members Aaron and Nita Hall from Axedale who joined the club on the last dance night. We are so pleased to have you join and look forward to seeing you both at the next dance.

Filming at Strathfieldsaye and Sedgwick. Two days of filming over the weekend of the dance. The Saturday started at 1pm and there was a good roll up of club members and Melbourne dancers. The light was better for filming at Strathfieldsaye.

At Sedgwick there was a good turn up for the filming and there was plenty of food for lunch thank you to all those that brought it.

The back has been **broken** with our side of the filming, all the popular bush dances now completed. There's a batch of more advanced dances remaining which Melbourne could bowl over very easily. These are not necessarily dances in our repertoire or that we would attempt, but the music was recorded in our CD series and the descriptions included with the track references in our Merry Country Dance book to broaden the interest within the National folk dance scene and hopefully increase the sales. I think in fact that did happen.

Marion Stabb's partner John McGregor suggested we need to get Norm Ellis to make it one of his Dancing at the 11th Hour nights, perhaps later in the year, then as they have the hall, all the other Melbourne dancers can be encouraged to attend. It wouldn't take very long as each dance is only filmed a couple of times through. Bendigo has the Taradale Club Quadrille to complete, the balance of the dances are:

Scottish Foursome Reel, La Russe Quadrille Eightsome Reel, Sir Roger de Coverley with Serpentine figure. (5 couples) Galop Quadrille 2 versions, Galopade Quadrille, Taradale Club Quadrille, Margaret's Waltz, Walpole Cottage, Queen of Sheba, Emily's Hop, Danish Double Quadrille, Highland Fling Schottische including progressive, Spanish Waltzes several

. **Wedderburn Ball.** Peter and I went to Wedderburn last Friday night as the Oldtimers were to play for a Masquerade Ball. They had a very good crowd made up of mainly young people from the Old Time Dance class that Dede (a lady from the High school office) has been running for them. She had taught them well and they were up dancing most of the time. I was impressed with a dance that they did and would have loved to have tried it. It was called The Cheeseburger I think it might have been a Line dance going by the music they played. Peter and I actually managed a short Cha Cha Cha.

Seen at' the Moo earlier this month - two heads of grey hair causing puzzled looks from many of the young festival goers. Yes, two BD&MC members decided to experience what it's like to be amongst lots of enthusiastic young people and VERY loud music. They were even seen dancing and generally groovin' to the music. Don't worry they didn't disgrace themselves or our club. Anonymous.

If you have any complaints with this Newsletter take them up with the Assistant Editor Mary Smith as the usual Editor is incapacitated for the moment.

<u>TSDAV functions</u> coming up: - The <u>TSDAV</u> conducts a series of monthly dance workshops, under the name of - "Dancing at the 11th Hour" and continues for this year. Dates are the 1st Sunday of the Month: - the next being 7th June at the Eleventh Hour Theatre Hall cnr Gore & Leicester Sts Fitzroy 2.00-5.00 pm. Enquiries Norm Ellis 9888 5332 or http://tsdav.vicnet.net.au/

V.F.M.C. Woolshed Ball Saturday 23rd May 2015 St. David's Uniting Church Cnr. Mont Albert and Burke Rds. Canterbury 8 – 12.30 am

