



New South Wales President's Report

As the host state for the National Convention we welcome everyone to the Blue Mountains.

New South Wales currently has thirty-seven square and round dance clubs operating with 379 members.

A large group of dancers enjoyed a Round dance matinee in June organised by Brett Gill under the SARDA banner. This provided some new, young cuers the opportunity to cue before a larger group of dancers along with more experienced cuers. Helen Hodalj also provided cuers with information about the Showcase & Experimental Rounds at National Conventions.

We were saddened by the passing of Wilma Flannery, a Life Member, at Deloraine in 2019. The Association in conjunction with the Northern NSW Association hosted a memorial dance in Armidale. The dance featured caller Mike Davey and cuer Ed Coleman. Dancers came from all over Australia and New Zealand to celebrate Wilma's commitment to square dancing. At our Christmas dance we enjoyed dancing with Chris Froggatt.

The 40th NSW State Convention was held at Berry on 9-12th August 2019 with convenors Jason & Leanne Nicholson. This convention was quite different with some delegates able to stay on site at Berry Sport & Recreation Centre which was very well supported.

As a result of the Dancers Meeting at Berry SARDA NSW conducted a survey on Men's dress, in particular the length of sleeve that should be worn at Association events. Of those that responded 55% were in favour of men having the option to wear a short sleeve dress shirt at SARDA events and state functions. I was very surprised and humbled to receive Life Membership at the Berry Convention.

Our 41st NSW State Convention will be held in May at Gloucester with convenors James Brooks and Rhonda Smith. So stay tuned for 'Bucketts of Fun in 2021'.

Unfortunately, we lost another Life Member, Fred Meads in 2019. Rosalind and I learnt to square dance with Fred & Elizabeth at the Sparkilate Club.

We look forward to dancing with you in a square at the 61st ANSDC.

David Todd
President

