

# ROUND UP

November 2020



**SASDS President Murray Dempsey presents Graham and Dawn Elliott with their 35 year club shield**

# DIARY DATES

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## NOVEMBER 2020

- Fri 13th Scoot Back Squares: Melbourne Cup Night
- Fri 13th Paddle Steamers: Go Green
- Mon 16th Adelaide Outlaws: AGM & Scones
- Sat 21st SASDS: Christmas Dance
- Tue 24th Sunset Twirlers: AGM
- Tue 24th Kannella Squares AGM
- Thu 26th SASDS AGM
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## DECEMBER 2020

- Tues 1st Yorke Promenaders: Christmas Dinner & Dance
- Sun 6th Sunset Twirlers Rounds: Christmas Breakup
- Sun 6th T&T Rounds: Christmas Breakup
- Tue 8th Sunset Twirlers: Christmas Dinner Dance
- Wed 9th Adelaide Outlaws Plus: Closed
- Wed 9th Sunset Twirlers Wed Rounds: Christmas Breakup
- Thu 10th Sunset Twirlers Plus: Christmas Breakup
- Fri 11th Paddle Steamers: Christmas Breakup Dance
- Fri 11th Wild Frontier & Kannella Squares: Christmas Breakup BBQ Dance
- Fri 11th Pine City Twirlers Christmas Dinner
- Sat 12th SARDA: Christmas Dance
- Wed 16th Adelaide Outlaws: Plus Christmas Party
- Thu 17th Diggers Delights: Christmas Breakup Dance & Lunch

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## DECEMBER 2020 CONTINUED

Fri 18th Scoot Back Squares: Christmas Dinner & Breakup Dance

Mon 21st Adelaide Outlaws: Mainstream Christmas Party

Tue 22nd Yorke Promenaders: Christmas Breakup Dance

Wed 23rd to \*\*All Clubs Closed For Christmas Break\*\*

Wed 30th

Thu 31st Wild Frontier & Kannella Squares: New Year's Eve Dance

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

If you are a Plus or A level dancer do come along and help Kannella Squares celebrate their 45th birthday on the 31st October. Another milestone in the recent string of fifth birthdays.

I was right about the Adelaide Outlaws 35th birthday it was a ripper, good floor, good people and a good atmosphere. Congratulations Adelaide Outlaws for 35 very good years of great times.

We know things are improving where COVID19 is concerned, social distancing in the venue no longer necessary provided everyone attending is a known dancer of the club concerned. Hopefully this is another sign that things are getting back on track and slowly reaching normal.

Our AGM is coming up on the 26th November. It would be good to have you there as the agenda includes a proposal for the new constitution, give it some thought and be a part of the event to shape and guide the future of Square Dancing in South Australia. The venue for this year's AGM is at The Junction next to Morphett Race Course, Anzac Highway hope to see you there for a good feed and the AGM.

Christmas is coming up so there will be parties and various events, enjoy yourselves and be safe COVID19 wise

Thank you

Murray Dempsey

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Murray Dempsey , President

# SASDS COMMITTEE NEWS

Preparations have been ongoing for the AGM on 26th November so we are hoping for a good turnout, especially as the changes presented by the Constitution Subcommittee will be voted on. Prior to the vote there will be time for questions, discussion and debate.

The social aspect of the AGM is the meal at the Junction Bistro on Anzac Highway which precedes the meeting and is usually very enjoyable.

It is very pleasing that this year all positions on the committee which become vacant have received nominations.

After four years as Secretary I have not re-nominated so next month a new hand will be penning this column!

I'll look forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

Bye for now,

Cheers, Pauline

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## FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Mixed feelings this last month with the news that the 2021 Victorian State Convention has been cancelled Maryka and I, amongst many others, look forward to joining our Victorian counterparts in their annual celebration.

Recent positive news is that we no longer need to social distance at our clubs. In the Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> update to the [Emergency Management Direction 2020](#) a subtle change has a significant (and beneficial) impact to operation of our clubs. In Section 9: Physical Distancing Principle, paragraph 3.

*“The physical distancing principle does not apply to persons who live in the same household, or who are friends, family members or people who otherwise regularly associate with each other, or in circumstances specified under a provision of Part 4.”*

So the requirement for physical distance when not dancing and spacing of chairs is no longer applicable.

Both Pauline and Murray have mentioned our upcoming AGM, this rather chunky edition of Round Up includes all the information you need including candidate profiles for the election of our Publicity Officer, a draft of the new Constitution and new guidelines for our meetings. There are some significant changes in the proposed constitution so please take the time to read and consider.

Enjoy

Stephen



# SARDA News



Well it is great to be back Round Dancing following the COVID 19 crisis. Both clubs resumed dancing on 5 July 2020 and we are pleased to say with pre COVID numbers. In the meantime we were well served with ARDA Sessions online three nights a week, at various levels. This also included the experimental and showcase dances which would have been presented at the National Convention in NSW.

We also postponed our 17th Round Dance Festival which was to have been held 3 - 4 October 2020. It will now be held 3 - 4 April 2021 (Easter) and if COVID restrictions permit cross border travel.

We held our first SARDA dance of the year on 3 October 2020 (in lieu of the Festival) and it was very well attended. We also held our AGM that night and our committee for 2020/21 are Shirley Bates (President), Anne Tulloch (Vice President), Glynis Beadle (Secretary), Ralph Pearce (Treasurer), Les Tulloch (Publicity Officer) and Thelma McCue, Susan Boyle, Pat Markwick, Karen Dempsey, Terri Pearce & Peter Beadle (Committee).

**Les Tulloch, Publicity Officer**



Our members have had a couple of social meals now. It is nice to catch up with the team and hear what has been happening in their lives.

We had considered a dance or two prior to the Xmas break. With some health issues that a couple of our ladies have it is more likely that we will begin in the New Year for us, all things being equal.

Nice to see some sunshine. Maybe some warmth will curtail the virus for a while. We can only hope. Chris and Alan



It has been a fairly quiet month. Tracey, from Diggers came up and visited us one night and also Terry detoured in as he had job related work in the area. Carol is on the mend and will be seeing her doctor for clearance to start dancing again.

Unfortunately the Weda Helawi Dance has been cancelled for this year due to COVID restrictions, we didn't want Keith to be holed up in a hotel for two weeks on his return to WA. We have booked the Port Parham Social Club for next year... here's hoping this mess will have faded away by then.

Thanks to Graham & Dawn and the Outlaws for a great Birthday Bash, it was an excellent night.

'Till next time, Happy Dancing Scotty



## ADELAIDE OUTLAWS



Firstly a big thank you to all who came along to help us celebrate our 35th Birthday. What a great night and wonderful to have so many visitors join us from other clubs. Big thanks also to Les, Scotty and Ian for joining us on the program. Everyone looked great in their black and whites and we had some nice comments on our new banners too. Thanks to Murray for presenting our 35 year shield on behalf of SASDS and to our president Rob E for the lovely gift to Graham and Dawn. It is a time to reflect on the many years the club has been running and what it means to so many of us to have a friendship group and a place to dance and share our passion. Here's to many more years!

We do sincerely appreciate everyone's tolerance as we trialled venues and even swapped nights to make things work. By the time this goes to print, we would have reached a decision on the venues for our clubs and if you are not sure, up to date information is always available on our website: Monday is Mainstream at the West Croydon Kilkenny RSL (19 Rosetta St, Croydon).

The next theme night will be Hallowe'en on Monday, October 26th. As always the dress theme will be black, ghostly white and some reds or ghoulie greens. Dress the part and we look forward to dancing to popular Hallowe'en music. Light supper provided.

**ADELAIDE OUTLAWS**

**A.G.M.**

**Mon Nov 16th**  
Meeting during the supper  
break.

**Sweetened  
by scones,  
jam &  
cream.**



Looking forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

Graham and Dawn



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**ADELAIDE  
OUTLAWS**



**ADELAIDE OUTLAWS  
35th Birthday Sept 2020**



20 Year (Gold Membership)  
recipients





Well dancing is well and truly back. At Diggers we have been averaging two squares per morning. Not too much has been forgotten by our learners. Scotty is keeping us going a fair pace revising the moves that

we have already learnt.

We had a big birthday celebration of all those that had birthdays while we were closed. So nine birthdays all together. The cake was yummy as well.

Welcome back safe and sound Dianne and Brian from Queensland which turn out to be longer than first planned. Thankfully Peter has recovered.

The second learners club has recommenced at R.A.O.B hall on Orange Avenue, Salisbury Wednesday night at 7.30pm.

Keep on dancing, be safe. Chris Wood



It has been steady at Scootbacks with many staying safe at home for various reasons with COVID, which is understandable in such an unpredictable environment. Nevertheless we still have fun and enjoy ourselves while moving to music which is what square dancing is all about!

By the time you all read this we would have had our footy night with Wild Frontier. After the year we have had a little bit of banter doesn't go astray. It was a little different this year but nothing will stop us having fun with a few precautions here and there of course.

With everything going on this year many of us have cancelled a lot of theme nights we had planned throughout the year. Hopefully we can end the year with a bang and I'm sure most of us are quite happy for this year to end!

We keep our interstate friends in our thoughts as they go through a difficult time right now.

Keep safe and smile, life is too short not to,

De Square Lady





THE PADDLE STEAMER SQUARES DANCE CLUB INC.

Even our Committee Meetings give rise to Round Up news. When discussing our Club birthday we decided to have a cake with restrictions. One suggestion was clapping to 'blow' out the candle. Another was to have a separate candle in a candle holder to blow out away from the aforesaid cake. Then came the idea of no candle & have individual cup cakes in the shape of the number 12 as it is our 12th birthday.

Square dance involvement also goes far beyond dance night. Wanting something red to dress up in for Sports Day, my adult daughter looked at all that I could offer. Upon taking some items she walked past the robe where the square dance skirts were hanging. She claimed a bright red & sequined skirt. As always, for a bit of fun, she ran against some Year 7 students in their sprint race. To her dismay she didn't win as usual. She then worked out that she probably had 2.5kg of flouncy skirt holding her back.

Paddle Steamers held their postponed AGM on 25th September with all executive positions filled & minimal committee members. We even indulged in COVID treats of wrapped chocolates & biscuits. As I usually report on caller duets, this time was with Milton & Ros working as a team with excellent results.

At the first dance night in October, Chris was unwell so Ros took the challenge to call all the brackets. Of course this was well received and highly successful.

For the 12th Birthday 'low key' celebration we took on the theme of 'Holidaying In SA'. We had a 'Guess the Photo Name & Location', which Deidre won by a slight margin. She either travels the most or pays most attention to places of interest when she does. At the conclusion of the night we made a dedication dance to our Club's founder & Life Member, Zaree Sullivan with one of her favorites, 'New York New York'.

Gail





Things seemed to have settled down to following our resumption since COVID 19 restrictions. Numbers have returned to normal with 3+ sets dancing Tuesday nights. At time of writing we continue with a split level nights starting with learners at 7pm. However it won't be long until graduation with the learners now well into mainstream figures and everyone will be dancing together all night.

We cancelled our Charity Night this year, instead we are having a Halloween Dance. At the time of writing we are yet to have the Halloween Dance but will be a great opportunity for everyone to dress up and enjoy themselves, so more on that next month.

We also welcomed once again Pauline & Alistair, Karen & Carl to our plus night on 8 October it was good to have you guys again and great you have been coming on a fairly regular basis always welcome

**Happy Dancing from Anne & Les**

<https://www.sunsettwirlers.com/>



## ***Christmas Break Up***

**Tuesday 8 December 2020**

**Port Noarlunga Arts Centre  
22 Gawler Street, Port Noarlunga**



Dinner from 7pm, Dancing following dinner (Mainstream)  
Dinner bookings required (refer to contract details in Round Up)

Dinner \$8 members, \$10 non members

Dancing \$8 members, \$10 non members

Tea & Coffee Provided, Monte Carlo & Raffle





I can't believe we are coming to the end of yet another year, but I suppose I have to. What a year this has been.

We here in South Australia have been luckier than the eastern states who, at time of writing, are still waiting to get back on the dance floor.

Paula and Warwick from Qld are continuing their Zoom sessions which we all appreciate.

All our Round Dancers here were saddened to hear Roly, at almost 92, has finally had to retire from dancing. A True English gentleman, who was always arrived early every Sunday to help set up, and who wouldn't sit out a dance. He will be missed. As we get older our legs don't seem to like the Jives, Cha Cha's and Quicksteps as we did in years gone by. Otherwise things are going along as usual, although I am trying to lift the level on Sunday Afternoons. So we look forward to the Christmas functions that will be here before we know it.

For now, Regards Thelma



With many dancers still on the sick list or travelling, numbers are still down. Friday night football also takes its toll, but for those of us who make the effort we are enjoying some good dancing.

By the time this goes to print we will have had our combined night with Scoot Back Squares for their Footy Night, usually an enjoyable night.



**Christmas Dance, Dinner**

**&**

**Break Up**

**11th December**

6pm Dinner (**FREE**) Sausage Sizzle/salad

**7.30pm onwards Dancing  
(Mainstream, plus, A's)**

**All invited to come along**

Morialta Uniting Church  
26 Chapel St, Migall



Sadly, due to COVID restrictions, we will not be having a visit from Father Christmas on break up night. I don't know what everyone else thinks but I feel the joy is being taken out of our lives. But at least some good news as just heard from Jeff that we no longer have to social distance when not dancing, as we are a group who regularly meets. Another step forward We have also cancelled our combined dinner at The Old Mill, due to be held on 17th November.

Perhaps next year will be better. Thank goodness we can at least enjoy our dancing here in S.A. we feel for our fellow dancers in Victoria.

Keep well everyone, Pat

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# **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY Inc.**

Order of Business for Annual General Meeting 26th November 2020, 8.00pm,  
Junction Bistro, Anzac Highway, Morphettville

**Attendance:** As per attendance sheet

**Apologies:**

**Quorum:**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting**

**Correspondence:**

Nomination of Rose Wood for Vice President

Nomination of Anne Tulloch for Secretary

Nomination of Graham Burgan for Publicity Officer

Nomination of Ingrid Cottrell for Publicity Officer

**Consideration of Accounts & Reports of Committee**

President's Report:

Treasurer's Report: (refer November Round Up)

**Election of Officers:**

Vice President, Secretary, Publicity Officer

Refer November Round Up for candidate profiles for the position of Publicity Officer

**Declaration of poll results**

**Appointment of Auditor**

**General Business:**

Documents relating to the two motions below published in the November Round Up.

**Motion One:** Presentation of the proposed Constitution by the Constitution Subcommittee, followed by questions and discussion relating to the proposal.

Vote on the acceptance of the proposed Constitution.

**Motion Two:** Vote on the acceptance of the proposed guidelines. This vote will only proceed if the proposed constitution is accepted.

**Meeting Closure:**

**Next Meeting:** To be advised



# Proxy Form

Under the Societies constitution you can give your vote to another member, to do this you will need to either:

- Attend a club that is more than 75 kms from the Adelaide GPO and be more than 75kms from the Adelaide GPO at the time of the AGM, or
- Be unwell, or
- Have business commitments on the night of the AGM.

Please ensure that your proxy holds only your vote, they cannot have more than one proxy vote. The 75kms distance is measured by the most practical road route.

## APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

In accordance with the South Australian Square Dance Society Constitution.



I, .....

of.....

hereby appoint.....

being a member of the Society as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual general meeting of the Society held on the 26th November, 2020.

My proxy is authorised to vote for all resolutions as my proxy may decide at the meeting unless I direct otherwise.

Signed.....

The.....day of.....the year .....

**South Australian Square Dance Society Inc**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Thursday 31st October 2019**  
**The Junction Bistro, Anzac Highway, Morphettville**

Proxy Forms - Prior to the commencement of the meeting proxy forms were collected at the entrance to the meeting room. Life Members Jeff Seidel, Les Tulloch and Jan Woodget checked for compliance with the Constitution. Several were not allowed.

Meeting commenced - 8.00pm

Attendance: As per Attendance sheet

Apologies: Colleen McCullun, Jock McCullun, Hazel Murray, Ken Murray

Quorum – achieved

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting as published in Round Up.

Motion: Moved Mervyn Hier: 'That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October 2018 as published in the Round Up be taken as read and confirmed'. Seconded Peter Scott. Carried.

Correspondence in: ballot papers

President's Report - Murray Dempsey:

The last year I've had the pleasure in seeing interest in the Society develop and membership grow. Electronic Round Up has been excepted by many members. It's good to see country clubs are enjoying themselves. I've had the pleasure of attending all of them with a great deal of pleasure. City clubs are also beautiful and a great pleasure.

Here's to the future development of square dancing. Don't forget Naracoorte convention. Port Broughton will have a hard time equaling that, what a show. Thank you

Treasurer's Report – Don Stephens

The Report was published in the Round Up.

Don made the point that last year was the first full year with the new membership arrangements. He had carried out a source & application of funds showing that receipts from membership, printing & advertising were \$3439, without society functions. Operating costs to run the society were \$3472. This shows the structure for membership fees is about right. Hopefully the State Convention and Society dances will bring in a few dollars as well.

He mentioned that we still have around \$30,000 in general funds and \$30,000 in reserve for the next National Convention.

The Treasurer asked for specific questions:

Graham Burgan asked whether there had been an audit, commenting that there was no audit statement. The Treasurer replied that the audit statement was not attached but had been submitted to the committee. The Round Up Editor offered to supply the audit statement to Graham Burgan.

Motion: Moved Dawn Elliott "That the Treasurer's Report be accepted." Seconded Shirley Lemberg. Carried

State Convention Convenors Report – Chris and Alan Hall

Chris gave a comprehensive report on the very successful State Convention "Click Go the Shears", mentioning that the Naracoorte Town Hall had been a fabulous venue. It was a very successful Convention in a rural setting. She thanked the Convention Committee, feature caller Howard Cockburn, all callers & cuers, the SASDS committee, all helpers especially Jan Stephens with the door tickets many are now using as bookmarks and Ken & Wendy with their shearing demonstration. Finally, a big thank you to the dancers who made the journey & the time; it could not have happened without you.

Their projected number of 90 quickly rose to 141, while the bottom-line profit of \$3445 far exceeded the projection of \$550. The 44th State Convention Financial Statement was tabled.

Their advice to future Convenors "Go with the flow, don't let others deter you from your visions."

The President invited Graham Elliott Convenor of the 2022 National Convention to say a few words. Graham gave a brief outline of progress to date.

April Nicholls, Convenor of the 45th State Convention was invited to say a few words. April gave an outline of arrangements so far for the Convention in Port Broughton.

Other Business

Presentation to 44th State Convention Committee

Certificates of Appreciation presented to Alan & Chris Hall, Ken & Wendy Scott. Certificates for the country Committee Members unable to attend were given to the convenors; namely Robert Schlemmer, Ken & Hazel Murray, Sonya Bath, Jason Smith, Marcia & Alan Tustin.

## Recommendation for Life Membership of SASDS

Stephen Janes, Round Up Editor, recommended to members on behalf of the full SASDS Committee, that Jan and Don Stephens be awarded Life Membership due to valuable service over ten years both to the Society and to the SA Square Dancing Community. Accepted unanimously by the members present.

Don expressed their thanks and appreciation of the award.

## Election of Officers

President Murray Dempsey asked the members whether they wanted to vote by 'show of hands' or 'secret ballot'. He declared the meeting was unanimously in favour of a secret ballot.

Vice President Diana Waters took the chair.

A ballot was taken to decide the order in which candidates were to give a two-minute speech. The order was – Murray Dempsey [Presidential candidate]; Rosemary Wood [Membership Secretary candidate]; Karen Dempsey [Membership Secretary candidate]; Graham Burgan [Treasurer candidate]; Ingrid Cottrell [Presidential candidate]; Don Stephens [Treasurer candidate]

Ballot papers were to be issued first to those holding proxies.

An adjournment took place as a discrepancy was sorted out. Returning officer Jeff Seidel called those eligible to take ballot papers as proxies.

All financial members were called to take ballot papers.

The Returning Officers Jeff Seidel and Les Tulloch retired to count the votes.

During this adjournment;

Round Up Editor – Stephen Janes re-appointed unopposed

Publicity Officer - the Vice President announced that at least one person was interested in nominating for this position which has been vacant for several years.

Graham Burgan said he was interested should he not be successful in obtaining the position of Treasurer. This was not allowable.

Chris Wood then nominated herself and was provisionally accepted, however would need to relinquish her role as Diggers Delight Club Representative.

Graham Burgan requested that the appointment of an auditor be made at that time. Motion Graham Burgan moved "That the current auditor be asked to continue next year.' Seconded Stephen Janes. Carried.

Rebecca Seibert CA re-appointed as auditor. Don Stephens pointed out that SASDS would need to approach the current auditor after the AGM to determine whether she wished to accept the appointment.

As the election was a lengthy procedure, the Vice President reminded members that they need not stay for the result of the ballot.



Returning Officer Les Tulloch informed the meeting that all the deliberative votes had been counted. The members were asked whether the three valid postal ballot papers should be accepted. The Constitution is silent on postal votes.

Motion: Robert Elliott moved "That postal votes be accepted in this election." Seconded Alistair Kennedy.

Discussion followed covering:

- The difficulty in achieving a quorum if postal votes are allowed
- Concern that only members with email addresses received notification of postal voting
- Concern that candidates had not had the opportunity to circulate profiles
- That the reality of the current situation needs to be taken into account
- That the Constitution states every member has a right to vote, it is silent on how the vote is placed except for proxy votes. As it is silent it does not prohibit accepting postal votes.

The Vice President stated that the final point was congruent with professional advice which she had received.

Vote taken including proxies: For: 25, Against: 25. The Vice President gave her casting vote in favour of the motion.

Disagreement was expressed with the Executive Committee's operation regarding decisions on voting procedures.

Motion: Graham Burgan moved 'Irrespective of the validity of these postal votes and how they came about, the meeting has decided they shall be counted. This should not be a precedent for future voting and should be referred back to the committee.' Seconded Don Stephens. Carried

The Returning Officers thanked all six candidates, the vote was extremely close. Results were:

**President** – Murray Dempsey

**Treasurer** – Don Stephens

**Membership Secretary** – Karen Dempsey

The term of office for these positions is two years.

Murray Dempsey took the chair.

**Withdrawal:** Chris Wood withdrew from the position of Publicity Officer.

**Nomination:** Graham Burgan nominated as Publicity Officer. **Accepted.** The term of office is one year.

**Meeting closed 10.55pm**

**Next meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

# THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY INC

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

### GENERAL ACCOUNT

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>30,579.28</b>
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#### **RECEIPTS**

Memberships - Current Year	750.00
Round-up Printing - Current Year	100.00
Round-up Postage - Current Year	40.00
Memberships - Next Year	70.00
Round-up Printing - Next Year	30.00
Advertising - Round-up	425.00
Interest	566.34
Learners Books	270.00
Calendars	3.00
Society Dances	1,271.00
2019 State Convention - Advance	300.00
2019 State Convention - Profit	3,445.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,270.79</b>

#### **PAYMENTS**

Meeting Expenses	133.00
Insurance	628.88
Storage Charges	863.02
Postage	215.00
Post Box Rental	211.00
Round-up Printing	467.51
Calendars	103.95
Website Expenses	373.77
Printing & Stationery	120.88
Plaques & Engraving	206.45
Club Learners Expenses	1,237.95
Learners Books	446.46
Society Dances	1,378.71
2020 State Convention	118.00
Donations	600.00
Sundries	91.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,196.12</b>

<b>CLOSING BALANCE - 30TH JUNE 2020</b>	<b>30,653.95</b>
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**THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY INC**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020**

**NATIONAL LEARNERS FUND**

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>1,717.05</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>1,017.05</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE - 30TH JUNE 2020</b>	<b>700.00</b>

**FUTURE CONVENTIONS TRUST ACCOUNT**

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>28,341.16</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Interest	562.65
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
Transfer	20,000.00
<b>CLOSING BALANCE - 30TH JUNE 2020</b>	<b>8,903.81</b>

Please note that these are interim figures subject to audit
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# Position of Publicity Officer—Candidate Profiles

## Graham Burgan

The Publicity Officer had remained vacant for many years. No-one wanted it and the committee had even considered deleting it, even though our major focus is promotion. I took on the role bringing a renewed enthusiasm even though it was for a one-year appointment. Covid-19 and issues with insurance for the committee have hindered my progress. Regardless, I have: registered SASDS on the SA Community Site; organised for a Facebook page; co-ordinated with the Webmaster to make the SASDS website more promotional; linked with the National Promotions team; investigated advertising; liaised with SACA; registered with Meet-Up for SASDS for free through VSDA & NSDSA; commenced negotiations to reintroduce demonstrations; suggested a new society dance in Mad March to coincide with National Square Dance Month, and submitted, on request, a flyer for consideration as a National promotions resource.

I believe I have shown that there is value in having a dedicated Publicity Officer as the promotional work by the committee in recent years was barely able to maintain the status quo.

At an Executive level, I have hosted the Zoom meetings allowing Committee and Subcommittee meetings to continue during covid-19, chaired the Constitutional Review Subcommittee (meeting most weeks for 5 ½ months), I was a co-opted member of the Duty Revision Subcommittee and was a delegate for NSDSA 2020-21 meeting three times via zoom. I also followed up on an issue raised by a dancer to the Society at the request of the committee.

Whilst I believe Ingrid could do a good job also, and I would welcome her as an on-going member of the Committee, I ask that I have the opportunity to complete what I have started by being appointed for at least a full term and hopefully free of the limitations mentioned above.





# **Position of Publicity Officer—Candidate Profiles**

## **Ingrid Cottrell**

Hi I'm Ingrid Cottrell and I'd like to be considered for the position of Publicity Officer for the South Australian Square Dance Society.

I came to square dancing when a friend spotted a flyer on a community notice board and invited me to come and give it a go. That was three years ago and ever since I've enthusiastically pursued square dancing.

This passion would combine well with my experience for this role, as over the past ten years I have volunteered with a state and national organisation, promoting programs and services available locally and around Australia. This organisation promotes their activities through flyers, newsletters, a national magazine, through the internet (website,fb,twitter, etc), and an app. In my volunteer role I frequently promote the programs and services so people are aware and can access what's available to them. This is through preparing flyers, newsletters, memes and updates and moderating a local Facebook page, texts, emails and word of mouth to promote meetings and events. I feel this experience makes me a suitable candidate for the role of SASDS Publicity Officer as I could preform all the duties required with confidence.

Should I be elected I look forward to promoting square dancing and encouraging many new dancers to join our exciting sport for generations to come .



# **Motion One—New Constitution**

## **Preamble**

Thank you to all the members who provided input into the alterations of the Constitution now known as the “Rules of Association”. The committee also thanks Sue Soong for her role as proof reader, it was reassuring to have a fresh set of eyes review the document.

The subcommittee have concluded their task but unfortunately Covid-19 and the issue with insurance cover have stopped the SASDS Committee from meeting to consider this final document. Much work has been invested into the document by both the subcommittee and individual members of the Society and this document contains urgent revisions that are needed to resolve ambiguities found in the existing constitution so the society can function effectively. There is a substantial change in the makeup of the committee which we believe improves the representation of you the members. This is not a matter of disenfranchising clubs by removing representatives, but the current constitution meant that most members had little say in the selection of their own representation. Further, the number of clubs has made the committee unworkably large (up to 22)

With the above in mind the subcommittee had little choice, and while it is not their preferred method, have placed a member’s motion before the AGM for adoption of the revised Rules of Association.

Please consider them carefully and be prepared to vote at the AGM. As a Special Resolution is required only those present or by proxy can vote and 75% must agree to the adoption. This is a specific requirement of the Associations Incorporations Act 1985.

Graham Burgan

Chair of Sub Committee

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## **Motion Two—Adoption of Guidelines**

Following successful adoption of the proposed constitution members will be required to vote to indicate approval of the meeting guidelines printed on pages 40 to 45

No vote on this motion will take place if the vote on the proposed constitution fails.



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PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR 2020 AGM

OCTOBER 10, 2020

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**1.     NAME**

- 1.1.       The Society shall be called The South Australian Square Dance Society Incorporated.

**2.     DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1.       "The Society" shall mean The South Australian Square Dance Society Incorporated.
- 2.2.       "The Committee" shall mean the Committee of Management of the Society.
- 2.3.       "The Executive" shall comprise the officers of the Society.
- 2.4.       "Term"
- a). Standard term shall mean the time between the close of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which the member is elected through the next AGM and beyond to the end of the following AGM when the newly elected or re-elected member shall take the position, regardless of the dates of each AGM.
- b). Temporary term shall mean the time to the next AGM.
- 2.5.       "A Club" shall mean any Recognised (Square Dance) Club.
- 2.6.       "Recognised Club" shall mean any Club:
- a). which dances a programme recognised in the guidelines agreed by the Society members and normally dances at least once a fortnight;
- and
- b). which has financial members of the Society who have nominated the Club as their Principal Club.
- 2.7.       "Voting Members" shall mean those members aged eighteen (18) years or over who are present personally or by proxy and are entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Society.
- 2.8.       "Callerlab" shall mean the International Association of Square Dance Callers.
- 2.9.       "The Act" shall mean the Associations Incorporations Act, 1985 (as amended).
- 2.10.      "Rules" shall mean the Rules of Association of this Incorporated Association.

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**3. OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1. To encourage and foster the development of the Square Dance movement in South Australia.
- 3.2. To publicise and create an appreciation of modern Square Dancing.
- 3.3. To organise the State Convention and Society/combined dances and encourage the Clubs to organise and participate in joint Club ventures.
- 3.4. To develop friendship and unity between Square Dance Clubs, other dance clubs, and dancers.
- 3.5. To foster the formation of new Square Dance Clubs, particularly in areas where no club exists.
- 3.6. To provide opportunities to assist Clubs financially where possible, particularly with learner classes.
- 3.7. To support and liaise with national and interstate Square Dance bodies.
- 3.8. To be available to assist members in a dispute with another party related to Square Dancing when other attempts at resolution have failed (refer to Section 13. Dispute Resolution).

**4. CLASSIFICATION**

- 4.1. This association is a not-for-profit organisation.

**5. POWERS OF THE SOCIETY**

- 5.1. The Society shall have all powers conferred by Section 25 of the Act.

**6. MEMBERSHIP**

**6.1. TYPES**

The classes of membership shall be:-

- 6.1.a. Ordinary Members – real persons upon acceptance and the payment of subscriptions.
- 6.1.b. Affiliate Members – Square Dance Clubs and other organisations related to Square Dancing with rights according to the guidelines set out by the Society for affiliates.



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- 6.1.c. Life Members – at an Annual General Meeting of the Society, the members may, in accordance with the guidelines of the Society, elect any person a Life Member for services rendered to the Society. A Life Member shall be entitled to Ordinary Membership without payment of any subscription.
- 6.1.c.i. Life Membership nominations from the floor will not be accepted.
- 6.2. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**
- 6.2.a. Membership subscriptions shall be annual, other than for Life Members, and shall entitle the member to membership of the Society, subject to 6.2.b. below.
- 6.2.b. A member, other than a Life Member, shall become unfinancial if the subscription is not received by the Membership Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- 6.2.c. Membership subscriptions shall be as determined by the Committee from time to time and will be paid annually, or pro-rata if joining during the year.
- 6.3. **RESIGNATIONS**
- 6.3.a. A member may resign from membership of the Society by giving written notice to the Membership Secretary of the Society.
- 6.4. **EXPULSIONS**
- 6.4.a. Subject to giving a member an opportunity to be heard or to make a written submission, the Committee may resolve to expel a member upon the charge of significant ethical, moral or criminal misconduct detrimental to the interests of the Society.
- 6.4.b. Particulars of the charge shall be communicated to the member at least twenty-eight (28) days before the meeting of the Committee at which the matter will be determined.
- 6.4.c. The determination of the Committee shall be communicated to the member, and in the event of an adverse determination the member shall (subject to 6.4.d. below) cease to be a member fourteen (14) days after the Committee has communicated its determination to the member.
- 6.4.d. It shall be open to a member to appeal the expulsion to the Society at a General Meeting. The Intention to Appeal shall be communicated to the Membership Secretary of the Society within fourteen (14) days after the Committee has communicated its determination to the member.
- 6.4.e. In the event of an appeal under 6.4.d. above, the appellant's membership of the Society shall not be terminated unless the



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determination of the Committee to expel the member is upheld by the members of the Society in a General Meeting after the appellant has been heard by the members of the Society, and in such event membership will be terminated at the date of that General Meeting at which the determination of the Committee is upheld.

- 6.4.f. A final appeal can be placed through the courts in accordance with Section 61 of the Act.

**6.5. REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

- 6.5.a. A register of members must be kept and contain:
- 6.5.a.i. The name and address of each member.
  - 6.5.a.ii. The date on which each Life Membership to the Society was bestowed.
  - 6.5.a.iii. If applicable, the date of, and reason(s) for, termination of membership.

**7. THE COMMITTEE**

**7.1. POWERS AND DUTIES**

- 7.1.a. Without limiting powers by law or these Rules or otherwise invested in them, the Committee shall have the power to manage the Society and enter into such contracts in the name and on behalf of the Society as it shall deem advisable, and shall at all times dispose of the funds of the Society as it deems best for carrying out the objectives of the Society.
- 7.1.b. The Committee may from time to time appoint such sub-committees as it may deem necessary and may delegate such sub-committees such powers as it sees fit.
- 7.1.c. Any sub-committee appointed, whether by the Committee or the State Convention Convenor, shall report to the Committee at each advertised meeting during the existence of the sub-committee. Such report shall include detailed information of any action taken by such sub-committee.
- 7.1.d. The President or their delegate shall be an ex-officio member of every sub-committee.
- 7.1.e. The Committee has the responsibility for the management and control of the funds and other property of the Society.
- 7.1.f. The Committee may make or amend regulations and by-laws for the general management of the Society provided such do not contradict the Act or these Rules of Association.



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**7.2. THE EXECUTIVE**

- 7.2.a. The Executive may exercise all or any powers conferred on the Committee by these Rules, subject to any guidelines established by the Committee or the Society and such actions and decisions being ratified by the Committee at its next meeting. At any meeting of the Executive seventy-five percent (75%) of the members shall form a quorum. All members of the Executive shall be advised of and invited to take part in any Executive meeting.
- 7.2.b. The Executive shall only meet if a quorum cannot be achieved for an extraordinary Committee meeting or they have been directed to meet by the Committee, in which case only the items of business referred to them shall be discussed.

**7.3. APPOINTMENT**

- 7.3.a. The Committee shall comprise of the Executive and up to six (6) General Representatives (subject to 7.3.e.).
- 7.3.b. Recognised Club, South Australian Callers Association (SACA) and South Australian Round Dance Association (SARDA) Representatives may attend as liaison persons and unless also an elected member of the Committee shall not have a vote at meetings.
- 7.3.c. The officers of the Society (the Executive) shall be:  
President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Membership Secretary  
Treasurer
- 7.3.d. No officers of the Society may simultaneously be an officer (or equivalent) of any other Square Dance related state-wide organisation except for SACA, SARDA or a Recognised Club.
- 7.3.e. Officers and General Representatives of the Society shall be elected for a standard term to the conclusion of two (2) consecutive AGMs.  
and
- 7.3.e.i. subject to 7.3.e.iii. shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms, subject to a position not being filled at an AGM, where the incumbent may be invited to serve for consecutive temporary terms until an alternate is elected.
- 7.3.e.ii. Should this invitation not be accepted a casual vacancy shall be filled under 7.3.i. below.
- 7.3.e.iii. Where the Vice President is elevated due to a resignation of the President their service as Vice President shall not impede



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the now President from serving the two (2) complete consecutive terms.

- 7.3.f. Every effort should be made to ensure even representation of Clubs on the Committee. Representation should be limited to four (4) Committee members from any Club where possible. For further details refer to the guidelines for General Meetings.
- 7.3.g. When the date of the year is even the following officers and General Representatives shall retire and elections shall be held for:
- Vice President
  - Secretary
  - General Representatives elected in an even year (up to three (3))
- 7.3.h. When the date of the year is odd the following officers and General Representatives shall retire and elections shall be held for:
- President
  - Membership Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - General Representatives elected in an odd year (up to three (3))
- 7.3.i. Should an election be held for any position out of the above sequence that appointment shall be for the term up to and until the next AGM or if specified at a SGM.
- 7.3.j. The names of all financial members proposed for election as officers or General Representatives shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Society at least a clear twenty-eight (28) days before the Annual or Special General Meeting.
- 7.3.k. If there are no nominations for one (1) or more positions prior to the meeting, nominations for those positions will be accepted at the meeting.
- 7.3.l. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Committee shall be filled by the Committee, or at a Special General Meeting, until the next Annual General Meeting; however, should a majority of the Committee resign at any time the remaining members of the Committee shall convene a Special General Meeting of the members of the Society to fill vacancies, and nominations shall be accepted at the meeting.
- 7.3.m. The Committee shall appoint a State Convention Convenor according to the guidelines established by the Society members at a General Meeting.
- 7.3.n. The Committee shall ensure that a Public Officer is appointed at all times as per the Act.



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**7.4. PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE**

- 7.4.a. Scheduled Committee meetings shall be held for the dispatch of business in accordance with the guidelines set by the Society members. Committee meetings may only be cancelled or postponed by a majority of the Committee or the President and at least two (2) Executive members in writing.
- 7.4.b. At meetings of the Committee, a quorum shall be formed with fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the Committee members present in person or online, to include at least two (2) Executive members.
- 7.4.c. Where a quorum is not achieved either in person or online the meeting shall be rescheduled seven (7) days hence, or at the earliest available date when this is not possible, either in person or online.
- 7.4.d. Questions arising at any meeting shall normally be decided by a majority vote.
- 7.4.e. In the case of a tied vote the Committee shall refer to procedures set down by the guidelines to the Committee of the Society members.
- 7.4.f. The Committee or a quorum thereof may act notwithstanding any vacancy.
- 7.4.g. The Committee shall develop and maintain guidelines for the process of Committee and Executive meetings and nominate a meeting procedures book as their reference.
- 7.4.h. The President and two (2) Executive members, in writing, may summon an extraordinary meeting to carry out any business of the Society provided that ten (10) days' notice is given to all members of the Committee including the business to be considered.
- 7.4.i. Five (5) of the Committee members, in writing, may summon an extraordinary meeting to carry out any business of the Society provided that ten (10) days' notice is given to all members of the Committee including the business to be considered.
- 7.4.j. A member of the Committee having a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract or proposed contract with the Society must disclose the nature and extent of that interest to the Committee as required by the Act, and shall not vote with respect to that contract or proposed contract. The member of the Committee must disclose the nature and extent of his or her interest in the contract at the next Annual General Meeting of the Society.



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**7.5. DISQUALIFICATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- 7.5.a. Any member of the Committee who shall be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, without special leave of absence from the Committee, shall cause their position to be declared vacant.
- 7.5.b. The Committee may at any time remove from their position any Committee member, or any other official, and may appoint another in their place, by Special Resolution carried at a meeting of the Committee called for that purpose. All books, papers, documents, monies and any other property of the Society held by such Committee member so removed shall, immediately upon such removal, be handed over to the appointed officer. Any Committee member removed under this clause shall have the same right of appeal as is provided in clause 6.4. hereof.

**7.6. TRANSITION** (*This clause will operate only for the transition years 2020-22*)

- 7.6.a. The positions of Publicity Officer and Round Up Editor shall cease to be Executive positions on adopting these Rules, and Publicity and Round Up Editing shall become portfolios held by either a member of the Committee or may be appointed external to the Committee, the same as the current Webmaster. Any person elected at the 2020 AGM, regardless of these Rules, shall complete their current term.
  - 7.6.a.i. The Publicity Officer (if elected at the 2020 AGM) shall be declared a General Representative (Even Year) and shall maintain the Publicity portfolio until the 2022 AGM.
  - 7.6.a.ii. The Public Officer shall be declared a General Representative (Even Year) until the 2022 AGM. If the Public Officer is not reappointed as a General Representative in 2022, they may continue to attend Committee meetings in a liaison role.
  - 7.6.a.iii. The SACA Representative shall be declared a General Representative (Even Year) until the 2022 AGM.
  - 7.6.a.iv. The Round Up Editor shall see out his term as a General Representative (Odd Year) and maintain the portfolio until the 2021 AGM.
  - 7.6.a.v. The SARDA Representative shall be deemed a General Representative (Odd Year) until the 2021 AGM.
  - 7.6.a.vi. At its first scheduled meeting the Committee after the 2020 AGM, along with the above-mentioned and the Club Representatives, shall elect the balance of the General Representatives from the remaining Club Representatives and allocate their completion date.



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- 7.6.b. At the earliest convenience, the Society Committee shall form a Dispute Committee of five (5) persons not currently on the Society Committee.
- 7.6.c. Any guidelines mentioned in these Rules requiring member approval that have not been approved at the 2020 AGM shall apply as interim guidelines approved by the Committee, provided that such are approved and/or amended by the Society members on or before the 2021 AGM.

**8. THE SEAL**

- 8.1. The Society shall have a common seal upon which its corporate name shall appear in legible characters and will be secured by the Public Officer.
- 8.2. The seal shall not be used without the express authorisation of the Committee, and every use of the seal shall be recorded in the minute book of the Society. The affixing of the seal shall be witnessed by the Public Officer and at least one (1) of the President and the Secretary.

**9. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY**

**9.1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGMs)**

- 9.1.a. The Committee shall call an Annual General Meeting each year in accordance with the Act and within six (6) months of the end of the financial year of the Society. The items of business at the meeting, as ordered by the Committee in a published agenda, shall be:—
  - 9.1.a.i. Confirmation of minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held since that meeting.
  - 9.1.a.ii. Consideration of the accounts and reports of the Committee and the Financial Reviewer's report.
  - 9.1.a.iii. Declaration of Scrutineers and Returning Officers.
  - 9.1.a.iv. The election of Committee members.
  - 9.1.a.v. The appointment of a Dispute Committee.
  - 9.1.a.vi. The appointment of a Financial Reviewer.



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- 9.1.a.vii. Any other business requiring consideration by the Society in an Annual General Meeting for which due notification has been given.

**9.2. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 9.2.a. The Committee may, at its convenience, select alternative dates for any notifications provided they are published fourteen (14) days before they take effect and do not reduce the period thereof.
- 9.2.b. A Notice of Motion by a member to alter, add or rescind any part of these Rules of Association shall be given to the Secretary at least forty-two (42) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall be distributed to members at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 9.2.c. At least forty-nine (49) days' notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given to members.
- 9.2.d. Notice of any matter, other than 9.2.a. above, any members desire to bring forward at any Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least twenty-eight (28) days before the date of the meeting.
- 9.2.e. Notice of business to be transacted at the meeting other than 9.2.a. above shall be given to the members at least fourteen (14) days prior to that meeting.

**9.3. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS (SGMs)**

- 9.3.a. The Committee may call a Special General Meeting of the Society with appropriate notice at any time.
- 9.3.b. Twenty (20) members or fifteen percent (15%) of Society members (whichever is the less) may request that a SGM of the Society be called by the Committee, who shall summon such SGM within ninety (90) days of the date of the receipt of such request.  
Every requisition for a SGM shall be acknowledged by the relevant members and shall state the purpose of the meeting.
- 9.3.c. No motions for alteration of the Rules shall be permitted at a SGM.

**9.4. NOTICE OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 9.4.a. Notice shall be given at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date scheduled. Said notice to provide location, date, and nature of business to be transacted. If such is to wind up the Society or for another Special Resolution, the notice shall be extended to twenty-one (21) days.



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**9.5. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 9.5.a. At any General Meeting of the Society, a quorum shall be at least twenty (20) voting members of which at least ten (10) shall be present or fifteen percent (15%) of the voting members of the Society of which at least fifty (50%) shall be present, whichever is the less. Twenty-five percent (25%) shall not be Committee members or candidates for elections.
- 9.5.b. Should there not be a quorum at the expiration of the half hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members will adjourn the same to a place, date and hour at least seven (7) days from the meeting and those present shall form the quorum.
- 9.5.c. The President shall be the Chair of the General Meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall be the Chair of the meeting. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, the meeting may appoint a voting member thereof as Chair and such member shall, while so acting, exercise all the power of the President.

**9.6. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 9.6.a. All members aged eighteen (18) years or over, who have been financial members for at least twenty-eight (28) days, and any Life Member, shall have the right to vote in person or by proxy at all General Meetings of the Society.
- 9.6.b. Any member eligible to vote at the meeting may apply for a proxy. The proxy holder may have multiple proxies. The official proxy form should be used giving the maximum possible notice, to be presented to the Returning Officer within the time specified in the notices for a proxy.
- 9.6.c. Voting for the position of President (when held) shall be independent of other elections so that the President as the Chairperson can hand the Chair to another to conduct the election, as per the guidelines for General Meetings. The current President shall resume the Chair for all other elections and the balance of the meeting regardless of the result thereof.
- 9.6.d. All elected or appointed positions shall take effect at the end of the current General Meeting.
- 9.6.e. If a secret ballot is demanded by at least five (5) members, it must be conducted in a manner specified by the initial Chair of the meeting and the result of the poll is the resolution of the meeting on that question.
- 9.6.f. A vote demanded for the election of a person presiding or on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately, but any other



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decision may be conducted at any time before the close of the meeting.

9.6.g. A candidate may immediately, after the declaration of the vote, call for a recount.

9.6.h. In the event of a tied ballot or a tied motion the result shall be determined as per the guidelines set down by the Society members.

**9.7. SPECIAL AND ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

9.7.a. A Special Resolution of an incorporated association (according to the Act) means:  
where the Rules of the association provide for the membership of the association:

(a) a resolution passed at a duly convened meeting of the members and/or Committee of the association if:

- (i) at least twenty-one (21) days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution has been given to all members of the association; and
- (ii) it is passed at a meeting referred to in this paragraph by a majority of not less than three-quarters (3/4) of such members of the association as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy, at that meeting.

9.7.b. An Ordinary Resolution is a resolution passed by a simple majority at a General Meeting.

**10. MINUTES**

10.1. The Committee shall cause minutes of every meeting of the Society to be recorded as per the guidelines.

10.2. When in the absence of a quorum at any meeting of the Committee, no business can be transacted. Consideration of such business shall be adjourned to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Committee. The Secretary shall record in the minute book reason for such adjournment.

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**11. FINANCIAL REPORTING**

**11.1. FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year shall be the period of twelve (12) months commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**11.2. ACCOUNTS TO BE KEPT**

11.2.a. The Committee shall operate an account or accounts with a recognised financial institution of all monies belonging to the Society. Such account/s, electronic or otherwise, shall be authorised by any two (2) of the following:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

11.2.b. Expenses, necessarily and actually incurred on behalf of the Society, shall only be reimbursed on valid proof of payment.

11.2.c. The Society shall keep and retain such accounting records as are necessary to correctly record and explain the financial transactions and financial position of the Society in accordance with the Act.

**11.3. ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS**

11.3.a. The accounts, together with a report from a Financial Reviewer of the accounts, shall be published to all members in the State newsletter prior to the Annual General Meeting to meet the requirements of the Act.

**11.4. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEWER**

11.4.a. At each Annual General Meeting, the members shall appoint a person to be a Financial Reviewer of the Society in accordance with the Act, and they shall not be related to, work for, or work with any member of the Committee.

11.4.b. If an appointment is not made at an Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall appoint a Financial Reviewer for the current financial year as soon as possible.



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**12. PROHIBITION AGAINST SECURING PROFITS FOR MEMBERS**

- 12.1. The income and capital of the Society shall be applied exclusively to the promotion of its objectives and no portion shall be paid or distributed directly or indirectly to members or their associates except as a bona fide remuneration of a member for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

**13. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 13.1. The procedure for dispute resolution set out in this Rule applies under these Rules between:
- 13.1.a. A member and another member.
  - 13.1.b. A member and the Society or its Committee.
  - 13.1.c. A member and another party related to Square Dancing.
- 13.2. The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute and, if possible, resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days after the dispute comes to the attention of all the parties.
- 13.3. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, the parties may choose to meet and discuss the dispute before an independent third person agreed to by the parties.
- 13.4. If the dispute is still unresolved the Dispute Committee will be actioned.
- 13.5. The Dispute Committee shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society and consist of five (5) members of the Society to hear and rule on disputes, in accordance with the guidelines to be determined for this Committee by the Society.
- 13.6. Should a member of the Dispute Committee be involved in the dispute or be too close to the situation they will be excused, or excuse themselves, and be replaced by another member decided by the balance of the Dispute Committee.

**14. WINDING UP**

- 14.1. The Society may be wound up by Special Resolution at a General Meeting of the Society. Where the Society is unable to call a General Meeting, it may be wound up on behalf of the Society in the manner provided for in the Act.

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**15. APPLICATION OF SURPLUS ASSETS**

- 15.1. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Society, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some other incorporated body with similar objectives to the Society in accordance with a memorandum of understanding (MOU) document held by the Committee and which incorporated body shall prohibit distribution of its income and property among its or their members, and which is a fund, authority or institution as determined by Section 23 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (as amended).

**16. RULES**

- 16.1. These Rules may be altered (including an alteration to the Society's name) by Special Resolution of the members of the Society at an Annual General Meeting. This includes revision or replacement by substitute rules.
- 16.2. The alteration shall be registered with the Government Office responsible for the administration of the Act.
- 16.3. The registered Rules shall bind the Society and every member to the same extent as if they have respectively signed and sealed them and agreed to be bound by all the provisions thereof.
- 16.4. The Rules shall be reviewed at least every five (5) years.
- 16.5. In accordance with the Act Section 23, all duty statements and guidelines shall be read as if part of these Rules.

**17. GUIDELINES ETC AND THEIR AVAILABILITY**

- 17.1. At the least, a list of guidelines, regulations and/or policies including those required by these Rules, along with the person or persons responsible to approve them and the date of the latest update and the date of review thereof shall accompany these Rules in a Schedule "A".
- 17.2. A copy of these Rules and Schedule "A" along with the detailed guidelines, regulations, trust documents, memoranda of understanding and/or policies shall be available at all meetings of the Society.



**CONDUCTING COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

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1. No activity of the Society shall be conducted or approved to be conducted unless the Society is suitably insured.
2. Scheduled committee meetings will be held at least ten (10) times per year. For adjournment or cancellation refer to the Rules of Association.
3. All meetings shall be chaired by the President where possible. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will chair in the first instance, or if both the President and Vice President are unavailable another member elected at the meeting will take the Chair.
4. The agenda shall be agreed upon by the expected Chair and Secretary using the template approved, but a motion asking for a priority change can be brought from the floor at the beginning of the meeting. An item is to be included in the agenda to allow for amendments to be moved and accepted.
5. All meetings shall be convened by the Secretary upon consultation with the expected Chair.
6. Rules of conducting meetings shall be observed unless specified in these guidelines. It is the responsibility of all Committee members to familiarise themselves with meeting procedures, but a seminar may be organised by the Committee to assist. Any decision not covered by the guidelines shall be determined using a publication agreed to by the Committee. (A list of suitable books shall be supplied for the Committee to choose from.)
7. Resolutions unless "Special" shall be by majority vote of those present. Special Resolutions require a seventy-five percent (75%) majority. Any motion can be converted to a Special Resolution by a majority vote of the Committee.
8. The Chair shall have a deliberative vote. Motions tied, when possible, shall be considered defeated except a motion requiring a choice between two (2) options. This decision will be by a draw from ten (10) numbers (1-10) with odd numbers allocated to one option and even numbers allocated to the other option. This will be drawn by the Chair.  
Should more than two (2) alternatives be presented the initial vote shall eliminate those receiving the least votes. The two (2) higher votes from this ballot shall qualify for a further vote to determine an outcome (e.g. Convention Convenor).
9. Quorums shall be as specified in the Rules.  
Committee meetings: fifty percent (50%) plus one (1), including at least two (2) Executive members, and all invited to attend.  
Executive meetings: seventy-five percent (75%) and all invited to attend.

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10. Minutes shall be taken for all meetings. These, as corrected and approved, shall be signed by the Chair at the earliest date after such have been amended, but at least by the next scheduled meeting. Minutes shall be held by electronic means in a secure file by the Secretary (as required by the Act).
11. Recordings of meetings shall be held for at least two (2) years.
12. An Executive meeting shall be convened when issues need immediate resolution as allowed by the Rules ONLY when a Committee meeting cannot reasonably be convened. The Committee may also request the Executive to meet and consider an item or procedure.  
Where possible, Sub-committees to include General Representatives and non-Committee Society members, should be used in lieu of Executive meetings. All non-Committee meetings shall report back to the Committee for any implementation. The Committee will take seriously any recommendations that meet the criteria set, and not micromanage the sub-committee.
13. The Executive shall inform the Committee by email that they are meeting and its purpose.
14. The Secretary or a delegate agreed by the Committee shall deal with all correspondence as directed by the Committee, and approved communiques with Society members when possible.
15. Decisions may be made by email correspondence (Voting out of committee, VOC) in last resort situations provided strict quorum conditions are applied to any vote and such is recorded in the minutes of the next available Committee meeting. Where possible a form of secret voting shall be implemented but will at least have a request for an email receipt upon issue. Such voting shall be controlled and implemented only by the Secretary or a person acting in their role and shall require the assent of the President according to procedures set by the Committee.
16. Communiques should only include arguments approved by the Committee or at least by the Executive at a meeting convened in accordance with the Rules. The President will view any communique to members before it is published and may refer same back to the Committee for further approval or amendment but may not veto same.
17. All Executive decisions require the ratification of the Committee and therefore care should be taken before the immediate implementation of any decision made, as failure to obtain ratification may affect actions taken.
18. Any meetings shall only be deemed to have been called if all members of that meeting are advised.



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19. Members are to respond to the Secretary for all meeting invitations.
20. Any email correspondence shall be deemed served if receipted, acknowledged or replied to by recipients.
21. Clubs shall receive a report including any items from meetings that affect them and this shall be distributed through a Club Representative registered with the Committee. Clubs shall report to the Committee via Round Up or in exceptional cases through correspondence with the Secretary.
22. Any Society member who is not already on the Committee may attend a Committee meeting unless a decision is "in camera", but they shall only speak after a request to do so by invitation of the President or through a motion by the Committee, and shall not have a vote.
23. Failure to obtain a quorum shall place the subject of the meeting as the first item of the agenda of general business at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

**GENERAL MEETING PROCEDURES**

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The procedures below apply mainly to the AGM but should also be used at SGM's when applicable.

**1. PROCEDURES**

**a. Prior to the meeting the Committee shall:**

- i. Prepare nominations, motions, agenda and minutes etc. (see Rules). A request for nominations for the Dispute Committee shall be added after the new Rules have been approved. Refer clause 7.6. Transition for details of the initial Dispute Committee. Add to the notice of meeting the scheduled start time and the opening and closing of registrations (recommended to be open at least 45 minutes and close ten minutes before the scheduled start).
- ii. Provide a profile of each candidate, the Treasurer's financial statement along with certificate of verification, the minutes of the previous General Meeting and a person specification for a Dispute Committee member to appear with notices for the AGM in the appropriate Round Up.
- iii. Prepare member lists – by number to register Present, Proxy and No. of Proxies Held, and an alphabetical list in case members do not know their number. (See registration below and archived template.)
- iv. Prepare ballot papers to be issued at the door.
- v. Ensure an adequate PA system is available and if needed have a caller provide same with three (3) mics.
- vi. Set up the room for the meeting:
  1. Table for registration inside entrance door (to be used later for the ballot box and by the Returning Officers and leaders of the meeting).
  2. Only the Chairperson and the nominated Minute Secretary (usually the Society Secretary) shall sit at the front.
  3. Ensure a microphoned dais is available for any other speakers including Executive reports if required (e.g. Treasurer).

**b. At a meeting**

- i. Voting for the position of President (if held) shall be independent of the other elections so that the President, as the Chair, can hand the meeting to another to conduct this part of the elections, as per clause 9.4. of the Rules. The incumbent President shall resume the Chair for all other elections and the balance of the meeting regardless of the result thereof.
- ii. In the event of a tied motion or election and if the status quo cannot be determined the decision will be decided by a draw from ten (10) numbers (1-10). Even numbers will be allocated to one option and odd numbers to the other option. The draw will be carried out by the Scrutineers.
- iii. Only business with notice can be resolved at the meeting.
- iv. Other issues may be raised and debated but no resolution can be made other than to refer the matter to the Committee for their consideration or preparation of a motion for a Special General Meeting or the next Annual General Meeting. The motion should clearly state the intent of the members as to how it is to be handled by the Committee.



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2. **DUTIES OF POSITION HOLDERS**

a. **Chair**

- i. Shall chair the meeting, making rulings on any procedural matters, referring to the Reference Group if desired or so directed by a motion from the meeting.

b. **Reference Group**

- i. Appointed by the Committee at the recommendation of the President. Shall provide advice on the interpretation of the Rules and guidelines and then the Chair shall rule. If there is further dissent on the matter the dissenter may apply to the Dispute Committee for a decision at another time.

c. **Returning Officers**

- i. Appointed by the Committee. Shall receive and register proxies. Shall issue the ballot papers, count any ballots and report the results without reference to voting numbers to the Chair. Shall hold securely and confidentially the voting papers for at least one (1) month and then destroy them unless advised of a dispute by the Committee. Shall assist the Scrutineers with counting any show of hands during voting at the meeting.

d. **Scrutineers**

- i. Appointed by the Committee. Responsible for assisting the Chair when requested to count show of hands votes. Only formal counts shall be recorded in the minutes. May oversee the issuing of the ballot papers and discs to ensure correctness. Will hold a draw if required to determine a vote.

e. **Secretary**

- i. Shall record minutes of the meeting. Shall assist the Chair with the agenda and the wording of any motions and hold all documents relating to the Rules and attachments.

3. **REGISTRATION**

- a. Members shall register at the door prior to being seated. Ballot papers shall be issued for both personal votes and any proxy allocations and these ballot papers shall from that time be the members' responsibility.
- b. Registration, issue of ballot papers and proxy discs shall be conducted by the Membership Secretary under the guidance of the returning officers and scrutineers.

4. **PROXIES**

- a. Members who are unable to attend may nominate a proxy. Proxies are now unlimited per person present. If a proxy is allocated to a person who is not present or the proxy giver arrives prior to the nominated proxy then that proxy lapses. If the person who has issued a proxy arrives at the meeting after their nominated proxy has been registered, they will not be issued with any ballot papers and shall not vote on show of hands in the meeting. Preferably the papers should be handed to the proxy giver,



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but only if this does not disrupt the meeting. Proxy discs, numbered 1-10, shall be issued to proxy holders at registration, representing the number of proxy votes that they hold for the purpose of show of hands voting. To vote: raise your hand and the proxy discs with the alternate hand or fill in all ballot papers, where applicable according to the proxy givers' request.

**5. BALLOT PAPERS**

- Shall be pre-prepared for all positions with known candidate names including that a person nominating for an Executive position may also prenominate for the position of a General Representative.
- If the candidate is elected to the Executive, members will be asked to ignore their General Representative nomination.
- If equal to or more than the available positions are then achieved, no further nominations shall be taken from the floor as per Executive positions.
- The current holder of a position is not to be highlighted on the ballot paper.

**REGISTRATION LIST (Example) Columns filled in prior to the meeting are 1,2, 5 & 6**

Member Number	Member Name	Present	Proxy Given	Number of Proxies Held	Registered Proxy Holder & (Number)	Signature of Vote Holder
1	Murray Dempsey	X		5		Murray
2	Roger Martin		X		Graham Burgan (3)	Graham
3	Graham Burgan	X		2		Graham
4	Allan Tuckfield					
5	Diana Waters	X				
6	Trish Martin		X		Graham Burgan (3)	Graham
7	Anne Tulloch	X			Les Tulloch (8)	Anne
8	Les Tulloch	X		2		Les
9	Anne Tuckfield				Allan Tuckfield (4)	
10	Pauline Ottaway	X				Pauline

If Roger Martin turns up, his proxy has already been registered and he attends without a vote. It was Roger's responsibility to advise Graham that he would be attending after all, and arrange with him before he registered. Anne Tulloch arrived with or before her proxy, Les, so his proxies are recalibrated to 2 and Anne votes as present. Murray, Graham and Les sign in for themselves and their 5, 2, 2 proxies respectively, receive discs for 5, 2, 2 proxy votes respectively and receive 6, 3, 3 sets of ballot papers from the Returning Officers by showing discs to them. Diana, Pauline and Anne receive their own ballot papers before being seated. Each person present has one visit to the ballot box for elections unless the President is being elected when it will be two.

## Country Square Dance Diary:

Mon	<u>Pine City Twirlers</u> Weekly 7:30 pm	Records Taylor Raftery	Anglican Hall Bay Rd Mt Gambier	Mainstream 8725 7524
Mon	<u>Whyalla Twirlers</u> Weekly 7.00pm	Shirley Gabb	Lutheran Church Hall Leithwaite St Whyalla Norrie	Learners/ Mainstream 0423 516 716
Tue	<u>JVC Square Dance</u> Weekly 1:30pm	John Casey	Carrickalinga House, 11 Torrens Road, Victor Harbor	Learners/ Mainstream 0400 611 211
Tue	<u>Yorke Promenaders</u> Weekly 7:30pm	Peter Scott	Church of Christ Hall 9 Taylor St, Kadina	Learners/ Mainstream 0419 864748
Fri	<u>Pine City Twirlers</u> Weekly 7:30pm	Records Taylor Raftery	Anglican Hall Bay Rd Mt Gambier	Learners/ Mainstream 0438 420 615
Fri	<u>Acey Squares</u> Weekly 7:30pm	CD's Alan & Chris Hall	Lutheran Church Hall Magarey Cres, Naracoorte	Mainstream 0417 820 134 0410 057 955
Fri	<u>Paddle Steamers</u> Weekly 7pm	Guest Callers	Carrickalinga House, 17 Torrens Road, Victor Harbor	Mainstream 8552 3879

## National Bodies

Australian National Square Dance Convention Board member: Jeff Seidel

Australian National Square Dance Society Delegate: Murray Dempsey

Australian Callers Federation:

State Coordinator Jeff Seidel

Board Member

Graham Elliott

## Metropolitan Square Dance Diary:

Mon	<u>Adelaide Outlaws</u> Weekly 8pm	Graham Elliott	<b>West Croydon &amp; Kilkenny RSL</b> <b>19 Rosetta St, West Croydon.</b>	Mainstream 8353 1749
Tue	<u>Kannella Squares</u> Weekly 6pm C Level 7pm A Level 8pm Plus	Jeff Seidel	Morialta Uniting Church 26 Chapel St, Magill	C's, A's & Plus 8263 5023
Tue	<u>Sunset Twirlers</u> Weekly 8pm Learners 7-8pm	Les Tulloch	Arts Centre 22 Gawler St, Pt Noarlunga	Mainstream 0484 233 826
Wed	<u>Adelaide Outlaws</u> Closed 2nd Wed of month	Graham Elliott	Visit <a href="http://www.adelaideoutlaws.com">www.adelaideoutlaws.com</a> for latest hall information	Plus 8353 1749
Thu	<u>Diggers Delights</u> Weekly 10am	Peter Scott	Salisbury RSL, 19 Park Tce, Salisbury	Learners/ Mainstream 0419 864 748
Thu	<u>Sunset Twirlers</u> Weekly 8pm Closed last Thursday of month	Les Tulloch	Arts Centre 22 Gawler St, Pt Noarlunga	Plus 0484 233 826
Fri	<u>Wild Frontier</u> Weekly 8pm Learners 7pm-8pm	Jeff Seidel	Morialta Uniting Church 26 Chapel St, Magill	Mainstream 8263 5023
Fri	<u>Scoot Back Squares</u> Weekly 7:30pm	Ian Rutter	Evanston Gardens Com- munity Centre, 65 Angle Vale Rd, Evanston Gardens	Mainstream Gill Arthur 0408 964 466

## Metropolitan Round Dance Diary:

Sun	<u>T&amp;T Rounds</u> Weekly 12 - 2pm 2 .30- 4.30pm	Thelma McCue Phase 2 to 4 Phase 2 to 3 Learners	Chandelier Ballroom Cassie St, Collinswood	8261 8128
Sun	<u>Sunset Twirlers</u> Weekly 7pm	Les and Anne Tulloch	Cooinda N/hood Centre, cnr Diagonal and Sturt Roads (Behind Marion Council Offices)	Phase 2 to 4 0484233826
We d	<u>Sunset Twirlers</u> Weekly 7 pm	Les and Anne Tulloch	Cooinda N/hood Centre, cnr Diagonal and Sturt Roads (Behind Marion Council Offices)	Phase 4+ to 6 0484233826
Fri	<u>T&amp;T Rounds</u> Weekly 7:30 pm	Thelma McCue Phase 4 to 5	Chandelier Ballroom Cassie St, Collinswood	8261 8128



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