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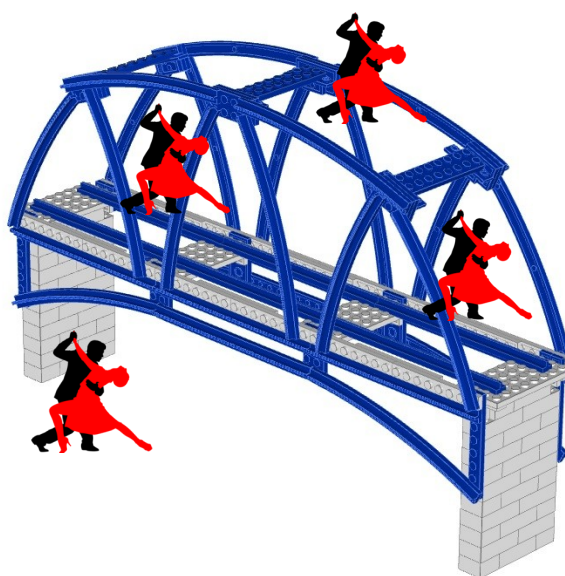
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AND SUPPORT TO ITS MEMBERS,
ALL ROUND DANCERS
AND THE FUTURE OF ROUND DANCING'***

BUILDING BRIDGES for the FUTURE of ROUND DANCING

**ARDA
REACHING
HIGHER &
CONNECTING**



**DEADLINE for
Next NEWSLETTER
SATURDAY
28 APRIL 2018**

On behalf of the ARDA TEAM best wishes are extended to each and every one of our members for a year of happiness, good health and many hours of dancing your way through 2018

The ARDA Team working together for YOU

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL JOSEPH HARCOURT



Sightseeing in NZ
October 2008



Pictured left Mike and Beryl Harcourt
29 March 2009 at the SA Showcase
Festival



Pictured below Mike, Beryl, the
Late Jennifer Kennedy & Alex
Kennedy. New Zealand
Festival 2008.



2009 Victorian Spring
Festival
with
George and Pamela
Hurd



All these photos are
from the private
collection of the Editor



VALE

MICHAEL JOSEPH HARCOURT

13 December 2017

The sad news of the passing of MIKE HARCOURT brought a deluge of tributes in memory of this man so many new and loved.

Born in the UK, Mike chose a career as an English 'Bobbie' with Scotland Yard but he never threw his weight around.

Mike met the love of his life at a ballroom dance. They married, had four daughters and migrated to Australia, in his own words as a 'ten pound pom'.

Mike, Beryl and family set up home in South Australia with Mike an officer with the Federal Police. The first of Mike's medical problems struck with a heart attack and he was pensioned out of the Federal Police. Mike's forced retirement prompted the move to NSW Central coast. Mike had always wanted acres of land and it was a case of 'now or never'. Their new home, a lovely property in Nerrigundah
In New South Wales they clogged, square danced and round danced. They started their own club which entailed several hours of travelling each way. Driving with a chainsaw in the back in case of fallen trees on the unmade tracks through the scrub, and of course the girls.

Yet another move brought Mike and his family to Victoria where they established Peninsula Rounds. Peninsula ran for in excess of five years. Both excellent teachers however Mike's health was deteriorating.

In 2005 Mike and Beryl presented their Ph IV+1+! Rumba 'No Matter What' at the National Convention held in Warrnambool, Victoria that year, just one of the many dances Mike and Beryl choreographed. Dancing & Dreaming; Kiss Me Honey, Honey; There's No Place Like London to name a few.

Mike held the positions of President of the Round Dance Association of Victoria and Convenor of Spring Festivals. With every challenge Mike undertook throughout his life, whether as a husband, father, chairperson, spokesman - he did so with honesty, integrity and an amazing balance of fair play. Mike's administration and mediation skills were exceptional. It was my pleasure to work with Mike in the capacities of Secretary, Editor and Decorations Coordinator..

Mike and Beryl were staunch supporters of interstate Festivals and Conventions and made several visits to Auckland for the Kennedy Festivals.

Off the dance floor Mike was a very principled gentleman; he loved nothing better than to prepare meals that would delight the most critical of foodies. His love of a glass of wine, or two is on record. Just ask Pamela and George Hurd.

For a number of years now Mike Harcourt has battled illness. What a fight Mike put up time and time again, until he could fight no more.

Our sincere condolences were extended to and remain with
Beryl and the family especially the faithful Ruby.

Mike, the loyal partner, devoted parent, dancer, administrator,
comedian and was one of Life's gentlemen that sometimes we are fortunate to meet

In his own words *'I'm just an ordinary bloke'*. No Mike you were more than that.

If NO news is received should one assume that nothing is happening in the year 2018? Mighty Question!



As Editor and Secretary I thought it most important to catch your attention before you go any further into this Newsletter.



The 'catch of the day' yes, your attention.

Another important year ahead and the wheels are already spinning at a rapid rate.

April 2018 and the 59th ANSDC now less than three months away.

Many of our members and dancers from all over Australia will be 'setting their sails' and heading west.
Are you going to WA?

ARDA has plenty in store for those heading west.

The ARDA 2018 Seminar see details on page 12

The NEW INITIATIVE 'INTRO TO' details also on page 12

A Newsletter is meaningless if it doesn't contain NEWS - better still YOUR NEWS.



Please CONNECT / CONTACT / LIAISE with your nominated State / Territory representative and provide information about your CLUB events; your upcoming DANCE EVENTS; your FESTIVAL; perhaps your latest CHOREOGRAPHY.

Reminders about the deadline for each Newsletter are published in each Newsletter.
Emails are sent to each State / Territory representative with the deadline
Thank you to those folk who continue to share items of interest.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 28 APRIL 2018

Thank you for the information received from our ARDA Vice President. He is a beaver isn't he?? Check out the Constitution update on page 6

More about the 'Qld Amigos' in this edition. Oh and of course a joke from Mr Ken.

TEAM ARDA wishes ONE and ALL a super year of dancing, cueing, choreographing ahead.

Carol S
Secretary & Editor

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The year 2018 is the even year and therefore an
the positions of
President and Treasurer
are up for election.

As a member you have the right to nominate for either
of these positions.

A Nomination Form may be found on page 10

Thinking about it?? Just Do it??

Deadline for nominations is **15 March 2018**





SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL 'HARMONY IN MUSIC'

The 2018 South Australian Round Dance Festival will be held on the 29th & 30th September, 2018.

For those who have been before we will not be using the normal venue but a different venue in close proximity to the other.

Registration forms & flyers will be available at the Victorian convention in March the ARDA seminar at the National in Perth.

When available, Registration forms will be forwarded to State bodies and will also be placed on the ARDA website.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Regards
Shirley Bates
President
South Australian Round Dance Association.

CONSTITUTION UPDATE

JANUARY 2018

Sadly I have only had **ONE** response to what has been sent out regarding the new Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Orders and Glossary of Terms.



What this means is that the draft and motion to rescind the existing documents and adopt the new documents will be sent out in early February for voting at the ARDA AGM held during the upcoming National Convention.

For those who have not replied or made any comment on these documents, It is taken that you are either not interested in these documents or accept That they are satisfactory for the future.



Normal procedure is that they be reviewed every five years but can be amended prior to that through a motion for discussion at the AGM.

ARDA INITIATIVES UPDATE

CONSTITUTION UPDATE

An opportunity for ALL to have input towards the future of ARDA



ARDA SEMINARS

In 2018 ARDA will conduct the sixth (6) Seminar over the 2.5 days prior to the 59th ANSDC
SPECIAL PRICE FOR ARDA MEMBERS

Australian Choreographers Recognised.
Check out the ARDA website.

ARDA WEBSITE

The promise of an updated website became a reality in 2017.
And yes there is more ... Watch this space



EDUCATION

As a part of education ARDA has this year introduced
The first of the 2 hour

'INTRO TO' Sessions

This year in WA, on the afternoon before the 59th ANSDC 'sets sail'
ARDA Education Officers Will conduct an

'INTRO TO or BOOST YOUR CUEING'

The good news is these education sessions are

FREE
FREE AS A BIRD ON THE WING

STANDARDISED CUE SHEETS

A dictionary of the terminology used in preparation of SCS is being prepared. Once completed this will be available as a 'member only' option.

Another ARDA INITIATIVE

BUSINESS CARDS
Collect some at the AGM



A frequently asked question to
Organisations
Associations
Groups
Clubs
Etc. etc.

Is

What is being done for ME?

Well what is being done for YOU?



**Looking through the regular communication tools;
Information provided at annual general meetings;
Advice and education provided at Seminars
The new education initiatives, etc.**

There is quite a lot that is being done for YOU.

A thought !!!

A question?



**What do YOU do? What can YOU do?
For your organisation, association, group, club, etc**

Well now you have asked ... YOU CAN

**Contribute enhance support volunteer
Or say a simple 'thank you'**

**To the volunteers who work diligently to ensure
associations, organisations, groups, clubs, etc.
continually strive for the benefit of one and all**



Volunteer??

In the ARDA Newsletter Vol.2017/3
AUGUST edition, a 'window' was opened
to allow you look into the lives of
PHYLLIS STEWART, QLD
and SANTO GIULIANO, ACT. I
showed the articles to my friend Beryl
Harcourt. This was while Mike was still
living. It provided a bit of a distraction
for Beryl in her job as Carer.
Beryl kindly provided this article and I
sincerely thank Beryl for sharing.
Editor.

MORE ABOUT *PHYL & SANTO*

Beryl Harcourt, Oct 2017.



The first time Mike and I met Phyl [Phyllis Stewart] it wasn't even in relation to Round Dancing. We had been at a National Convention in Brisbane and had been told that there was a Clogging session at the Buderim Centre on a Sunday morning and as enthusiastic new Cloggers we just had to go. There we first met Phyl teaching and cueing Clogging (I did go on to each and cue Clogging at Moruya on the far South Coast of NSW.)

Then we became Round Dance devotees and I was coerced into learning to cue by a couple of ardent Round Dancers, Elaine & Don Hartgrove, who said "*we have never had a Round dance cuer on the South Coast. You cue clogging, of course you'll be able to cue Rounds.*"

They and another couple, Marika & Fred went regularly to Canberra, 3 hours away to dance with Santo who added his voice saying, "*you can do it Beryl.*"

I wasn't convinced because believe me cueing Rounds is vastly different to cueing Clogging! Eventually they wore me down and told us about the wonderful teaching weekends held up in Queensland so Mike and I decided in spite of the distance we had to travel, with our 3 dogs, we needed to do this. The first one we attended was the Ron & Ree Rumble weekends and we booked in for both of them. It was wonderful and Phyl could see how much we enjoyed them. After telling her where we lived, 3 hours from Canberra and 5 hours from Sydney she said she would help us all she could. She was wonderful, sending us videos of previous weekends, cue sheets, music on tape, cued tapes so that we could learn the harder dances at home. This wonderful lady was always on the end of the phone for me when I needed her. We attended many more of these weekends and loved them all. Santo was also a great help to in my early cueing and teaching days. Like Phyl he would send me cue sheets and music and encouraged me to register for cueing at Square Dance Conventions. In the early days of our own Square Dance Club we used to have Santo cue the Rounds for us at our birthday weekend but after awhile he said, "*Beryl, you don't need me, you can do this yourself.*"

The help and encouragement I got from these two wonderfully unselfish people was just amazing. I hope they realise how much Mike and I appreciated it. Sadly our dancing days are over and for me, who has been dancing in one form or another ever since I could walk, (I danced with Mike the very first time I met him when I was 17) it has been very hard to say goodbye to this wonderful pastime, especially round dancing.

My poor Mike can now barely walk having completely lost the use of left leg due to a severe spinal stenosis. Add to this to his cancer and multiple health issues—you can imagine life is pretty miserable for him. I have been caring for him at home for the last three years but unfortunately he is now capable of so little that he is in short term care facility and I have the unenviable task of finding a nursing home for him.

Hope you enjoy reading my view of two lovely people who Mike and I were so lucky to meet.

*Beryl Harcourt
October 2017.*



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NOMINATION FORM 2018 EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT POSITION PRESIDENT TREASURER

The positions of PRESIDENT & TREASURER become vacant as at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the 59th Australian National Square Dance Convention – Perth, Western Australia 2018. Both positions are for a **two year** term ie. 2018-2020.

Please complete the details requested and indicate the position/s you wish to nominate for

NOMINEE I [please print name]

Wish to nominate for the position of
Please indicate the POSITION you are nominating for.

Signature of Nominee Date / /

SECONDER I [please print name]

Second the above nomination of PRESIDENT TREASURER [please circle/tick]

Signature of Seconder Date / /

In the event multiple nominations are received, a ballot will be held to determine the successful candidate.

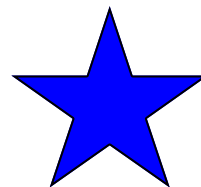
PRESIDENT: Chair of meetings; represents ARDA to the outside world; strives to improve the organization's policy, activities and administration; ensures the correct functioning of all office bearers and any sub committees.

TREASURER: Maintains ARDA's books of account; pays accounts; banks monies received; gives periodical reports.

For a more detailed Role of President and / or Role of Treasurer please contact the ARDA Secretary.

*Please return the completed Nomination Form to the
ARDA Secretary, P O Box 259, Drysdale 3222 or
arda.secretary@gmail.com*

NO LATER THAN 15 MARCH 2018



2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ARDA annual general meeting for 2018 will be held on

FRIDAY 20 APRIL, 2017
12.00

At the 59th Australian National Square Dance Convention, WA

If you are heading across to the ANSDC do try and attend the meeting.

If you are NOT heading across to the ANSDC and you would like to have your apologies noted let the Secretary.

State/Territory representatives are invited to present a report to the AGM.

These reports are to cover activities throughout the entire State/Territory not just the local association.

OLD GOAT QUIZ

Great mental exercise for the over-60 crowd.

Which of the following names are you familiar with?

1. Monica Lewinsky
2. Donald Trump
3. Obama
4. Adolf Hitler
5. Jorge Bergoglio
6. Nelson Mandela
7. Vladimir Putin
8. Linda Lovelace
9. Saddam Hussein
10. Tiger Woods
11. Bill Clinton

You had trouble with #5, didn't you?

You know all the liars, criminals, adulterers, murderers, cheaters, But you don't know the POPE??

Thank you Helen Heyworth, Qld.

'A day without laughter is a day wasted'.

What is the difference between 'BIRD FLU' and 'SWINE FLU'??

One requires 'TWEETMENT' and the other requires 'OINKMENT'.

A little bit of laughter never hurt Anyone ...

Thank you Ken Bolton, Qld.

The other day someone told me I could make ice cubes with leftover wine.

I was confused ... What is leftover wine?



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ARDA Seminar 2018

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ARDA SEMINAR 2018 four months from now !!!!

Presenters: PAULA & WARWICK ARMSTRONG

ARDA Education Officers & Officers on ROUNDALAB Board of Directors

Plus: *Guest Presenters*

ROSHER HALL & PAVILION ROOM

Rosher Road, Lockridge, WA

Non ARDA
member \$95.00 pp

ARDA Member
\$65.00 pp

TWO & a HALF DAYS LEARNING plus TWO EVENINGS OF ROUNDS

APRIL 17, 18 and APRIL 19 am

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE from ARDA SECRETARY

arda.secretary@gmail.com

But wait
there's more



FREE, FREE, FREE ... NEW ARDA INITIATIVE

INTRO TO ... Education Sessions

ARDA will provide a **FREE** TWO HOUR introduction session prior to each ANSDC.

Do you Cue Rounds? Would you like to learn to Cue Rounds?

Would you like to boost your knowledge of Cueing Rounds?

April 19 between 1.45 and 3.45, including a cuppa, take this **FREE** offer to come along and
either **BOOST** your **SKILLS**

Or

LEARN to **CUE**

At the Rosher Hall & Pavilion Room (address above)

This is yet another **ARDA EDUCATION INITIATIVE** don't miss out

INTRO TO ... Education Session contact the ARDA Secretary to enrol.

arda.secretary@gmail.com



ARDA SEMINAR 2019



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

QUESTION:

How can we find out more about ARDA Seminar 2019?

ANSWER:

Send an email to the ARDA Secretary or telephone Carol and your name will go on the list and contact will be made with you as soon as the registration forms are Printed.

*arda.secretary@gmail.com
0400 354 445*

QUESTION:

Will ARDA be conducting a Seminar prior to the 60th ANSDC in Tasmania in 2019.

ANSWER:

Most certainly. Tasmania is where the first ARDA Seminar was held. People are still wanting to come along listen to what is happening in the round dance world within Australia and news from our round dance headquarters ROUNDALAB.

People want to come and learn more.

People want to come and seek advice from the best education officers and presenters, Paula and Warwick Armstrong.

Why would you not take up this amazing opportunity to learn from the people who, at their own expense, travel to the USA each year to further educate themselves.

Oh, and there is dancing, afternoon and morning snacks, lunch and the opportunity to make new friends.

*We look forward to your company in Tasmania
At the ARDA Seminar 2019.*

BUT WAIT THERE ARE MORE QUESTIONS

QUESTION:

Will ARDA be conducting another FREE ... Intro To session?

ANSWER:

Most certainly. Details to be worked out however the most important one is that this will be a two hour session and you got it - it will be FREE.

*Forget yesterday,
It has already forgotten you.*

*Don't worry about tomorrow,
You haven't even met.*

*Instead open your eyes, and your heart to a truly precious gift ..
TODAY*

Carol Simondson, ARDA Secretary & Editor



The Three Amigos

Our recent trip saw us head off to Taree before travelling on to mum's cousin, where we spent a terrific afternoon looking at all the old family slides and deciding which ones mum might want converted into a photo. This happened as mum's aunt had been unable to get up to Brisbane for her mother's funeral in July.

A leisurely drive on the next day saw us go through Sydney and head on to St Georges Basin where we planned to spend a few days with mum's uncle Eric. Eric had only recently come out of hospital after a long stay. Helen's brother and his wife had also come down for a family catch up. The other reason for the trip south to Eric's was to bring an electric scooter down for Eric and this was in the trailer behind the motor home. Much to mum's surprise was that Claire, Eric's daughter, was visiting from Budapest where she has lived for many years.

Tony and dad did some jobs for Eric that he hadn't been able to do and as a thank you offered dad his BBQ - also because Eric wanted to downsize his a well. So here was dad thinking his trailer would be empty but he had to carry the BBQ home, via Armidale.

Whilst we were staying with Eric, mum and dad caught up with their nearby friend, Helen (Hodalj) during her lunch break from work at Sussex Inlet. As part of this area, they went to Swanhaven for coffee and ice cream—poor we three missed out again, but at least we had a shady spot to snooze in.

After a few days, we all headed back north towards Armidale for a weekend of square dancing. Our overnight stop was at Jerrys Plains Recreation Ground. A lovely spot, shady for most of the day and with free BBQ and tennis court - free during the day and only the cost of the lights at night.

Overnight it got a little damp outside but we were dry and warm inside. It was still raining when we stopped at Muswellbrook and finally stopped raining by the time we had arrived at Tamworth. We didn't get anything to eat but mum and dad enjoyed their meals at the Golden Guitar, something way way too big for us to play. On to Armidale and lots of dancing, especially mum; we think dad's knees were playing up a bit.

After BBQ lunch on Sunday, we headed back home with a leisurely drive through Glenn Innes, Tenterfield, Stanthorpe and Warwick. Next year will be our first really big trip away as we are off to Perth (fairly quickly) with dad's car towed along behind us. This trip we will be away for four or more weeks.

We are looking forward to seeing Nana Cas as she is probably travelling part way home with us.

Dad said we are going through Norseman, the town where I was born.

The Three Amigos

Courtesy of Chris Heyworth, Qld.