

Tasmania President's Report

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report for 2019-2020 for the Tasmanian Square Dance Society Inc.

The 60th National Square Dance Convention held in Deloraine was the biggest highlight of the year. The committee pulled together with their ideas and vision in the hope that everyone would have the most memorable convention ever. They wanted the National Convention to showcase what square dancing is all about – fun and friendship. From all the compliments that were made, this was achieved. Everyone in Deloraine was so welcoming and went out of their way to help. It goes to show that a National Convention can be held in a regional area and not a city.

On June 22, 2019 Launceston Square Dance Club held their 68th birthday. Launceston is the oldest continually run club in Australia. This is a fantastic achievement. They are truly blessed to have the talented group of callers that they have. They hold a variety of functions throughout the year and certainly promote 'fun and friendship' with their themed club nights and social events.

Tassie Twirlers have been going along nicely with good, steady attendance from their regular dancers. The club dances at Graeme and Shirley Whiteley's home at Turners Beach.

Upbeat Sqrz at Deloraine with Gary Petersen is a small club and dance weekly. The dancers are really enjoying the activity. Whenever there are five Friday nights in a month the club night becomes a party night. They participated in a Bad Taste night and an 'S' night. The club's first birthday is in January.

Upbeat Plus is dancing each Tuesday night in Launceston. There is a steady group who attend.

Casino City club has struggled to get a dance in this last year. John Weatherburn has had a few health issues and has been unavailable for quite a while. Hopefully 2020 will be kinder to him and the club will be able to be back to regular dances.

The Society has been lucky enough to have Glenn Wilson, from Queensland and Jaden Frigo, from Victoria as guest callers. The Tasmanian dancers have enjoyed the experience dancing to different callers other than their club callers. Each caller has entertained the dancers with their unique talents and WOW what talents they have. Our thanks goes to Glenn and Jaden.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in March in Launceston. It will be at this meeting that the future direction of the Tasmanian Square Dance Society will be discussed.

In finishing I would like to thank everyone for their contribution and support over the last year and look forward to what 2020 brings.

Kaye Chandler
President