

Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 19 May

Hi everyone,

Once again, the last month has been incredibly busy for Line Dancers across Queensland.

WINTER WIPEOUT

Luke Watson, Roxanne Moates and their Team certainly put on a great show for us all at Winter Wipeout on the Gold Coast over the May long weekend. Two and a half days of Competition, half a day of the World Dance Master qualifications and to top it all off – 3 great Socials. Jaimie Ngawaka and her team of girls from Line Dance Central (Emu Park) all danced beautifully to qualify for the World Dance Masters. Not an easy task I can tell you – and actually very daunting to be performing for World Judges. Congratulations to all four girls! There were many QLDA Members who competed over the weekend – way too many to name! I would like to congratulate all of them – win or lose – as it takes a lot of courage to put yourself out there in a competition. *ALSO A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS* to our very own QLDA member, Maree Small, who was awarded one of the 2024 Rising Star Awards on the weekend – well done Maree!

QUEENSLAND LINE DANCE COMPETITION – 15/16 June

This competition will be upon us before we know it. The QLDA Committee are currently in full organisation mode. The QLDC Tab on the website is up to date and the QLDC General Rules have been finalised. Tracey Daffey (FB Administrator) has been posting all the Set Dance Step Sheets and videos on our Facebook page. Entries have now closed. Sponsorships are slowly trickling in - \$350 so far which is really great.

I have done a call out for help over the competition weekend with a "Volunteers Wanted" Flyer in the last newsletter. We have had a few responses but will need to do some "recruiting". The good news is that Rebecca Ross (Tanglefoot Line Dancing) has agreed to be the DJ for our Saturday night Social.

QLDA BALL – Saturday 12 October

John Bishop from Cowboy Culture (Melbourne) has agreed to be our Workshop Host for the 2024 Ball. He has been teaching for 30 years – what a milestone for him this year. The theme is Purple and Black with a touch of Silver. This year our Charity will be "Man Up! For Prostate Cancer" – a great charity.

- **YES** The venue is the same.
- YES We are working on changing where we dance at this venue.
- YES We are working on making the stage easier to dance on.
- YES We are working on sorting out the food issues we had last year.

MEMBERSHIP Our membership currently sits at 272 which is quite amazing. The 2024-2025 Membership Link and Form are almost ready for publication. This year when members use the Online Membership Form they will have the option of using a secure payment link.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

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