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ARDA
CONFERENCE

2026

Hobart, Tas.

If you are planning on attending the ARDA Conference 2026 -

Please send an email to our
ARDA Education Officer, Warwick or ARDA Secretary Bev,

And as soon as the 2026 registration form is available it will be
emailed directly to YOU. *See you down south!*





NEXT DEADLINE

10th DECEMBER, 2025

MUSIC TO MY EARS News from your ARDA EDITOR, Carol

Unfortunately, as Editor, I do not have a lot of NEWS to share with the ARDA membership ie. my ears are very quiet!!

I did email all the ARDA State & Territory Representatives asking for NEWS to share, but sadly the request did not bring much response.. I do appreciate just how busy our lives can be, especially when one includes dancing, cueing and/or teaching ROUNDS.

I will however share with you all the news I have sourced together with the NEWS that was provided to me. Check pages 4 & 5 for a 'ROUND UP'.

ARDA CONFERENCE 2026... YES, there will be an ARDA Conference down south in Hobart, Tasmania in 2026. This will precede the 66th ANSDC. Keep reading.

ARDA CONFERENCE dates ...

Monday 27th April, Tuesday 28th April and Wednesday 29th April, 2026

Details of the venue are being finalised and will be provided to all ARDA members; all previous ARDA Conference attendees and all who have done what was requested on the first page of this edition of the ARDA Newsletter.

See you there where back in 2012 ARDA held the inaugural ARDA Conference.

ARDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

As per usual, the ARDA Annual General Meeting will be held during the 66th ANSDC. The day, date and time will be advised by the ARDA Secretary closer to the convention.

ARDA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Details of your 2025-2026 ARDA Management Committee were advised to the membership in the August ARDA Newsletter.

On the agenda for the 2026 ARDA Annual General Meeting will be the election of a President and Treasurer/Records Officer.

All positions on the Management Committee are for a two year period, and the above positions become due for election in 2026.

Early in 2026, the ARDA Secretary will send out a Nomination Form for the above positions.

Could or Would you be prepared to 'raise your hand' and give two years of your time to our association??? All applications must be completed on the ARDA form and signed by both the applicant and a current financial member of ARDA. Please give some thought to ensuring your management committee continues to go forward on your behalf.

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MUSIC TO MY EARS News from your ARDA EDITOR, Carol cont'd.

CHANGE OF DOMAIN

In case you missed out on the news re the ARDA website, I include the address for the new Domain.

<https://www.rounddancing.aug>

ARE YOU STILL WITH ME?

Great to hear!

SHOWCASE & INTERMEDIATE NOMINATIONS

2026

The deadline for State/Territory nominations has come and gone ... 30th September 2025 was the deadline.

Your State/Territory Representative will be notified of acceptance or non acceptance of the nominations. This process may have already occurred.

This is quite a highlight of each ANSDC and we ask you to encourage as many people to attend both the 'dance through' of the 2025 nominations and ensuing voting process, along with the presentation of the 2026 nominations.

If your State/Territory has been unable to send in nominations for 2026, then maybe, just maybe you could make this priority for the 2027 ANSDC, which will be held in Victoria.

QUICK REFERENCE

Did you miss this 'quick reference'? I did not include this in this Edition, as being a smaller version of most Newsletters, I guessed you were clever enough to navigate the 6 pages without difficulty.

Editor, Carol S.

***'ARDA STANDS COMMITTED TO THE ONGOING EDUCATION AND SUPPORT OF
ITS MEMBERS, ALL ROUND DANCERS
AND THE FUTURE OF ROUND DANCING'***

'ROUND UP'



NEWS from Suncoasters Rounds, Buderim, Qld.

Teacher/Cuer: Bev McMclachlan

Earlier this year, Bev went through the list of Phase II figures and movements and workshopped these; especially those that are not frequently included ie. strolling vine, rock the boat, etc. This was to encourage dancers to participate in the rounds sessions at 'away from club' functions.

This sparked a lot of interest with dancers, including two Callers. now enjoying learning round dancing.

It was great to see many of these dancers joining in the round dance sessions and brackets at the recent NSW SARDA State Convention, held in Gunnedah.

News from Queensland Round Dancer Assoc, Inc., Qld.

From my 'grape vine', I heard the recent '**Great Gatsby Gala Ball**' was an amazing night. All who attended and danced the night away had taken the theme to heart and the result was a spectacular evening.

Coming up next will be the **Christmas Dance (with Pot Luck Dinner ... please bring food to share).**

This evening will commence at 5.00pm. For more details ie. the venue, please contact Christopher Heyworth

caduceus22@hotmail.com

ROUNDS BY THE SEA 2026.... Save the dates for this super event.

When: Friday 15th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th May 2026.

Where: Coolum Civic Centre, 2 Park Street, Coolum, Qld.

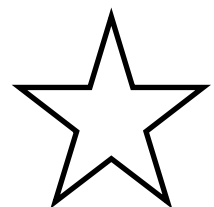
Why: This weekend is a teaching weekend, including a Saturday Evening of Rounds. This is your opportunity to learn at least 5 dances of various rhythms and also an opportunity to dance Saturday evening to your favourite round dances rounds by request

The flyer is attached to this October Newsletter and REGISTRATIONS re open and filling fast.

News from Shirley Bates, President of SARDA

Shirley was thrilled to announce the formation of the 2025-2026 SARDA Committee, has been set in place. A number of committee personnel, who have been unrelenting in their support for many years, had decided to not stand this year.

A reduced number of people will take SARDA forward to 2026.



'ROUND UP'



NEWS - All the Way from WA ...

Marilyn vanSambeeck shared a video to me. This has been set up by Don Barba (WA) and is a great advertisement for Dianella Rangers.

The advertisement encouraged people to come and learn over a period of weeks, FREE lessons, and as a result there are now 15 new dancers enjoying themselves.

NEWS from KINTYRE Round Dance Club. Werribee, Vic.

Teacher/Cuer: Carol Simondson

Just a note to remind folks that KINTYRE dances fortnightly, and while numbers remain small, we have lots of fun.

It was great to have a visit from Shirley Bates & Terry Lee back in September, on their way home from the Spring Festival. KINTYRE will celebrate the end of another year on Monday 15th December. Love to visitors come and join us.

RDAV Inc. Spring Festival 2025

I did attend this event and congratulate the committee on a great weekend of dancing and learning. Warwick Armstrong did a great job in solo teaching as Paula was unable to attend the event this year.



REST in PEACE

DOUG McLACHLAN

On behalf of the ARDA Management Committee and all ARDA members, our sincere condolences are offered to Nev McLachlan, Bev McLachlan and families on the recent passing of Doug.

REST in PEACE

MARY FIRTH

On behalf of the ARDA Management Committee and all ARDA members, sincere condolences are offered to Marilyn vanSambeeck and family on the recent passing of Marilyn's Mum on October 18th. Marilyn was blessed to be able to witness her dear Mum's peaceful passing after a full and wonderful life.

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