

SCOTCH CIRCLE

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THE CANBERRA BALL 2015

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Belconnen Scottish Country Dancers

Saturday 8 August

The Albert Hall, Commonwealth Avenue

Music by Strathmannan

Tickets costing \$50 which includes a catered supper

Are available at Canberra classes or from

Jack Arthur jarthur@apex.net.au

For a flyer (containing the Program) and recap sheet

Visit the Branch website www.rscds-canberra.org

Report of recent Branch Special General Meeting

At the Special General Meeting held on 22 April 2015, there were two items of business:

1. Presentation of the accounts of the 2014 RSCDS Canberra Winter School
2. Presentation of an alert about impending vacancies for Branch Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Winter School Accounts

The meeting adopted the audited accounts, which showed a surplus of \$11,158.67. Any member of the Branch who was not present at the meeting may request a copy of the accounts by contacting Jack Arthur, 6254 7879 or jarthur@apex.net.au

Report of recent Branch Special General Meeting (continued from page 1)

Impending vacancies on Branch Committee

The meeting was advised that, at the AGM on 14 October 2015:

- Jack will be stepping down as Chair, website manager and editor of the newsletter and Scotch Circle magazine:
 - He is reluctantly retiring from SCD because he is no longer able to dance;
- Mary will be stepping down as Treasurer:
 - She has given good and loyal service as Treasurer since 2008;
- Alan will be happy to step aside from the position of Secretary, which he has held since 2007.
 - He has indicated that he will be willing to stay on the Committee, but feels that it is time someone else fills the position of Secretary;

The current position of the other committee members is as follows:

- Tonyia and Antonella are willing to remain on the committee but at this time are unable to commit to nominating for Chair, Secretary or Treasurer;
- David has served on the committee for a number of years but he is unsure of his future availability.

Implications:

- We need to identify replacement personnel;
- The reason for bringing this to your attention now is that we cannot assume that replacement office bearers will suddenly materialise on the night of the AGM;
- The Branch would rapidly become non-viable in the absence of a committee that is, at the very minimum, capable of organising classes and socials and properly accounting for monetary receipts and outlays;
- Without a treasurer, secretary and chair the Branch cannot continue to operate; (web manager and editor of newsletter / magazine are important but less vital functions);
- We have less than six months to ensure we are in a position to elect replacement office bearers.

As this issue of Scotch Circle goes to press, there have been no enquiries about the positions of Chair, Secretary or Treasurer. But, happily, we have received an expression of interest in the post of Newsletter Editor; more information about this will be available soon. And to be fair, there is still plenty of time. Talk to one of your committee members.

Other Forthcoming Events

Friday, 29 May 2015: Belconnen Advanced Social Class will be held at Macquarie Primary School, Bennelong Crescent, Macquarie from 8 pm. The class will be taken by Sarah and Alan. The program is available on the Branch website www.rscds-canberra.org

Wednesday, 24 June 2015: Special Class by Visiting Teacher

Elinor Vandegrift, a teacher and RSCDS examiner from Seattle, USA, will be replacing Wendy Jaeger as one of the examiners for the forthcoming examination tour in Sydney. Wendy has had to withdraw. Thus, Elinor will be teaching the Branch general class at St Andrews Church from 7:30 to 9:30 pm; this will be her third visit to Canberra. All are welcome to attend this special class.

Friday, 26 June 2015: Belconnen Advanced Social Class will be held at Macquarie Primary School, Bennelong Crescent, Macquarie from 8 pm. The class will be taken by David and Glenys. The program will be available soon.

5-11 July 2015: 40th Australian Winter School, Brisbane

Several members of the Canberra Branch will be attending the Winter School this year.

Monday, 13 July 2015: A Second Special Class

Tim Wilson, a teacher from California, will be one of the international teachers at the Brisbane Winter School. He will then spend a few days in Canberra where he will take a special Branch Class on **MONDAY** evening at St Andrews' Church Hall, from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. All are welcome – this is another special class not to be missed.

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