



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

2025-2026

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

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

This year I, along with the following Management Committee Members, Tracey Daffey (Vice-President), Susan Wright (Secretary), Brigitte Salmon (Treasurer & Membership Officer), Cathy Breed, Lorrae Goding, Ruth Goding, Judith Jensen, Rebecca Ross, Teigan Sauer and Deborah Smith, have been working hard for the benefit of our members and line dancing across Queensland in general. Our sad news in August last year was the passing of Wayne Clark from Emerald who was a valued member of our Management Committee. He will always be remembered for his quirky sense of humour and the fact that he was a true gentleman.

Keeping in mind that we were established to be a voice 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, QLDA Synchronised Socials, QLDA Day of 100 Dances, the Queensland Line Dance Competition (QLDC) and the QLDA Ball.

The Management Committee meet each month – or as close to as possible – face-to-face or by Zoom. These meetings are open to all our members. The roles that Sue (Secretary), Brigitte (Treasurer & Membership Officer), Tracey (Vice-President & FB Facilitator) and Cathy (as the 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 280 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. At the May General Meeting, to give back to our members, the committee randomly chose 20 lucky members to receive free membership for 2026-2027. What a bonus for these lucky members! We received some lovely emails back from these members thanking us for doing this.

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 2025/26 we had 78 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 this Blanket Licence.

QLDA Synchronised Socials - Sunday 22 March

There was an AMAZING turnout for the 4 QLDA Synchronised Socials running across Queensland on Sunday 23 March – all dressed in Pink & Blue. The socials were held at Childers (Lorrae & Ruth Goding), Cooroy (Cathy Breed, Jo Rosenblatt, Jasmin Currie, Heather McPhee, Siobhan Wright, Chris Redshaw & Lorraine Riley), Rockhampton (Tracey Daffey & Sue Wright) and Tully (Vernonica Lizzio).

The amount raised was a staggering **\$5141**. Line dancers are such generous people!!! Thank you to everyone who attended/supported these socials.

QLDA Day of 100 Dances – Rockhampton (Saturday 23 May)

Wow – and what an event this was. Tracey Daffey and Sue Wright welcomed 159 dancers into Bauhinia House in Rockhampton for a wonderful day of fun, friendship and dancing! The floor was awash with Pink & Blue! The program was developed from contributions by all the local Instructors with some tweaking and split floors added by Tracey and the QLDA Team. Many thanks to all the instructors and dancers who supported this fabulous event. A total of **\$3523** was raised and will be donated to our 2026 Charity – Farm Angels. We are looking forward to running it again next year.

Queensland Line Dance Competition (QLDC)

As we changed the date of the Queensland Line Dance Competition (QLDC) to August 2026, there is no report for 2025-2026.

Queensland Line Dance Ball (Saturday 25 October)

The 2025 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 25 October had a theme of Red, White & Blue. Over 160 people danced the night away directed by our amazing DJ – Theresa McFarlane from Dustie Traks.

The Ball was an enormous success with Luke Watson, from Uber Line Dance in Brisbane, as our Workshop Host. He taught a lovely cha cha called “Whiskey or Wine”. Many thanks to Luke 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 and many thanks to everyone else who helped and supported us for this event.

Our Charity for the event was the Royal Flying Doctors Service and QLDA were able to donate a whopping **\$4,571** to them from the proceeds of our Ball.

Donations

QLDA is a not-for-profit association. Every year we donate our profits to our chosen charity for the year which was the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) in 2025. In total, we were able to donate a whopping **\$15 200** to them which is amazing! Thank you to everyone who supported us at any of our events for the year.

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 organises our "Spotlight" and a general interest article. I love all the little quirky articles that she researches and writes. Sue collates the "Dances Taught" section and then, I put it all together. 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. Our members receive 11 newsletters 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 up to date with as much 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 Schedules, QLDA Ball, QLDA Day of 100 Dance, QLDA Synchronised Socials and the Queensland Line Dance Competition (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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