



# AUSTRALIAN ROUND DANCE

## ASSOCIATION

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Well HELLO There  
Hope you are doing fine?

Definition of COMMUNICATION

**To share or exchange information, news, or ideas.**

**We LEARN through COMMUNICATION.**

*We all understand this and hence the special event round dance Weekends, round dance Festivals and the ARDA Conference offered by our State Round Dance Associations and your national Round Dance Association ... ARDA, are by far the best way for all to continue your 'round dance journey'.*

*In this special edition of the ARDA Newsletter, and it is special as it has been some time since the last Newsletter, please check out the upcoming round dance events being planned FOR YOU.*

*Australian Round Dance Association— ARDA  
New South Wales Square and Round Dance Association - NSWARDSA  
Queensland Round Dance Association Inc. - QRDA  
Round Dance Association of Victoria Inc. - RDAV  
South Australian Round Dance Association - SARDA  
WA State Representative - Marilyn*



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Attachments to this Newsletter ...

Registration form QRDA Winter Rounds By The Sea

Registration form NSW SARDA State Convention

Registration forms for SARDA 2024 Festival and  
Choreographer Showcase

YOUR contribution to the ARDA Newsletter would be wonderful.

\*\*\* *This ARDA Newsletter is coming to you via the ARDA President.  
Thanks for assisting me Christopher.* \*\*\*



# ATTENTION

AUSTRALIAN ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION



**A R D A Annual General Meeting  
Will be held during the 64th ANSDC 2024**



**Tuesday 21st May, 2024**



AGM commences at 9.00am:

*Following the AGM there will be approximately 90 minutes devoted to round dance education.*

**Venue: *If attending in person* - Mararra Stadium**

**Zoom Log In:** Register with the ARDA Secretary to obtain Zoom details and the password

Only members not attending the 64th ANSDC may attend the AGM Via Zoom

Apologies may be registered with the ARDA Secretary, prior to 21st May.

**[arda.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:arda.secretary@gmail.com)**

Following the AGM there will be a round dance education session.



## **President's Page**

What has been happening at ARDA?

We have now obtained an ABN and have followed through with the decision taken to incorporate ARDA in Victoria. A new draft constitution has been based on the model rules for incorporation in Victoria and the By-laws, Glossary of Terms and Standing Orders have been updated to suit the new draft constitution. These draft documents and the Operations Manual will be presented at the AGM in Darwin for consideration over the next 10 months by members so that a final decision to adopt all these documents can be done in Morayfield next year.

Although there is now ARDA Conference planned for this year before the Darwin Convention, plans are already underway for the Conference prior to the Morayfield Convention and will be held on Thursday 3 July to Saturday 5 July. Halls in the area that are available for the period we require show only partial availability, so the Upper Caboolture Farmers Hall has been tentatively booked for the conference. It is about 7km (~8 minutes) from the Convention venue at Morayfield and is used regularly for ballroom dances so the floor should be in tip-top condition. More information on the Conference as it comes to hand.

Upcoming dance weekends include:

QRDA                      Winter Rounds By The Sea                      Friday 14 June to Sunday 16 June

Location: Coolum Beach

Contact: Chris Heyworth 0400 530 673 OR caduceus22@hotmail.com

SA Round Dance Association

19<sup>th</sup> Round Dance Festival Friday 13 September to Sunday 15 September

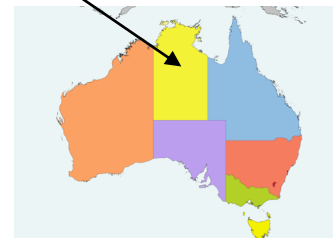
Location: Blackwood

Contact: Ralph or Terri Pearce ralph.terri07@gmail.com

Chris Heyworth

President

# 2024 Round Dance Events



## 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention

Mararra Stadium, Darwin  
Monday 20 May - Friday 24 May

MAY

During this 64th ANSDC, according to the DRAFT program, there will be close to 8 **hours** allocated to round dancing. This relates to pre rounds most evenings, 2024 Showcase presentations and an ARDA education session. The dance program commences on Monday evening.

Are you making the trek to Darwin?  
It's never too late to DREAM ONCE MORE .. Registration forms available

[www.darwin2024.com](http://www.darwin2024.com)



## WHAT HAPPENED TO THE 2024 ARDA CONFERENCE? You may well ask??

*The answer is unfortunately very simple... no venue could be found in Darwin for this very Special education event.*

*and*

*extra accommodation in Darwin for some was not feasible?*

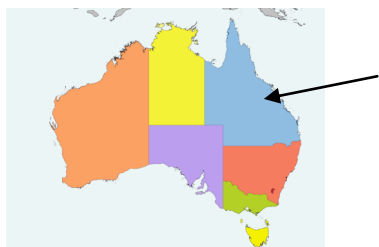
*Unfortunately without people or a venue there was no other option other than to give this year a miss.*

**THE GOOD NEWS IS THERE WILL BE AN  
ARDA CONFERENCE, prior to the 65th ANSDC  
To be held in Morayfield, Qld NEXT YEAR.**

Details will be provided to every ARDA Member as soon as finalised.

Advertising by various methods will also commence asap.





# 2024 Round Dance Events

JUNE

Q R D A PRESENTS:

## Winter ROUNDS BY THE SEA

With Paula and Warwick Armstrong

FRIDAY 14th June, Saturday 15th June and Sunday 16th June, 2024

Coolum Civic Centre  
(and what a super venue)

2 Park Street Coolum Beach, QLD.

Please note the changed date due to the 64th ANSDC.

The registration form comes as an attachment to this Newsletter.

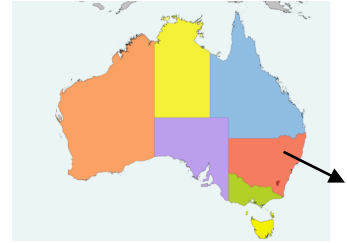
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**Chris Heyworth : 0400 530 673 or  
caduceus22@hotmail.com**

SEA you there???



# 2024 Round Dance Events



**AUGUST**

*N S W S A R D A presents*

## 44th NSW Square & Round Dance Convention 2024

**Total Agricultural College**

**August 9th, 10th & 11th 2024**

*Theme Night ... Sunday is dress up night with the theme of 'Masquerade Night' - Swing Your Disguise.*

The New South Wales Square and Round Dance Association always allocates a generous amount of time to the three dance disciplines

SQUARES

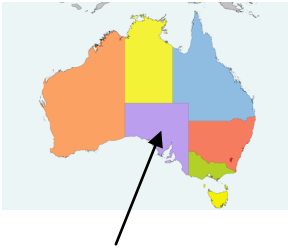
ROUNDS

CLOGGING

**Registration Form is attached to this ARDA Newsletter.**

*Will YOUR disguise have everyone guessing?*

See you in Total in August 2024.



# 2024 Round Dance Events

SEPTEMBER

SARDA presents

**In the even years ie. 2024,  
the South Australian Round Dance Association  
Conducts the SA Round Dance Festival**  
(in the odd years, the RDAV Inc. Victoria conducts a Spring Festival)

**Guest Cuer/Teachers will be Paula and Warwick Armstrong, Qld.**

This super weekend also has a Choreographer Showcase.

Cuer Registrations close 30 April 2024

Choreographer Showcase Registrations close 31 July 2024.

Registration Forms for this special SA event may be obtained from the  
Co Convenors Terri Pearce and Monica Slape.

Alternatively Shirley Bates, SARDA President will assist in any way possible.

*On a personal note, I have only missed two of these special weekends in 20 years and all have been enjoyable.*

*Another super event where every person attending will come away totally satisfied  
and perhaps, with sore tootsies.  
Sore tootsies self repair.*

Co Convenors: Terri Pearce & Monica Slape

Treasurer: Ralph Pearce

President SARDA: Shirley Bates

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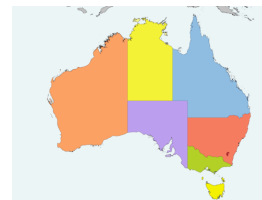
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Registration Forms for both the FESTIVAL and CHOREOGRAPHER SHOWCASE  
are attached to this Newsletter.



# Good News, Sad News & News



From NEW SOUTH WALES just before Christmas, came the awful news we all fear - someone we know and love has been diagnosed with cancer. Brian Hotchkies, NSW, was unfortunately diagnosed with cancer late last year.

Brian is a square dancer Caller and round dance Cuer and this year, 2024, Brian celebrates 70 years of calling and cueing rounds. Brian is a staunch supporter of both square and round dancing and is always the first one to encourage and support round dancing and Cuers. We send strength and best wishes to Brian for a full recovery.

Source: Carol S.

From NEW SOUTH WALES and just over three weeks ago, the dearly loved Cec (Cecil) Grandpa, Great Grandpa to Helen and Anna-Lee Hodalj (ARDA Vice President and ARDA Treasurer) passed peacefully from this world to be with his dearly loved wife, Pearl. Sincere condolences are offered to Helen and Anna-Lee and family. The Hodalj-Johnson family, four generations, have been part of the square and round dance fraternity for many decades.

Source: Carol S

From QUEENSLAND - good news the Coolum venue was available for an alternative weekend when the Darwin ANSDC was announced as being held in May. This super Weekend is a combination of teaching, dancing, learning and spending time with like minded people - ROUND DANCERS. SEA you there.

From QUEENSLAND - even though Paula Armstrong has a continuing battle with an Injury from 'yesterday', Paula has chosen to participate in the March Charge Fundraiser for the Cancer Council. Paula has surpassed her original goal of \$300 to \$1300. 75 klm was the challenge and with Paula's usual quiet determination that goal was well and truly achieved. Well done Paula. Walking with an injured leg must be rather gruelling.

From QUEENSLAND - ARDA President has been undergoing some medical problems and we send best wishes to Christopher for a return to 100% good health.

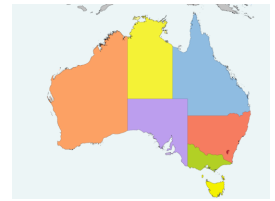
Source: Carol S

From SOUTH AUSTRALIA - had a lovely chat with Thelma McCue (ARDA Life Member) and Thelma was telling me her good news. Thelma is she is now able to walk a short distance unaided. For a lady who never dawdled and almost ran everywhere, being confined in a wheelchair hasn't been easy. Well done Thelma. Keep up the good work and keep smiling. I first met and danced with Thelma McCue in 2003. Tom was unable to dance at that Festival and I felt privileged to dance and learn with Thelma. I will never forget my 'foxtrot vine' .. Thank you Thelma. I enjoy your friendship.

Source: Carol S



# Good News, Sad News & News



From SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Shirley Bates and Terry Lee, DANCE-A-ROUND round dance club are working on the high level dances taught at ROUNDS BY THE SEA in 2023, together with a number of golden classics. The club operates each Sunday afternoon with Beginner to Ph IV rounds from 12-2.30pm and then Ph IV+ to Ph VI from 2.30 to 4.00 pm. Shirley and Terry also conduct Rising Sun Rounds at the Salisbury RSL club on Friday mornings. If you would like more details please email Shirley - shirley\_b.3@bigpond.com

Source: Carol S

From VICTORIA - it was sad to hear that Ella Whyte (Sunnyside Rounds) and ARDA Life Member could no longer stay at her lovely home 'Sunnyside Lodge'. Ella now resides in full time care and I believe is being well looked after. Thank you to Ella Whyte and husband Ron (dec'd.) for introducing the SHOWCASE session to the ANSDC program.

Source: Robyn.

From VICTORIA comes news that Pat Saunders recently took a tumble just outside her front door. Pat was able to call for assistance and was back home several hours later nursing some nasty bruising to her face and body. Pat also received a number of stitches to a facial injury. For our newer members, Pat was a member of ARDA and conducted several round dance clubs over many years. Pat continues to cue at two square dance clubs.

Source: Carol S

From VICTORIA - KINTYRE Round Dance Club will be celebrating 15+ years in August. See details on the last page of this Newsletter.

Source: Carol S

From WESTERN AUSTRALIA and the NT - Darwin in particular, plans are well underway for the second DARWIN ANSDC. I am aware that some folks are either on their way or are packing in readiness to commence their trek to the NT. The Darwin ANSDC Committee has been well coordinated by our WA State Round Dance Representative, Marilyn vanSambeeck. Marilyn also opened her own round dance club in WA, after attending the ARDA Conference in South Australia in 2023. According to the number of people who came along to learn rounds, and the retention numbers, this confirmed that a new club bringing new energy to round dancing in WA was well and truly needed.

Source: Carol S

*If you have any NEWS to share with others, please let me know. The next ARDA Newsletter will be released in June/July. For the time being carol\_simo@bigpond.com*

## ARDA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2024

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### GENERAL POSITIONS

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*Minutes Secretary* Warwick Armstrong, Qld.

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\*\*\*\*\* Nomination Forms for the 2024 Elections were recently distributed by the ARDA Secretary .

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# KINTYRE Round Dance Club

**CELEBRATING 15+ YEARS**

To fit in with ALL the wonderful dance opportunities happening this year

**KINTYRE** will celebrate this milestone on **MONDAY 5th August**.

This dance party celebration will be from **7.30 to 10.00 pm**

Tea, Coffee, etc. will be provided. If you could bring a small plate of goodies to share, this would be appreciated.

*The program will be feature dances from **NOW** with a sprinkling of dances from **THEN**.*

\$10.00 pp Cash only

More details maybe obtained from

Carol Simondson 0400 354 445

carol\_simo@bigpond.com



**KINTYRE** Round Dance Clubs dances in the Werribee Masonic Hall, 223 Watton Street, Werribee.  
Well lit off street parking is available.

MONDAY - 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

You must be tired of my asking the same question,  
**DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?**  
A NEWSLETTER isn't much of a read without **YOUR NEWS**.



*Sincerely hoping you made it to this page.*

*If you would like to contribute, please do so.*

*I am sure YOUR news is far better than MY news.*

*'till then*

*"Time spent with good friends is worth every second".*

The End