



# Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

## 2024-2025

### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

It is an enormous privilege to be completing this QLDA President's report for the eighth year. We have come a long way since we started in 2017.

This year I, along with the following Committee Members, Tracey Daffey (Vice-President), Susan Wright (Secretary), Brigitte Salmon (Treasurer & Membership Officer), Cathy Breed, Lorrae Goding, Ruth Goding, Teigan Sauer, Rebecca Ross, Deborah Smith and Wayne Clark, have been working hard for the benefit of our members and line dancing across Queensland in general.

Keeping in mind that we were established to be a platform for line dancing across Queensland, the Management Committee was formed deliberately so that we would have representation from all sectors of our state. In the last 12 months we have continued to promote line dancing across Queensland through a variety of platforms such as our Website, Facebook Page, Newsletter, Synchronised Socials, Day of 100 Dances, QLDC (Queensland Line Dance Competition) and the QLDA Ball.

The Management Committee meet each month – or as close to as possible – face-to-face or by Zoom. The roles that Sue (Secretary), Brigitte (Treasurer & Membership Officer), Tracey (Vice-President & FB Facilitator) and Cathy (as my 2IC for QLDC) play in this association are really beyond comprehension. Their jobs never stop – they are ongoing, and I know how many hours they all volunteer to keep the wheels of this association moving.

That in no way takes away from the fact that the other members of our Management Committee are with us all the way. We are all dedicated to this wonderful association and what it stands for. Our achievements should be applauded, and we should all feel very proud of what has been accomplished in the last 12 months. I must say thank you to the Management Committee for all their hard work during the year. We all have different roles to play, however we are a team and in the long run – it is a team effort!

Now to report on the year that was and can I say - it was a fabulous year!

#### **Membership**

At the end of the financial year QLDA had 266 financial members, which is an amazing feat and a credit to all the networking and advertising that we do during the year. Thank you to all our members for your continued support of QLDA. Our membership fees are used to pay for all the "incidentals" involved in running our association such as the Public Liability Insurance, Internet/Software Packages, Merchant Fees, Newsletter Postage/Printing, Post Office Box, Office of Fair Trade, Sponsorships to other competitions and Website Design Maintenance.

#### **OneMusic Blanket Licence**

In conjunction with OneMusic, QLDA once again signed off on a Blanket Licence for our Instructors. This Blanket Licence allows Instructors to copy music for their students, conduct classes, socials and workshops at any venue across Australia. For 2024/25 we had 74 Instructors covered under our OneMusic Blanket Licence. That is a record number for us. Thank you to the QLDA Instructors who have come on board with the Blanket Licence.

#### **QLDA Synchronised Socials - Sunday 30 March**

There was an AMAZING turnout for the 5 QLDA Synchronised Socials running across Queensland on Sunday 30 March – all dressed in Red, White & Navy Blue. The socials were held at Childers (Lorrae & Ruth Goding), Cooroy (Cathy Breed, Jasmin Currie, Heather McPhee & Leah Matthews), Brisbane (myself and Rebecca Ross), Rockhampton (Tracey Daffey, Sue Wright & Wayne Clark) and at Tully (Vernonica Lizzio).

The amount raised was a staggering **\$5476**. Line dancers are such generous people!!! Thank you to everyone who attended/supported these socials.

### **QLDA Day of 100 Dances – Bundaberg (Saturday 14 June)**

Wow – and what an event this was. With Tracey Daffey at the helm, and lots of help from Sue Wright, Lorrae Goding, Ruth Goding, Teigan Sauer and Wayne Clark, the team welcomed 224 dancers into the Bundaberg Civic Centre for a wonderful day of fun, friendship and dancing! The floor was awash with Red, Blue & White!! The program was developed from contributions by all the local Instructors with some tweaking and split floors added by Tracey. Many thanks to all the Instructors and dancers who supported this fabulous event. It is a “keeper” and we look forward to running this event again next year. A total of **\$4206** was raised and will be donated to our 2025 Charity – the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

### **Queensland Line Dance Competition (QLDC)**

The Queensland Line Dance Competition (QLDC) was held at the Pine Rivers Showgrounds (Lawnton) on Saturday and Sunday 21/22 June. Our entry numbers went through the roof – and we had 2 jam-packed days of intense competition. The whole weekend was an amazing success and the standard of dancing across the entire weekend was wonderful to see. I must congratulate all our competitors on their performances - you are all winners to me.

Jennifer Hughes was our Head Judge for the weekend with Margaret Parrish helping out when she had a break. Thank you to all our judges including Travis Taylor, Melody Tummers, Delwyn Swaisland, Tayla Kennedy, Roxanne Moates, Luke Watson, Stephen Watson and Rebecca Ross for coming on board with the judging this year. There were lots of helpers on the day aside from the Committee Members present – so thank you for helping us make this event the success that it was.

On Saturday night we ran a mini-workshop with Travis Taylor where he taught his rolling count dance “Mercy Blues”, followed by a mini social for everyone with Rebecca Ross as DJ. It was very well supported by a whole range of dancers from all levels and experience. Rebecca was kept on her toes playing a range of dances from Beginner to Advanced and Old to New. Thank you, Travis and Rebecca. We made a profit of **\$474** that will be donated to our charity.

### **Queensland Line Dance Ball**

The 2024 Queensland Line Dance Ball was held at the Morayfield Sport and Event Centre which was an amazing venue with plenty of room to dance. The Ball which was held on Saturday 12 October had a theme of Purple & Black (with a touch of Silver). The floor was filled with these colours and lots of sparkles!

The Ball was an enormous success with John Bishop, from Cowboy Culture in Melbourne, as our Workshop Host. Many, many thanks to John for supporting our Ball.

We had 2 Stages operating side by side with Guest Instructors leading the Main Stage and the Split Floor Stage – quite a unique way of doing this. Harder dances being led on one stage and the easier options on the second stage. Thank you to all the instructors who came on board to lead dance brackets. Many thanks to everyone else who helped and supported us for this event.

Our Charity for the event was “ManUp! for Prostate Cancer” and QLDA were able to donate a whopping **\$5,100** to them from the proceeds of our Ball.

### **Donations**

QLDA is a not-for-profit association, so each year we donate profits to our chosen charity for the year.

In the 24-25 financial year the following donation was made: **\$5 100** – ManUp! For Prostate Cancer

Once the 2025 QLDA Ball has been run, there will be a substantial donation to our 2025 charity: RFDS. We have accumulated nearly \$10 000 already.

### **Facebook Page**

The QLDA Facebook Page has continued to be very popular with lots of likes/engagement/shares etc. The credit for this lies squarely at the feet of our Vice-President, Tracey Daffey – she is the QLDA Moderator for our page. She keeps us amused with her daily little quips, quotes, quizzes etc. This is one of those jobs that is ongoing, and I know how many hours Tracey spends getting this page to be so interactive – thank you from all at QLDA.

**Newsletter**

The monthly Newsletter also continues to be very popular with our members. Sue Wright, Lesley Wilkin and I are the driving forces behind this newsletter. Lesley has volunteered her time this year to do our "Spotlights" and a general interest article. I love all the little quirky articles that she finds. We do need your contributions though. If you have a Workshop/Social etc. – send your articles and photos into us. I love seeing what everyone else is doing around the state. We get incredibly positive comments about the information in our newsletter. We offer our members a Newsletter 11 times a year and I think that we have one of the best newsletters in the country – I may be biased though!

**Website**

The Queensland Line Dance Association website continues to evolve and improve. With the help of our tech, Anthony, the website is kept as up to date with information as possible. A reminder that if dates/events are changed – you need to let us know so the information on the website can be adjusted. We will continue to use this website to promote Choreography, Events/Workshops, Class Lists, Ball, Day of 100 Dance, Synchronised Socials and the QLDC just to name a few of the features.

I hope that the coming year will be a good one for us all.  
Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jo Rosenblatt

QLDA President

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