



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 9 February 2025

Hi everyone,

Welcome to 2025. There have been a variety of events since my last report: Christmas Socials, New Years Eve Socials, a variety of Socials to start the year and a very successful Uber Sunshine Coast Soiree. By the looks of the 2025 calendar, it will indeed be a busy year for us all.

There are a few things to report on this month.

SYNCRONISED SOCIAL (Sunday 30 March)

We currently have 6 venues for these socials on Sunday 30 March: Brisbane, Cooroy, Childers, Mackay, Rockhampton & Tully. Final venues are being organised so that information will be passed on to everyone as soon as that is finalised. Our 2 "Synchronised dances are: 11am "A Bar Song" and 1pm" Smokey Places.

QLDA DAY of 100 DANCES in BUNDABERG (Saturday 14 June)

The planning for this great day is in the pipeline with Tracey Daffey, Sue Wright, Lorrae & Ruth Goding all working to ensure this is a great day of dancing.

QLDC (Friday & Saturday – 21/22 June)

The Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall has been booked for this 2-day event. Cathy Breed, Jennifer Hughes and I have been working over the Xmas/New year break to get our section flyer with set dances ready to be published. It is in the final stages and should be published soon. We have already had keen interest from a number of NSW Teams who have never entered our competition before – so that is exciting news.

QUEENSLAND LINE DANCE BALL (Saturday 25 October)

Luke Watson has agreed to be our Workshop Host for the QLDA Ball this year – great news for us all. We have also decided upon our 2025 Charity which will be the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) – a very worthy charity. The venue is still being decided.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership continues to grow slowly with a couple of new members joining us over the last couple of months. We currently have 262 financial members on our books.

CLASS DETAILS & SOCIAL INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE

I emailed all our Instructors and asked them to check their class listings on the website as well as provide me with their yearly Social information. There were quite a few changes that needed to be made to the website and I am up to date at the present moment. The Social Information has also been updated as per the information supplied to us by Instructors.

LDAA OPAL BOOT AWARDS & ALDC

Congratulations to Jean Linz for being a Co-Winner of the LDAA Opal Boot Line Dancer of the Year. Jean is a worthy recipient of this award. Myself, Cathy Breed, Lorrae Goding and Paula Ogilvie all had success in the Choreography section. Cathy Breed and her Steppin' In Line team as well as Judith Jensen from Uber Line Dance all had varying degrees of success in this competition which was held in Newcastle for the first time. Congratulations to all the winners.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jo

Jo Rosenblatt
QLDA President
9 February 2025



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 9 March 2025

Hi everyone,

It has been a quiet month for QLDA. Just a few updates for us all.

SYNCRONISED SOCIAL (Sunday 30 March)

Unfortunately, Deb Wookey from Mackay was unable to secure a venue for the Sync Social, so there will just be 5 venues running this social across the state: Brisbane, Cooroy, Childers, Rockhampton & Tully. An updated Flyer is on the website with the venues listed and it has been posted and shared on our Facebook Page. Our 2 "Synchronised dances are: 11am "A Bar Song" and 1pm" Smokey Places.

QLDA DAY of 100 DANCES in BUNDABERG (Saturday 14 June)

The planning for this great day is underway with Tracey, Sue, Lorrae & Ruth all working to ensure this is a great day of dancing. Tracey has started the ball rolling by contacting lots of Instructors in the region.

QLDC (Friday & Saturday – 21/22 June)

The Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall has been booked for this 2-day event. The Section Flyer with the set dances has been finalised and published. Brigitte Salmon and I have finalised the Sponsorship Form and it is now on the website. This will be published on our FB page as well. In conjunction with Jennifer Hughes (Head Judge), Cathy and I have been working on the updated QLDC Rules. Once approved by Jennifer, they will be published.

QUEENSLAND LINE DANCE BALL (Saturday 25 October)

The Workshop Host, Theme and Charity have been decided. We still have to confirm the venue, times and cost of the Ball. A work in progress. An updated Flyer is on the website and has been posted on our FB page.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership continues to grow slowly with a couple of new members joining us over the last couple of months. We currently have 265 financial members on our books.

Hoping that all our line dance friends across SE Queensland and Northern NSW impacted by Cyclone Alfred/Ex-Cyclone Alfred are ok. I know that at this moment there are lots of power outages, fallen trees, wild winds and rain. Thinking of you all.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jo

Jo Rosenblatt
QLDA President
8 March 2025



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 13 April 2025

Hi everyone,

What an amazing month it has been for QLDA.

SYNCRONISED SOCIAL: Sunday 30 March

There was an awesome turnout across the 5 venues that hosted our Synchronised Socials on Sunday 30 March. Many thanks to Lorrae & Ruth Goding, Teigan Sauer & Leonie Rickman (Childers), Veronica Lizzio (Tully), Cathy Breed, Jasmin Currie & Heather McPhee (Cooroy), Tracey Daffey & Sue Wright (Rockhampton) and Rebecca Ross who was with me in Brisbane for hosting these 5 socials.

There was an amazing total of \$5406 raised on the day but I do know that there have been some individual donations into our bank account as well. What a fabulous amount of money to start our fundraising for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). Thank you to everyone who attended and/or supported this event.

QLDA DAY of 100 DANCES in BUNDABERG: Saturday 14 June

The planning for this great day is well underway with Tracey, Sue, Lorrae, Ruth & Teigan all working hard behind the scenes. The Preliminary Dance List with the first 65 dances has been published with a further 35 dances to be added. There has been lots of interest in this event from across the state. The important thing to note is that you DO NOT have to be a QLDA Member in order to attend this Day of 100 Dances.

Queensland Line Dance Competition (QLDC): Friday & Saturday – 21/22 June

All is in place for this great competition weekend. The General Rules have been finalised and published. In actual fact, everything you need to know can be found on our Website. QLDA will be hosting a Social/Dance party on Saturday 21 June with Rebecca Ross as our DJ for the night. We have a Mini-Workshop host on the night - so WATCH THIS SPACE for further information!

QUEENSLAND LINE DANCE BALL: Saturday 25 October

The Workshop Host, Theme, Charity, Venue and Times have been confirmed! Costs are yet to be confirmed BUT there will be an "Early Bird" price for the Ball which will be available from Friday 25 July! The next phase will be to start selecting our dances for the Ball.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership continues to grow slowly with two new members joining us over the last month. We currently have 267 financial members on our books.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jo

Jo Rosenblatt
QLDA President
12 April 2025



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 18 May 2025

Hi everyone,

We have had a quiet month, however, preparations are underway for the next 2 major events organised and hosted by QLDA.

QLDA DAY of 100 DANCES in BUNDABERG: Saturday 14 June

The final dance list (in alphabetical order) with lots of split floors has been published – both on the website and our Facebook page. Tracey, Sue, Lorrae, Ruth, Teigan and Wayne will be flying the flag for the committee on this wonderful day. There has been lots of interest in this event from across the state. The important thing to note is that you DO NOT have to be a QLDA Member in order to attend this Day of 100 Dances. We just want all line dancers to have the opportunity to come and dance with us. Many thanks to Tracey Daffey who is the main organiser of this event.

Queensland Line Dance Competition (QLDC): Friday & Saturday – 21/22 June

All is in place for this great competition weekend. We have added a few sections to the schedule and hope that will attract a few more entries to the competition. Entries close on Friday 23 May at midnight. We are excited to announce that Travis Taylor has been confirmed as the Workshop Host which will be held before the Social/Dance Party on Saturday 21 June. Rebecca Ross will be our DJ for the night. It is pleasing to note that we already have some entries in.

QUEENSLAND LINE DANCE BALL: Saturday 25 October

The Workshop Host, Theme, Charity, Venue and Times have been confirmed! Costs are yet to be confirmed BUT there will be an "Early Bird" price for the Ball which will be available from Friday 25 July! The committee is currently selecting the first 30 or so dances for the Program – watch this space.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership continues to grow slowly with three new members joining us over the last month. We currently have 270 financial members on our books.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jo

Jo Rosenblatt
QLDA President
17 May 2025



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 8 June 2025

Hi everyone,

Preparations are underway for the next 2 major events organised and hosted by QLDA.

QLDA DAY of 100 DANCES in BUNDABERG: Saturday 14 June

Everything is in place for this great event. We are expecting well over 100 people to join Tracey, Sue, Lorrae, Ruth, Teigan and Wayne in Bundaberg.

Queensland Line Dance Competition (QLDC): Friday & Saturday – 21/22 June

We have had a record number of entries this year – close to 400 which is fantastic. The Committee, as well as Tai Breed, are all working hard to ensure this weekend is a fabulous experience for everyone. The Travis Taylor workshop will be pushed back a little later Saturday night as will the social. Times are still to be determined.

QUEENSLAND LINE DANCE BALL: Saturday 25 October

The Workshop Host, Theme, Charity, Venue and Times have been confirmed! Costs are yet to be confirmed BUT there will be an “Early Bird” price for the Ball which will be available from Friday 25 July! The committee is currently selecting the first 30 or so dances for the Program – watch this space.

MEMBERSHIP

An email has been sent to all members reminding them to renew their membership for the 25-26 year. The Google Form has been streamlined and is easier to complete this year. We have had quite a few people already renew their membership.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jo

Jo Rosenblatt
QLDA President
8 June 2025



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 27 July 2025

Hi everyone,

Wow – QLDA have had an AMAZING 7 weeks since our last meeting.

QLDA DAY of 100 DANCES in BUNDABERG: Saturday 14 June

Tracey, Sue, Lorrae, Ruth, Teigan and Wayne were expecting 100 dancers or so to attend QLDA's Day of 100 Dances in Bundaberg on Saturday 14 June. That figure doubled and then some when the doors opened. There were 224 dancers in attendance – a sea of Red, White & Blue. WOW - what a day it was for everyone who attended. Tracey and the team had a great program of 100 dances organised with many split floors to cater for all levels of dancers. This program was created with the input from all the local instructors – thank you. Many thanks to the QLDA team behind this great event! And – yes – it will continue next year – watch this space for the 2026 Event. Money raised was an enormous **\$4206** – thank you to everyone who supported QLDA and the RFDS.

Queensland Line Dance Competition (QLDC): Friday & Saturday – 21/22 June

And then a week later we were into the throes of our 7th annual QLDC at the Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall in Lawnton. There were record entries and we held 2 jam-packed 9 hour days of competition. Many thanks to all our competitors, judges, MC's, scorers, marshalls and everyone else who helped in any way to make this event the success it was. The competition itself was incredibly inspiring to watch. Our Team of the Competition was Lennox Beach (by the smallest of margins I must say), with Hallie Saal (The Allstars) and Pascal Siereveld (Pivot and Point) being awarded the Judges Encouragement awards.

Travis Taylor held a mini-workshop on Saturday night before the Social and taught his new rolling count dance "Mercy Blues". Thank you Trav for always being there for QLDA. Rebecca Ross DJ'd the mini-social after the Workshop. There were 60 dancers in attendance, and they danced the night away until 10pm. Thank you Rebecca for DJ'ing the social. We made a profit of **\$474** from the social for the RFDS.

Many thanks to the QLDA Team who were involved in the organisation of the competition – Brigitte, Cathy, Lorrae, Ruth, Rebecca & Deb. We had quite a few Zoom meetings prior to the event to get everything organised – and both days ran like clockwork!!! Months of preparation go into an event like this and I have to say a special thank you to Cathy for being my 2IC – couldn't have done it without you my friend. Also, a special mention to Tia Breed for all the work she did before the competition organising the music for the MC's. A massive job!

QUEENSLAND LINE DANCE BALL: Saturday 25 October

The Workshop Host, Theme, Cost, Charity, Venue and Times are all confirmed! Many thanks to Luke Watson from Uber Line Dance for hosting the workshop before the Ball. I am looking forward to learning his new choreography. The Registration Link is now available for "Early Bird Registration". The committee are currently working on the dance program and the first 30 or so dances will be published soon.

MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026

Thank you to everyone who have already renewed their membership. We have actually had quite a few members join us this year – that is always great to see. The Google Form has been streamlined and is easier to complete this year.

ONEMUSIC

I am currently working on contacting all our Instructors who are covered by our OneMusic Blanket Licence to ascertain their student numbers. Invoices will be prepared and sent as soon as possible.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jo

Jo Rosenblatt
QLDA President
26 July 2025



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 24 August 2025

Hi everyone,

The last few weeks have been tinged with great sadness for us all with the sudden passing of our committee member, Wayne Clark from Emerald. Wayne was a valued member of our committee and had just been re-elected onto the 2025-26 Committee. He had been struggling with ongoing health issues, however this was not really expected. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his daughter Jaimie-Lee, his son, Michael, extended family and of course his Emerald Boots 'n' All line dance family. We were all incredibly sad to hear this devastating news.

MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership. We currently have 245 members which is great news for us. An email has been sent to those 2024-25 members who have not yet renewed their membership – often people forget. That prompted a flurry of registrations and payments. Another email will be sent at the end of August to anyone who has not renewed their membership to inform them that according to our QLDA Rules, members who have not renewed their membership by 31 August must be removed from our database and email listing.

ONEMUSIC

We have 74 Instructors covered by our OneMusic Blanket Licence for the 2025-2026 financial year. All Invoices and Licence Certificates have been prepared and emailed to instructors. Thank you to all these Instructors for joining QLDA's OneMusic Blanket Licence.

QUEENSLAND LINE DANCE BALL: Saturday 25 October

The Workshop Host, Theme, Cost, Charity, Venue and Times are all confirmed! A small Sub-Committee has been formed to organise the Ball. At this stage the first 39 dances have been published (with some split floors). Instructors who led the stages last year have been asked to join us again and have submitted dances for our consideration. Brigitte and I have visited the venue to discuss a number of issues. The visit will be discussed at our meeting. An email will be sent to all members early next week asking if anyone would like to join the Ball Sub Committee whose next meeting will be on 7 September at 7pm via Zoom. Our early bird registration is working quite well -we have 97 people registered for the Ball already. The early bird registration will end on Saturday 26 September which is basically a month out from the ball.

QLDC DATE FOR 2026

At our last meeting it was decided to schedule our QLDC (Queensland Line Dance Competition) on 22/23 August 2026. An email has been sent to all our Judges and Team Captains with this date. A Save The Date Flyer was placed in the Newsletter to inform our members.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jo

Jo Rosenblatt
QLDA President
24 August 2025



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 21 September 2025

Hi everyone,

It has been another busy month for us all.

MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. We currently have 253 members which is great news for us. As per our QLDA Rules, anyone who had not renewed their membership by the end of August has been removed from our database and email listing.

ONEMUSIC

I am happy to report that we now have 75 Instructors covered by our OneMusic Blanket Licence for the 2025-2026 financial year. We had a late addition to our Blanket Licence to take our total to 75. Thank you to all these Instructors for joining QLDA's OneMusic Blanket Licence.

QUEENSLAND LINE DANCE BALL: Saturday 25 October

The Workshop Host, Theme, Cost, Charity, Venue and Times are all confirmed! Our small Sub-Committee has been meeting and working hard to produce a quality event for you all. We have published the first 56 dances with another 13 to be added as well as our "Fun Dance" for the night. We have a number of QLDA Instructors on board to lead the Main & Side Stages. Split floors are currently being worked out.

Our early bird registration is working well - we have over 120 people registered & paid for the Ball. The early bird registration will end on Saturday 26 September at 5pm which is basically a month out from the ball.

QLDA DATES FOR 2026

Sunday 22 March: Synchronised Socials at venues across the State

Saturday 23 May: Day of 100 Dances (Rockhampton)

Sat/Sun 22/23 August: QLDC (Lawnton)

We just need to decide/confirm the date for our Ball next year and our calendar for 2026 will be complete.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jo

Jo Rosenblatt
QLDA President
20 September 2025



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 12 October 2025

Hi everyone,

It has been another busy month for us all with preparations for the QLDA Ball on Saturday 25 October in full swing.

MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026

We currently have 263 members which is great news for us.

ONEMUSIC

I am happy to report that we have added another Instructor to our OneMusic Blanket Licence and currently have 77 Instructors covered by our OneMusic Blanket Licence for the 2025-2026 financial year. Thank you to all these Instructors for joining QLDA's OneMusic Blanket Licence.

QUEENSLAND LINE DANCE BALL: Saturday 25 October

Our small Sub-Committee has been meeting and working hard to produce a quality event for you all. To date.

- Our Workshop Host, Luke Watson has choreographed a dance for the Workshop.
- We have had news from the RFDS that there will be a representative to talk to us all at the Ball.
- The full list of dances with split floors has been published.
- The Platter Link is now working.
- All Instructors leading the Main Stage and Side Stages have confirmed their brackets.
- The early bird registration is closed with registration for an adult dancer now at \$50.
- We have over 160 people registered for the Ball.

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Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jo

Jo Rosenblatt
QLDA President
11 October 2025



Queensland Line Dance Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for Meeting on 16 November 2025

Hi everyone,

It has been an amazing month for us all after with our extremely successful 5th Annual QLDA Ball being held at the Morayfield Sport & Event Centre on Saturday 25 October. A brief summary is below.

QLDA BALL – Saturday 25 October

- The weekend was well attended with over 160 people dancing the night away.
- Luke Watson from Uber Line Dance in Brisbane delivered the Workshop before the Ball started. He taught his new Intermediate Dance called “Whiskey or Wine” – really well received by all in attendance. A great cha cha!
- Maria Hayes, a representative from the RFDS, addressed the Ball to talk about this amazing charity. They do so much more than I ever realised. It is worth checking out their website to see all the services that they offer.
- The winner of the major raffle (a pair of parti-coloured sapphire earrings - donated by Chris & Gordon Graham) was Hazel Dixon from Brisbane.
- Everything ran smoothly with various Instructors leading brackets on the Main Stage and the Side Stage. This was very effective with the Split Floors. Apart from the QLDA Committee Members (Jo, Cathy and Rebecca), we had Jasmin Currie, Trent Duncan, Angie Harriss, Kirsty Lowe, Heather McPhee, Lorraine Riley, Luke Watson and Siobhan Wright leading the dance brackets. Many thanks to them for doing this.
- Theresa McFarlane from Dustie Traks in Ipswich was the MC/DJ for the evening – she did an amazing job and kept the night moving along.
- The Morayfield Staff were superb. They set the hall up with all the tables and chairs and packed up at the end of the night. The Food Platters that were pre-ordered were quite simply amazing. There was SO much food on each of them.
- There were many positive comments about the event both on the night and afterwards. The Facebook posts, videos, photos etc have reached many people.
- Many thanks to all who attended to support QLDA and the RFDS.
- Our profit from the night was \$3548.

LDAA OPAL BOOT NOMINEES

Wow – our QLDA members have certainly featured in these LDAA Opal Boot nominations. Congratulations everyone – so well deserved and good luck!

Instructor of the Year: Cathy Breed, Debbie Greaves, Jennifer Hughes and Rebecca Ross.

Group of the Year: Countrymoon Bootscooters (Annie Bradbury), Dolphin Line Dancers (Tracey Daffey) and Steppin' In Line (Cathy Breed).

MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026

We currently have 267 members. Each month we are adding a couple of new members to our database which is great news.

ONEMUSIC

I am happy to report that we have once again added another Instructor to our OneMusic Blanket Licence and currently have 78 Instructors covered for the 2025-2026 financial year. This is a record number for us.

QLDA DATES FOR 2026

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Jo Rosenblatt
QLDA President
14 November 2025