

ROUND UP



MARCH



The SA State Convention Committee taking a tea break – oh, wait a minute, that isn't a teapot, it's a magic lamp!!

2025

DIARY DATES

MARCH 2025

Thu 13th	Digger's Delight's: St Patricks Day
Fri 14th	Magill Diamonds: St Patricks Night
Mon 17th	Adelaide Outlaws: St Patricks Spud Feast
Tue 18th	Sunset Twirlers: St Patricks Dance
Fri 21st	Paddle Steamers: A.G.M
Thu 27th	Sunset Twirlers: Plus Closed

APRIL 2025

Fri 4th	Magill Diamonds: Easter Dance
Sat 5th	Digger's Delight's: 6th Birthday
Fri 11th	Paddle Steamers: Easter Dance
Thu 17th	Digger's Delight's: Easter Dance
Fri 18th	Paddle Steamers: Closed Good Friday
Fri 18th	Magill Diamonds: Closed Good Friday
Sun 20th	Sunset Twirlers: Rounds Closed
Mon 21st	Adelaide Outlaws: Easter Dance
Tue 22nd	Sunset Twirlers: Easter Dance
Wed 23rd	Spin The Toppers: Lest We Forget Dance
Thu 24th	Sunset Twirlers: Plus Closed
Fri 25th	Paddle Steamers: Open Anzac Day
Wed 30th	Spin The Toppers: Closed

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well what a great time we had helping Spin the Toppers celebrate their first birthday on 8 February. It was indeed a pleasure to present them with their plaque. Lots of dancing and a delicious supper made for a very enjoyable afternoon. Congratulations and keep up the good work. I am looking forward to coming back in the next few months for your graduation.

Following the release of the February edition of the Australian Square dance Review (ASDR), I have received numerous messages regarding the information on dancing here in SA. Thank you to everybody who took the time to let me know. I have to admit that after reading the review myself, I too found the information to be extremely out of date. This has now been fixed with the latest more accurate information being sent to the editor. However it will not appear until the next edition, due in May. We have also put in place procedures to ensure that information regarding Square dancing in SA is reviewed regularly by the SASDS committee and any changes are advised to editors of the Round Up, the ASDR and also to our webmaster for publication.

Also at the last committee meeting we discussed the benefits of SASDS membership over non membership. We decided that we needed to increase the benefit of being a member. This will still include a benefit of at least \$10 to register for a weekend ticket at the state convention, plus an increase to benefit of \$5 on admission to society dances. We are also planning to include a third society dance (commencing 2026), bringing your total benefit to \$25 (cf \$20 membership).

Your membership also contributes to:

Producing the monthly newsletter and maintaining the public website both essential for keeping you informed about the activity and events.

Providing a subsidy to help clubs run learner's classes essential to maintain numbers and ensure this wonderful activity continues into the future.

Running 4 dance events (including the State Convention) during the year and maintaining insurances needed to run them.

Coordination & publication of the calendar of square dance events statewide to ensure you all have the opportunity to attend every event.

Other benefits as listed on our website go to www.squaredancingsa.com

Also in this edition is an excellent article by Graham Elliott explaining the changes to the dance programs proposed by Callerlab (the International Callers Association). Apart from the original changes that grouped the movements into programs in the first place (ie mainstream and plus etc), this is the most significant change to programs for as long as I have been calling which is 38 years. So please read the article.

If you have any questions the please speak to your caller. Alternatively please feel free to talk to me about any issue you may have.

Les Tulloch

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Les Tulloch, President



Digger's Delight's

At

RSL Salisbury

On

Thursday 13th March

Time

10am - 12 midday

Theme

GREEN OR ORANGE





St Patrick's Day Dance

Magill Diamonds

Square Dance Club

26 Chapel St

Magill

14th March 2025

7:30 pm

Theme colours

Green and **Orange**

Basket Supper





DIGGER'S TO DELIGHT'S



On

Saturday afternoon

5th April

Time

1 - 4pm

Where

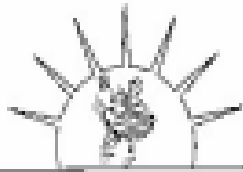
39 Scott Street

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Cost

\$10 per person

Please bring
supper to share



SUNSET TWIRLERS

Sunset Twirlers Dance Club Inc.

Invite you to help celebrate our

30th Birthday

Saturday 31st May 2025

Marion RSL, 31-39 Norfolk Road, Marion

Program

1:30 pm Plus

2:00 pm Mainstream

4:30 pm CATERED Dinner

\$10 per person (dancing only)

\$30 per person (dinner 2 courses)

*Dinner order & pay on the day, price is for cash only
eftpos is available with extra charge*

Strictly no BYO Alcohol, bar facilities are available

Tea, Coffee & Water provided

Monte Carlo & Raffle

Our Dance Programs and “The Proposal”

Some changes may be coming to our current dance programs (Basic, Mainstream, Plus & SSD) and here is a summary of what is occurring.



Background

The lists and definitions of the moves we dance in our square dance programs are categorized into levels: Basic 1, Basic 2, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced 1, Advanced 2 and Challenge. Here in South Australia our entry level program is Mainstream (which includes Basic 1 & 2). For those wanting a little more, there are Plus clubs. Up until recently, Advanced 1 & 2 was also taught and danced. We do not have Challenge or Advanced clubs here in SA.

These programs are managed by Callerlab, the international association of square dance callers. To their credit, in the early 70's, they standardized the programs such that we can go to square dances anywhere in the world and be able to dance. This was a great move.

Recently, around the time of the pandemic, a level known as SSD (social square dancing) was introduced in America. This was a reduced number of calls from our current Mainstream list and designed to be used from standard applications (no tricky stuff!). It was a solution the US created to solve a problem of long class times to finish Mainstream and thus falling numbers. It also was an attempt to stop the rush to Plus (dancers skipping through Mainstream to get to higher levels) which also depleted Mainstream clubs. We don't suffer that issue here in Australia, but one attraction of SSD is that you can conceivably have shorter learner classes and thus more starts in a year. The key point and issue with SSD is that dancers who complete that program can only dance at SSD clubs, not Mainstream.

So, we have a number of programs: B1, B2, MS, Plus A1, A2 and Challenge.

The Proposal

It was decided that something needs to change primarily to make Mainstream more easily accessible for the public to learn. The Proposal attempts to address this in part by rejigging our B1, B2, MS, SSD and Plus (5 programs) into 2.

The first entry program will be Mainstream BUT, which contains a *maximum* of 50 calls (currently there are 67).

The next level will be Plus BUT, which contains a *minimum* of 50 calls (currently there are 29).

What this involves is moving some calls from our current Mainstream program into the (new) Plus to make the (new) Mainstream shorter.

The (new) Plus will be longer.

What will result is more even programs with Mainstream & Plus being similar in size.

(The Proposal does not affect levels above Plus)

Timeline

Currently discussions are underway by a specific Callerlab committee set up for this change process. The current lists are being reviewed to see which calls can logically move and assist in reducing the Mainstream program. Later on, a specific committee will look at what calls can be added to the Plus program to make the new one.

Vote to determine whether the Proposal will go ahead – April 2025

Implementation of the new programs – sometime around April 2026.

The vote will be by the whole of the Callerlab membership worldwide.

What does this mean for our dancers?

Current Mainstream dancers:

No impact – the Mainstream list will be shorter, no new calls to learn.

Current Plus dancers

No impact – The extra calls added to (new) Plus are calls that you danced in the Mainstream program that were moved up.

Intake of new dancers post “Proposal”

Less calls to learn to reach the Mainstream level. The list will be 50 not 67.

Those wanting to progress to Plus will have more calls to learn (at least 50) to complete the Plus program.

General:

There is hope that with a shorter entry level program, we can run learners’ classes more frequently. It may also improve retention in a class as some of the “trickier” calls will now be in Plus.

A word on SSD for those who use it

The (new) Mainstream is based upon the principle of SSD – a shorter list.

However, it isn’t restricted to “standard applications” as SSD is. In other words, some variety is still possible in using extended application of the calls (eg: have all the boys square thru as well as normal couples). SSD itself will not be required.

OK – so it’s a lot to digest. If you have any questions, please ask me (or your caller) and we will do our best to answer.

Remember, it’s not set in stone yet – a vote is yet to occur.

Graham Elliott ,Callerlab committee member.

graham@adelaideoutlaws.com

Arabian Nights



**Feature Caller:
Janice Alexander (Vic)**

48th South Australian
Square Dance Convention
6th-8th June 2025

**Blackwood Memorial Hall
21 Coromandel Parade
Blackwood SA**

Convenors: Les and Anne Tulloch
Email: convention@squaredancingsa.com
Website: squaredancingsa.com



REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE VIA YOUR CLUB OR THE WEBSITE

ADELAIDE OUTLAWS



The Heat Is On - so the song goes. Gotta love Aussie summers, they put us and the air-conditioning to the test. We are so grateful we have a dedicated group of dancers and whilst a few may choose to stay home, we do see healthy numbers at the club in this warm season.

Our first theme night for 2025 was the Annual Aussie Night. We had a lovely crowd enjoy a BBQ dinner including pavlova dessert prepared by the resident chefs of Ivy's Kitchen at the RSL. This was followed by Learners and Mainstream dancing.

Music was all Australian (including the obligatory live didgeridoo) and really nice to see some Aussie colours worn by dancers.

In February we held the Valentine's theme night. A sea of reds and whites all dancing to love songs. Thanks to Dawn for arranging a special supper treat too!

They keep coming so watch out for our St Patrick's Spud Feast in March. A green night and spuds for dinner. You'll need to book for the spuds so keep an eye out for the booking sheet.

www.adelaideoutlaws.com



ADELAIDE OUTLAWS

EAT ME!

**MON
17
MARCH**

Green Theme

6pm Spud Dinner
*Book & pay by
Mon 10 March*

**AT THE
ST PATRICK'S SPUD FEAST**

ADELAIDE OUTLAWS

21 APRIL

Easter Dance

Hot Cross Buns

All welcome!

Dress colourfully

7pm learners

8pm Mainstream

WEST CROYDON KILKENNY RSL, ROSETTA St, WEST CROYDON

ADELAIDE OUTLAWS AUSSIE NIGHT 2025





Diamonds Squares had a strong start to the year with a good attendance at the opening night and a wonderful First Birthday and Valentine's Day celebration.



There were two sets on the floor with 5 or 6 sitting out at the club opening. Allan Tuckfield celebrated his birthday.

Diamonds First Birthday and Valentine's Day celebration was a very memorable occasion. We had an excellent crowd with callers and dancers from Diamonds and other clubs all dressed in their Valentine's Day finery for the occasion. Dancing, calling, hall decorations, food and camaraderie made the occasion very special. There were 3 or 4 squares on the floor throughout the night.

A number of highlights need a special mention. Les Tulloch, as President, presented Ivan with a plaque from the South Australian Square Dance Society, to mark Diamonds First Birthday.

Ivan cut the Hearts and Roses Birthday Cake. Brendan had made two, so there was plenty to go round.

April, our Club President made a speech to thank Ivan and Ian for calling. Scotty received a special mention too for his support. She also thanked Committee members for their hard work and everyone for their attendance at this special night.

Many thanks to Linda for the beautiful raffle prizes.

Thanks again to Ros, Ian, Ivan, Scotty, Les and Graham for calling and the lovely selection of love songs selected by them for this occasion.

The evening concluded with 4 tables of a delicious supper.

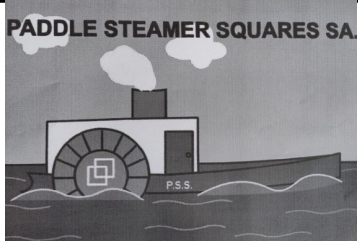
Many thanks to club members, visitors, dancers and callers, Ivan, Janine, April and Committee members for a wonderful evening. Diamonds really appreciated the support of square dancers from across Adelaide and beyond.

A special mention to Karen and Carl who worked so hard at the door and in the kitchen.

Our next feature night will be on Friday 14th of March for St Patrick's Day at 7.30. All are welcome and encouraged to flaunt the green and orange for the occasion.

Looking forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

Carol



Welcome to our newsletter from Paddle steamer square dance group.

Australia Day Dance with lots of Lamingtons and the Aussie thong throwing

Valentine's Day Dance with dancer's dressing up and lots of chocolates.

See ya in a Square.



We've been back dancing for a few weeks now and are looking forward to our first social activity. It's a Green Night with anything green just for fun - clothes, hats, supper etc.

Happy twirling.

Linley.

Save the date

Acety Squares Birthday 19th Birthday

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th August 2025

Chris Hall 0410 057 955



SUNSET TWIRLERS

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun just over one month into the new year and already we have had two special nights. Although this is due to the two calendar events triggering those nights to be only 2 weeks apart Australia Day & Valentines Day.

Thank you to all who dressed to the theme and for the lovely suppers. There was no shortage of singing call tunes available for Les to call on both nights.

All this year we have been working on consolidation on some of the more complex mainstream movements with our new graduates.

We are looking forward to upcoming events in particular St Patrick's Dance 18 March 2025 and especially our 30th Birthday which has now been changed to 31st May 2025 hope to see you there (see advertisements in this issue).

Happy Dancing from Anne & Les Tulloch



SUNSET TWIRLERS

Sunset Twirlers Dance Club Inc.



St Patrick's Dance

Tuesday 18 March 2025



Noarlunga District Senior Citizens Club
9 Hunt Crescent, Christies Beach

Dancing starts 7pm Mainstream
 Bring a plate of Supper to share
 Wear something Green or Irish
 Monte Carlo



Tea, Coffee & Water Provided





It is good to be back dancing and see fellow dancers. We weren't too rusty, and neither

were the callers!

We celebrated birthdays - Joyce, Julie and Jasmine - that were earlier in January, and two early because Brian and Dianne will be away when their birthdays come around.

Our Australia Day went well. Some people chose to wear green and gold, and others red, white and blue, and then there were all those wearing Australian flags or parts thereof.

[Photographs: Green and gold; Red white and blue]

We finished off with a barbecue lunch and lamington or pavlova. Many satisfied bellies!

I missed our Valentines dance, so you will have to listen to the grape vine if you want to know how it went.

We were saddened to hear of Linda's ill health, and wish her all the best.



A SQUARE DANCING WEEKEND AWAY



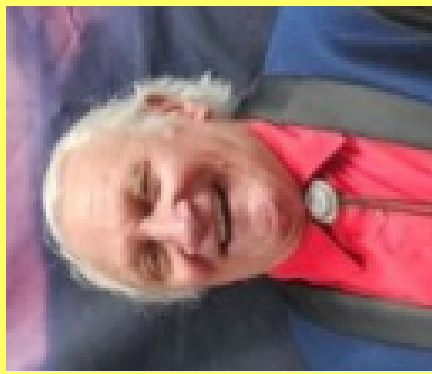
Ralphie Baby - Chemistry Sets (VIC)

Join

and

Scotty Scott - Diggers Delights/Spin the Toppers (SA)

for a fun filled weekend of Square Dancing



Friday night 2nd May

We will have dinner at the Club Hotel from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Dinner will be from the Pub's Menu and guests will pay as they order the meals.

After the meal we will be dancing from 8:00 to 10:30 PM at the Shire Hall (+/-250m from the Club Hotel)

Saturday 3rd May

There will be a free pancake breakfast for the dancers at the Shire Hall from 9:00 to 10:30 AM.

We will have workshops at the hall from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

This will be followed by dinner at the Shire Hall from 5:00 to 7:30 PM.

After dinner there will be more dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 PM.

Sunday 4th May

There will be a Sausage Sizzle lunch at the Hall from 12:00 NOON. This will be provided by the Lions Club at a small charge.

After the lunch we will have a Learner Taster for the local community and a bit of MS.

Where:

**Kaniva Shire Hall
15 Baker St.
Kaniva, VIC, 3419**

When:

2nd ~ 4th May 2025

MELBOURNE

1/2 Way

~@ KANIVA @~

1/2 Way

ADELAIDE

Pricing:

Full Weekend Pass

(All Sessions)

Adults \$ 40.00 PP

Under 18 \$ 20.00 PP

Family \$120.00 (4P)

Session Tickets

Adults \$15.00 PP/Sess

Under 18 \$ 7.50 PP/Sess

Other Pricing:

Saturday Night Dinner

(at the Shire Hall)

Adults \$25.00 PP

Under 18 \$12.50 PP

BOOK ON LINE AT: <https://www.trybooking.com/CVRFS>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Magill Daimonds *Weekend Away*

Jamestown South Australia
Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th
May 2025

**Need to Book asp at the caravan park
 before November 2024
 for a villa and deposit**

The Park Jamestown phone: 8664 0077

For other accommodation

- **The commercial Hotel** phone: 8664 1013
- **Railway Hotel-Motel** Phone: 8664 1035
- **Jamestown Hotel** Phone: 86641387



For other information contact April 0433 999 362

CLUB CLOSURES

Friday 28th March 2025

Friday 18th April 2025

(Good Friday)



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Australian National Square Dance Society

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Country Square Dance Diary			
Mon	Pine City Twirlers Weekly 7:30pm Mainstream	Recordings Contact Heather Telford 0405 107 524	Anglican Church Bay Road, Mt Gambier
Fri	Acey Squares Weekly 7:30pm Mainstream	Recordings Contact Alan Hall 0417 820 134 Christine Hall 0410 057 955	Lutheran Church Magarey Crescent, Naracoorte
Fri	Paddlesteamer Squares Weekly 7pm Learners/Mainstream	John Casey Ros Turnbull Les Tulloch Contact Greg Dunstone 0413 330 091	Victor Harbor Senior Citizens Club Carrickalinga House 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor
Fri	Pine City Twirlers Weekly 7:30pm Learners/Mainstream	Recordings Contact Heather Telford 0405 107 524	Anglican Church Bay Road, Mt Gambier

Round Dancing			
Fri	Dance Around SA Weekly 2:30pm to 4:30pm Phase 4 to 6 (Advanced)	Terry Lee 0418 275 499 Shirley Bates 0410 645 892	Chandelier Ballroom 2 Cassie Street, Collinswood
Su n	Sunset Twirlers Weekly 7pm Phase 2 to 4	Les Tulloch 0484 233 826 Anne Tulloch 0409 882 508	Coinda Neighbourhood Centre 245 Sturt Road, Sturt (Behind Marion Council Offices)
Su n	Dance Around SA Weekly 12pm to 1:30 pm Learners 1:30pm to 2:45pm Phase 2 to 4 (Intermediate) 2:45pm to 4:30pm Phase 4 to 6 (Advanced)	Terry Lee 0418 275 499 Shirley Bates 0410 645 892	Chandelier Ballroom 2 Cassie Street, Collinswood

Metropolitan Square Dance Diary			
Mon	Adelaide Outlaws Weekly 7pm Learners 8pm Mainstream	Graham Elliott 0403 929 044	West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL 19 Rosetta Street, West Croydon
Tues	Sunset Twirlers Weekly 7pm Mainstream	Les Tulloch 0484 233 826	Noarlunga District Senior Citizens Club 9 Hunt Crescent, Christies Beach
Wed	Spin the Toppers Weekly 1:30pm Learners	Scotty Scott 0419 864 748	Pooraka Farm Memorial Hall, 39 Scott Street, Pooraka
Wed	Adelaide Outlaws Weekly 8pm Plus	Graham Elliott 0403 929 044	Kilburn Community Hall Le Hunte Street, Kilburn
Thu	Sunset Twirlers Weekly 8pm Plus (Closed last Thursday of month)	Les Tulloch 0484 233 826	Noarlunga District Senior Citizens Club 9 Hunt Crescent, Christies Beach
Thu	Diggers Delights Weekly 10am Learners/Mainstream	Scotty Scott 0419 864 748	Salisbury RSL 19 Park Terrace, Salisbury
Fri	Magill Diamonds Weekly 7:30pm Mainstream	Ivan Cooke Contact April Nicholls 0433 999 362	Morialta Uniting Church 26 Chapel Street, Magill

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