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'*Rounds By The Sea*' Flyer and Registration Form

## Editor's Note ~~

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Hello to all ARDA 2024/25 members.

Once again I have taken on the role as *Editor* - this appointment is only for the next twelve months.

Why not come along to the 2025 Annual General Meeting and raise your hand for one of the positions that will be up for voting. In the case of the *Editor* this role is a voluntary position and becomes vacant when the current incumbent chooses to stand aside. Please think about taking on this role as I will be 'standing aside' at the Annual General Meeting. The role of *Editor* is for twelve months at a time.

There are now so many opportunities for each and every round dancer to attend.

I do hope you are able to take time to read through this edition of the ARDA Newsletter and find at least one event that will take your round dancing to the next level and continue to ignite your passion for our wonderful activity.

On a personal note and in this year, 2024, I have danced rounds at the ANSDC in Darwin; round danced at the wonderful weekend in Coolum, Qld. 'Rounds By The Sea', and Allemander Rounds. Danced both rounds and squares at interstate clubs and the NSWSARDA State Convention and most recently, SARDA Festival.

Where have YOU been? Care to share with your fellow round dancers?

YOUR support at our wonderful ROUND DANCE weekends provides the impetus for committees to continue to give of their private time to plan the next event for YOU.

Hope to see YOU on a dance floor somewhere?



If you would like to tell us where and when you have recently danced; or an event you attended where you danced till you, almost dropped, why not share your experience with fellow round dancers and members?

Email Editor Carol prior to  
30 October 2024  
[carol\\_simo@bigpond.com](mailto:carol_simo@bigpond.com)





*From the desk of your President and Historian .... Christopher Heyworth*

The draft Operational Procedure Manual and incorporation documents will be available in late September as a link to their storage on Goggle drive. Collectively, they are too large to come as an email attachment so this provides a means for all members to look at them and comment. Remember, these are the documents used to manage your association, so please read them and feel free to provide comments.

Under the current Constitution, motions to adopt these documents must be in the hands of the Secretary **one month prior to the AGM**. To allow me sufficient time to make any suggested changes, comments will need to be back to my by **THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2025**.

Review of the NDL cue sheets is progressing well and once completed will be posted on the ARDA website with the following notation at the bottom of the page:

FINAL (MONTH) 2024.

Revised versions are noted with the released date information.

There is continuing discussion regarding a members-only section on the website, much like RAL have which would permit documents to be available to members only.

Any suggestions as to which documents should be in this area will be greatly received and appreciated.

Another aim is to have the membership renewal form designed so it can be completed online, rather than the current method where it has to be filled out and/or corrected, scanned and then emailed back to the Secretary. Stay tuned!!

To assist State associations hosting dance/teach weekends, ARDA has offered to provide a donation, the proviso being a reduction on the cost of registration for the weekend to ARDA members. Hopefully, it will also encourage ARDA members to travel to both their own State function as well as the scheduled interstate functions; currently, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria host functions and these are usually at different times of the year.

Christopher Heyworth  
**ARDA President**

**EDITOR'S Note:** *Chris is very humble regarding the many, many hours of work he has afforded ARDA over a long period of time and to the extent of his knowledge with regard to Constitutions, Operations Procedures and Genealogy. Chris is responsible for all the ARDA archives being stored permanently in the Queensland State Library.*

*I pictured a Library as when I first met Chris back 20 years ago, his favourite place to spend valuable time was within the walls of State Libraries researching.*

*Thank you Christopher for your valuable contribution to the ARDA Management Committee and ARDA members. CS*



## ARDA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2024/2025

### PRESIDENT

Christopher Heyworth, Qld  
2023 - 2025

INTRODUCING  
YOUR ARDA  
COMMITTEE  
2024/25

NAME: **Christopher Heyworth**

POSITION/S HELD: *President, Historian and Chair of the Standardised Cue Sheet Committee.*

POSITIONS HELD IN OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

*Secretary and Historian of the Queensland Round Dance Association (QRDA).*

RHYTHMS/PHASES DANCED: **ROUNDS**

*All rhythms to Phase VI.      SQUARES: Mainstream*

WHEN & WHY: *Started dancing in 1979      Dances for enjoyment*

FAVOURITE SESSION AT AN ANSDC: *Intermediate session and West Coast Swing*

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ARDA TO TEACH AT THE ANSDC AND ARDA CONFERENCE PRIOR TO

ANSDC: *Harder stuff at the ARDA Conference*

YOUR HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF DANCING: *Family Tree Research*

### VICE PRESIDENT

Helen Hodalj, NSW.  
2024 - 2026

NAME: **Helen Hodalj**

POSITION/S HELD: *Vice President*

POSITIONS HELD IN OTHER ORGANISATIONS: *NSWSARDA Vice President; Program Committee; State Convention Committee; Sussex Shoalhaven Rounds Cuer; Amethyst Park Stompers Club Cuer*

RHYTHMS/PHASES DANCED: **ROUNDS Ph II- 4+**      SQUARES: *Basics to A2.*

*CLOGGING: Basic to Intermediate.*

WHEN & WHY: *1979 (3rd gen square dancer)      The Four 'F's': Family Friends Fun & Fitness*

FAVOURITE SESSION AT AN ANSDC: *Probably the Showcase & Rounds sessions. I also like the clogging and advanced squares.*

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ARDA TO TEACH AT THE ANSDC: *Something new and easy, with some pep.* AT THE ARDA CONFERENCE: *Something with a new bit in it. Perhaps West Coast Swing.*

HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF DANCING: *I have 3 kids; a full time job and a horse stud. I enjoy riding and gardening. I have 3 aquaponics systems and loads of fruit trees. I love being outside.*

### TREASURER

Anna-Lee Hodalj, NSW  
2023 - 2025

NAME: **Anna-Lee Hodalj**

POSITION/S HELD: *Treasurer and Records Officer*

POSITIONS HELD IN OTHER ORGANISATIONS: *Cuer, Sussex Shoalhaven Rounds; Cuer, Amethyst Park Stompers Club; Secretary, RFS Wandandian.*

RHYTHMS/PHASES DANCED: **ROUNDS Ph II-IV+**      SQUARES: *Basic-A2*  
*CLOGGING Basic-Int+*

WHEN & WHY: *As a 4th generation I started immediately, but really since I was about 4 years old*

*I really enjoy it and its good exercise.*

FAVOURITE SESSION AT AN ANSDC: *At the Darwin Convention (2024) I enjoyed the Showcase session, as well as the A level.*

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ARDA TO TEACH AT THE ANSDC AND ARDA CONFERENCE PRIOR TO ANSDC: *I'm up for anything new.*

YOUR HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF DANCING: *We have horses and I love gardening.*



NEWS From  
QUEENSLAND  
Upcoming events for 2025 #1

## QRDA PRESENTS:



From ME to YOU...  
I am passionate about round  
dancing and have attended ALL  
these weekends and any other  
opportunity I can to learn and  
dance more ROUNDS.  
How about YOU? Part of this  
or any ROUNDS weekend is  
better than none.  
SEE YOU THERE or SOMEWHERE

## Winter Rounds By The Sea

Friday 16th May Saturday 17th May and Sunday 18th May 2025

COOLUM CIVIC CENTRE  
2 Park Street, Coolum Beach QLD.

Coolum Beach is a short 15 minute drive/shuttle from the Sunshine Coast  
Airport at Maroochydore.

Coolum Beach offers a wide range of accommodation options from campsites,  
motor home sites, cabins and motels to 5 star resorts.

The Coolum Civic Centre is a short walk to a range of cafes restaurants and  
shops, while the nearby Coolum Surf Club offers seaside relaxation and dining.

*Come Join Us*

***A registration form complete with ALL details is attached to this  
ARDA Newsletter.***





NEWS From  
QUEENSLAND  
Upcoming events for 2025 #2

The 65th ANSDC will be held in Queensland in July 2025 in the Queensland suburb of Morayfield. This ANSDC will be for the three disciplines of dancing ...  
SQUARE DANCING  
ROUND DANCING  
CLOGGING

The theme for the 65th ANSDC is '**Listen to your Heart**'  
Something many do not do. Dancing is a wonderful way to give your heart a good work out. Here are some of the details of this 'not to be missed' ANSDC.



65th ANSDC

July 7 - 11 2025

Monday to Friday

*To be held at*  
**The Morayfield Sports & Events Centre**  
**& The Morayfield Community Hall**  
**298 Morayfield Road Morayfield Qld.**

[Www.2025.ansdc.au](http://Www.2025.ansdc.au)

Email:  
[contact@2025.ansdc.au](mailto:contact@2025.ansdc.au)  
Phone:  
0417 729 263  
0417 135 442  
For more details





Hi Everyone

For those who were lucky enough to travel to Darwin enjoyed a wonderful and relaxed convention. So now we look forward to next year and leading into this will be the 2025 ARDA Conference. Attached is a flyer with dates, venue and registration form. The Caboolture Hall is about 10 minutes away from the main Convention venue in Morayfield which means you will be able to keep the same accommodation.

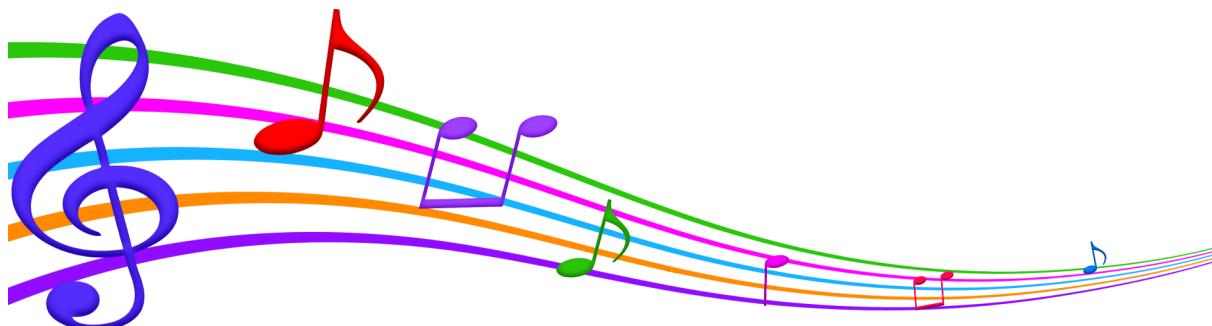
We are still going through and deciding the content of the Conference, so if there is something that you would like to see covered let us know. Rhythm, movements, dances, anything. We will generally cover two feature rhythms as well as aspects of teaching, cueing, choreography and smoothing out the dancing.

Details for you to diarise are:-

- \* CABOOLTURE FARMERS ASSEMBLY HALL  
704 CABOOLTURE RIVER ROAD, UPPER CABOOLTURE 4510  
*The Upper Caboolture Farmers Assembly Hall is a rustic country hall  
Which dates back to 1800s. The hall backs onto the Carseldine Family  
Reserve, a peaceful bushland setting.*
- \* JULY 3rd to 5th.  
**PLEASE NOTE - the flyer in your 2024 Syllabus has the wrong date.**
- \* General Dance on the first two evenings (Thursday & Friday nights)
- \* The 5th July will be a half day where we will look to end with a social event.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

ARDA Education





## NEWS from SOUTH AUSTRALIA



- Whilst it is not **FRIDAY THE 13TH** that date is now looming as we have turned into September.

If you are still contemplating attending the

**19th SA ROUND DANCE FESTIVAL**  
**13 - 15 September 2024**  
**Blackwood Memorial Hall**

**21 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood**

See page 11 for  
a 'wind up' of this  
event.....

May I suggest you put your fingers into action and email (Co Convenors Terri & Monica) at

[ralph.terri07@gmail.com](mailto:ralph.terri07@gmail.com)

For a registration form

This is yet another opportunity for you to 'round dance the weekend away' with a wonderful program of round dances, together with several teaches, courtesy of our wonderful ARDA Education Team.

Wishing the SARDA a successful Festival 2024

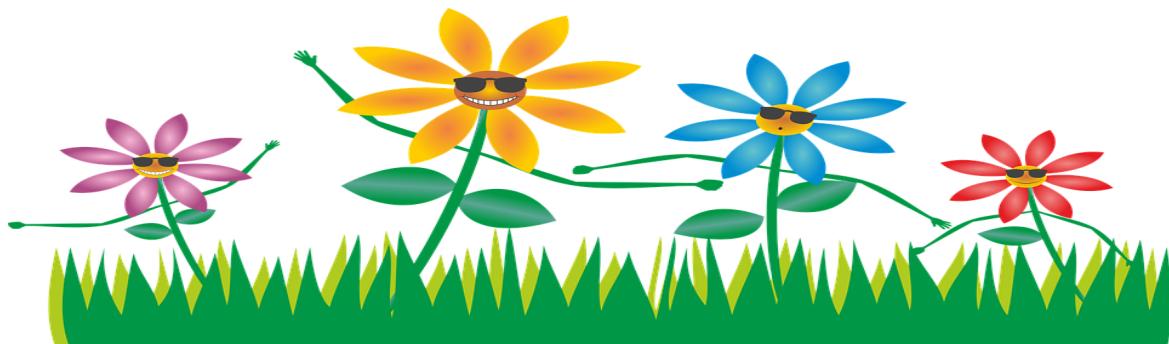


## From The Editor

*In the 'odd years' it has been the practice for the Victorian Round Dance Association to conduct a Round dance festival.*

*As I have no details to share with ARDA members may I suggest you put a circle around the second week of September in 2025, and as soon as confirmed details are received, these will be shared with you.*

**“”” CONFIRMED “””**



## ARDA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2024-2025 Pt. 2

**SECRETARY**  
Bev McLachlan  
2024-2026

Introducing  
YOUR  
Committee  
2024/25 pt.2

NAME: Bev McLachlan

POSITION/S HELD: ARDA Secretary

POSITIONS HELD IN OTHER ORGANISATIONS: Registrar/Treasurer for 2025 ANSDC

Board Treasurer Australian National Square Dance Convention Board Inc., Sec. Suncoasters Square Dance Club Inc., Sec/Treas: Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre; Sec/Treas: Turtle Care Volunteers Qld. Inc. Committee Member Queensland Marine Turtle Network; Registrar 6th Aus. Marine Turtle Symposium; Life Memb. Square Dancing Society of Qld. Inc. National Square Dance Society of Australia Honour Roll.

RHYTHMS/PHASES DANCED: ROUNDS Up to Ph IV SQUARES: Basics to Plus.

CLOGGING: Easy Intermediate

WHEN : Squares: 1973 Teaching Rounds 1978 Why: Fun, Friendship & Fitness - keeps the mind active.

FAVOURITE SESSION AT AN ANSDC: Showcase session, and the last bracket at nights when dancers have fun and show they are really enjoying themselves.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ARDA TO TEACH AT THE ANSDC AND ARDA CONFERENCE PRIOR TO ANSDC: I would like to see time set aside for education for the Cuers, Teachers and Leaders, eg. Cueing, teaching and ensuring they are providing an enjoyable time to the dancers and encouraging more to take on the roll and to bring more dancers into this activity.

YOUR HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF DANCING: Assist Nev with the running of the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre, a purpose built hall for our wondrous activity of Squares, Rounds and of course Clogging. Also have a heavy involvement in the Conservation of Marine Turtles.

In June 2008 Nev and I were awarded the EPA Excellence Award in recognition of our valuable contribution to the Environmental Protection Agency in the 'Volunteering' category.

For over 45 years we have spent our Christmas vacation at an area called Wreck Rock (north of Bundaberg) monitoring Marine Turtles. This involves patrolling 22 km of beach, now on 4WE side by side or quad bikes, from dusk till dawn. This award recognises volunteers for their dedication, commitment and hard work for the environment and for the people of Queensland. And if we get the time travelling and exploring this wonderful country of ours in our 'off road' caravan.

## EDUCATION OFFICER

Paula Armstrong

NAME: Paula Armstrong

POSITION/S HELD: Education Officer

POSITIONS HELD IN OTHER ORGANISATIONS: Roundalab Board Members; Clinicians at RAL; US National; ICBDA and ROUNDARAMA; Members of QRDA; RAL & ICBDA.

RHYTHMS/PHASES DANCED: ROUNDS All rhythms defined by RAL Ph II-VI SQUARES: M/S WHEN: 1983 WHY: Just for the enjoyment of it.

FAVOURITE SESSION AT AN ANSDC: Intermediate and Showcase teaches

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ARDA TO TEACH AT THE ANSDC AND ARDA CONFERENCE PRIOR TO ANSDC: West Coast Swing at the Conference and Intro to Waltz, Foxtrot or Two Step at the ANSDC

YOUR HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF DANCING: Job as Literacy Intervention Teacher Prep to Grade 2. Gardening and Art.

EDITOR'S Note: While the role of Education Officer is deemed a 'one person' role, we all know this role is actively supported by both Paula and Warwick Armstrong. Warwick shares Paula's passion for round dancing and is always eager to share his knowledge and support Paula in this very important role.

*A question for ALL to ponder .....*

*What do you pack when you are going to a dance or dance weekend?*

*Dance Shoes?*

*Water Bottle?*

*Mobile Phone?*

*A snack to boost your energy levels?*

*Your dance partner, if you are fortunate to have one?*

*I believe the most valuable item you can take with you is your*

*S M I L E*

*How many times do you see a couple or a solo dancer, dancing as if it  
the last place they want to be?*

*How many times do you look at a couple or a solo dancer and think  
Why did they come?*

*Our most valuable contribution to any of the three disciplines of dance  
we enjoy i.e. Rounds, Squares and Clogging  
Has to be the best SMILE you have - and share it.*

NEWS ITEMS ...      DANCE EXPERIENCES ....      TRAVEL TALES....

YOUR JOURNEY....

HOLIDAY PLANS ...

I am offering an opportunity for EACH and EVERY MEMBER  
to contribute to YOUR ARDA Newsletter, in any way you wish ...  
Preferably no 'OFF' jokes, of course...

If you could email me YOUR contribution no later than **15 November**, this  
year, it would give me pleasure to make this Newsletter more about YOU  
than ME.      I cannot wait so 'pen to paper' and let's make this Newsletter

YOUR Newsletter!  
carol\_simo@bigpond.com

## **S A R D A FESTIVAL 2024**

*We missed YOU and what is rather sad is YOU missed out on a great ROUND DANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND ~ FESTIVAL 2024.*

*The committee of the 2024 SARDA Festival worked ever so hard to ensure that every thing from the start to the finish was the best ... and they surpassed all expectations.*

*I could possibly go as far as saying this was 'SIMPLY THE BEST'. There was so much thought, planning and effort put into this SARDA Festival that YOU must be sorry YOU weren't there.*

*From the very start of the weekend right through until the last dance ended and the decorations were starting to come down, this SARDA FESTIVAL 2024 WAS PROGRAMMED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL ROUND DANCERS.*

*Whether you were a 'local' or an 'interstater' the business of the weekend was to ROUND DANCE, and we did.*

*Together ROUND DANCE dancers and SQUARE DANCE ROUND DANCERS graced the dance floor with glamour, grace and smiles amongst all the glitter.*

*It would be remiss of me not to mention the support and contribution Paula and Warwick Armstrong (Qld) added to the SARDA Festival with the teaching of 'EXCUSE MY FRENCH' FT Ph IV by Tom Hicks and 'TANGO AFTER DARK' TG Ph IV+ by Ken & Sue Davis, both super dances together with a variety of 'mystery' dances both cued.*

*I believe we were all mesmerised with Paula and Warwick's presentation of 'PELIGRO' Ph VI Tango by Bill & Carol Goss. Wow!*

*It was so good to see Thelma McCue, Life Member attend the weekend, and it was my pleasure to 'dance' Thelma around the floor.*

*Well done to all the SARDA 2024 Festival Committee members and THANK YOU for your thoughtful gift and beautiful hand made card.*

*See you all in 2026???*

### **URGENT      Editor's Note:**

*It has been brought to my attention that some people have not/did not received an ARDA Membership Renewal Form.*

*Were you one of our valued ARDA Members who is still waiting for a Renewal Form?*

*OR for whatever reason did you decide NOT to continue your membership?*

*Please send an email if 1) you are waiting for a renewal form or  
2) you do not wish to continue and would prefer to have your details from the database?*

**PLEASE REPLY direct to ARDA President .. arda.pres@gmail.com**

I really would like to 'push' just how important and beneficial the ARDA Conference is to all dancers, cuers, teachers and 'wanna be' dancers, cuers and teachers,

The inaugural ARDA Conference was held in Hobart, Tas back in 2012.



**WHY?** Conducting a Conference was to offer every person who wanted to learn more about ROUND dancing, cueing, choreographing, teaching, timing, the opportunity to do so,

ARDA wanted to help with the 'how to'; the 'where to go'; the 'where do I start'; where and how do I purchase music; where and how do I access dances???

Questions we heard many people say they would like to know/ask

**BUT**  
and this is a huge BUT for many ...

*There is no round dance club/cuer/teacher within cooee ..*

*ARDA decided to come to you for 2.5 days prior to every Australian National Square Dance Convention and answer/assist with these questions.*

*An added bonus is that on the evenings of the two full days of the conference*

*We hold DANCE PARTY NIGHTS.*

*These are part of your Conference Registration however there is an open*

*Invitation to all who love to round dance to attend the*

*DANCE PARTY NIGHTS.*

*ARDA programs a variety of cuers and a variety of dances*

*YOU need to come along and dance, dance and dance some more.*

*To obtain a registration form for the ARDA Conference 2025 simply*

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