

Resource Librarian Report 2014

This being my first year as Resource Librarian I was surprised to find that the library is being used more than I expected. There have been six requests for library material, mainly DVD's and Teaching Manuals. Dance list, Basic, Basic Plus and Easy Intermediate are most popular.

You may see an article in the ACA newsletter promoting what is new or of some special interest available in the library.

There were some minor hiccups, the storage containers that the library are stored in were damaged in transport to me. New stronger containers are being sourced and priced.. Some difficulties in copying the DVD's was also experienced but overcome. A problem with email required a change of address

The **correct** email for the Resource Library is :-

resourcelibrarian@cloggingaustralia.com

So far this year there has only been one new addition to the library, Storm King DVD and the 2014 dance list additions are on the way.

If anyone has any material that they feel the library could use let me know.

Wish I was there with you in Darwin

Happy Clogging Graeme Brown.

CUE SHEET CHECKING REPORT (2013 -14)

(Basic & Easy Intermediate Levels)

With the ACA Convention happening earlier this year and reports needing to be in, the number of cue sheets sent to me for ACA stamping thus far, are nine (9) Basic and twenty-four (24) Easy intermediate. Most of them presented well within the ACA accepted formula.

All choreographers would benefit from dancing through the returned ACA STAMPED cuesheet from me, to ensure it's still as they want it. It's not my business to make sure the dance fits the music, goes in the best direction for body flow or to fit the steps. I'm supposed to check the layout is correct, steps to the dictionary and stamp it. However, as you probably all know, I don't always mind my own business. SO! Dance and check your returned Cuesheet carefully, let me know all is okay. Then it's a good idea to cancel any other copies of your dance on your computer – The wrong copy has been sent, in the past, for inclusion in a syllabus which creates difficulty.

We're proceeding all the time with checking duplication of steps/names in the Dictionary and we're very grateful for the never-ending work put in by Donna & Philip Farry, the Dictionary "Originators". Remember the Dictionary is available to all for a nominal cost and is one of the best things to happen to Clogging Choreo in Australia.

Have a happy Convention

Olive Borovsky, ACA Cuesheet Checker.

ACA Representative Reports 2014

The Tasmanian Report

This year saw the incumbent Tasmanian State Rep actually take up residence in Tasmania and become a club leader for the first time. The former Convict Cloggers in Ulverstone lost their leader, Jennifer Groome, to the mainland at the end of 2013. Classes moved to Penguin, due to difficulties with the former hall and I took over as leader at the beginning of 2014, with a change of club name to Cradle Coast Cloggers. Things have been going fairly smoothly, with the dancers being very supportive. We haven't looked to recruit any new beginners this year but rather get to know each other better first! Cradle Coast Cloggers were joined by Tamar Cloggers for a day of clogging and fun overnight stay in Deloraine in May.

Tamar Cloggers, based in Launceston with Donna Farry as leader, are going along steadily with the longer-term dancers now tackling advanced routines. The club has picked up a few new beginners during the year. Donna, Philip and the other dancers continue to provide support to their fellow northern Tasmanian club and I have really appreciated this support. It is fortunate that the two clubs are close enough together for dancers to travel between the two on occasions. Tamar Cloggers are regular visitors to Penguin for the monthly Saturday class. Likewise, Cradle Coast Cloggers regularly travel to Launceston for the periodic 'socials' held by Tamar Cloggers. As not many Tasmanian cloggers are able to make it to Darwin for the National Convention this year, Tamar Cloggers are hosting a day of dancing and workshops in Frankford in June instead.

There isn't much news from the south of the state. Tassie Cloggers have not been particularly active during the year, due to ill health. The club is temporarily in recess.

State Rep – Jan Collins

NEW ZEALAND Report 2014:

Not too much has changed over the last year. Keeping existing members and enticing new people to join us continues. We still have four clubs, they are:

Auckland..> Rhythm Cloggers. Leader Jean Watford

Motueka..> Marble Mountain Cloggers. Leaders Carol Wyllie and Veronica Brewerton

Nelson..> Sun City Cloggers. Leader Georgie Higgs

Invercargill..> Spirit Cloggers. Leader Andrea Jones

Nelson & Motueka are working together for the 2014 Convention at Brightwater, about 20kms from Nelson.

Dates: 12th-14th September 2014. Accommodation is within walking distance of the venues.

Our guest instructor is Dell Sutcliffe:

Visit here <http://nzclogging.webs.com/> for downloading all the info needed.

Jean Watford. ACA NZ State Representative.

South Australia Report.

This year is proving to be very eventful for Adelaide Bluegrass Cloggers who celebrated 20 years of Clogging on 7th March with past and present Cloggers. It was a night to remember, with dancing, games and a delicious cake made by one of Irmgard's ex-cloggers. Congratulations to Irmgard, I am sure everyone is hoping she will carry on teaching clogging for many years to come.

The Blueridge Mountain Cloggers closed its doors after the sad passing of Dennis, who will be truly remembered by many. Unfortunately, Cathy and Andy from C. & A. Cloggers have also closed their club. Since the closure of these clubs, Irmgard has made us all very welcome to her club, and we are enjoying meeting fellow cloggers and learning new routines.

Recently, we enjoyed a Showcase selection workshop, where six choreographers taught their brand new dances. This year, Jodie Bignell's dance, "Lady Percy" was selected. We are pleased and excited for Jodie, and look forward to dancing it at the Convention in Darwin.

Conventions are great places for meeting up with old friends, learning new routines and renewing our love of clogging. We can't wait for the first NT National Convention. See you there!

Judy Hoyle S.A. State Representative

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The A.C.T. Report

ACT Cloggers were busy in 2013 organising for the 18th National Clogging Convention held in Queanbeyan in September. Both Capital Cloggers and Silver Soles Cloggers Inc were involved in the organisation and all members put in a huge effort to make it the success that it was.

Capital Cloggers has had a consistent turnout to classes each week, pending work and travel/holiday commitments. We had one new clogger start, with much enthusiasm and said Bon Voyage and Happy Retirement to long time clogger and friend Jan Collins, now living it up in sunny NW Tassie!

Notable events for 2013/2014

September-December: celebrating with Christmas socials and farewelling Jan Collins.

January 2014 : Nathan Ballard, Bronte Newcombe and Stephanie Selby made the trek down to Canberra to host a workshop for the more energetic ACT Cloggers. Louise provided the space at the Kambah Studio and a good turn out of dancers tried their hand at one or two of Nathan's more advanced dances

March: Storm King was attended by a couple of ACT cloggers, another great weekend of dancing.

April: Several ACT cloggers participated in a clogging workshop as part of the National Square Dance Convention held in Canberra over the ANZAC Day weekend. It was also a great opportunity to catch up with some of the NSW Cloggers that also double as Square Dancers!

May: Bundanoon weekend, hosted by Capital Cloggers and attended by members from various NSW clubs and one lone Queenslander. Lots of fun, food, glow worms, games and of course clogging!

June: See you all in Darwin.

Anne Heathwood ACT Rep

QUEENSLAND REPORT

Since our 2013 Annual Report, we in Queensland continue to have an increased number of dancers enjoying Clogging, the increase mainly being due to demonstrations and public appearances, plus as always, current dancers encouraging family and friends to become part of our wonderful activity.

The Get Rhythm Dance Team have once again had a busy year with demo's in Brisbane and surrounding areas, with members appreciating the many compliments from those who watched them, and also the enquiries from enthusiastic audience members wishing to attend beginners' classes. Congratulations to the Team for their commitment and dedication.

The Storm King and Aussie Clog camps, both legends in their own right, once again attracted local, intrastate and interstate visitors, and were a credit to the organisers, Cuers and willing helpers.

The ACA brochures have been a great aid in recruiting beginners. One thing we have noticed is that you do not always get an immediate commitment from someone wanting to try Clogging- in fact we have had calls from persons who received a brochure twelve months ago and are now ready to give Clogging a try- and most times love it!

Brochures are available from myself for any Club wishing to distribute them.

Our Southern Queensland and Central and Northern Queensland Clogging friends continue to enjoy their Club dance sessions and welcome visitors to their areas.

Clubs across the State have been busy promoting Clogging in their area with good results.

It is exciting to see many dancers enjoying learning to cue at their Club.

We appreciate the support and the printing of the Clogging Reports which appear in the Matilda magazine and the Banana Benders' Bugle Newsletter.

Additionally, the opportunity to pass on individual Clubs' news in the ACA Newsletter is appreciated by our Clubs' members.

Our continued thanks to the Editor of the ACA Newsletter for producing a very worthwhile publication which keeps us in touch with one another Australia and New Zealand-wide.

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Frances Look O.A.M.

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The Victorian Report.

Victorian Cloggers have been very busy promoting clogging through dancing at various festivals that are held throughout the year.

Our combined Christmas Party in 2013 was held by Bayside Cloggers, a great day of dancing and merriment with Cheryl & Monika going all out on their Christmas decorations.

Halls Gap Weekend proved to be quite interesting when the power went off for over 8 hours on a scorching 40 degree day.

Everyone going to Darwin is really looking forward to the convention and I think a lot are planning a bit of a holiday either before or after the convention.

We are always looking for new areas to promote clogging not only within Victoria but also Australia.

WA Annual Report

24 WA Cloggers will be attending the 19th ACA National Convention in Darwin.

WA has 5 active clogging clubs.

Jo-King Cloggers, Jo Buswell, Kingsley Dawes and Glenn Dale are regular cuers.

Southern Cross Cloggers led by Lorraine Taylor.

West Coast Cloggers under Stephen Baker.

Kaye's Cloggers in Morley and **Rockingham Cloggers** under Kaye Speyer

While the Esperance clubs remain in recess, it is great to see John & Julie-Anne Clarke will be attending the convention this year in Darwin.

The first Combined Clubs Christmas Party was held in December, a great opportunity for dancers from all across Perth to get together and Dance.

It was great to see Chris Anderson visiting Perth earlier this year, we would love to see more visiting cloggers if they are ever passing through.

The Annual Pre Convention dance was well attended in August, hosted by Jo-King Cloggers. We were very excited to practice this year's WA Showcase, Home to Louisiana, which was choreographed by June Tilson from Southern Cross Cloggers. Great to see another WA choreographer putting forward her work.

Glenn Dale from Jo-King Cloggers will be on the program for the first time this year at a National ACA Convention, can't wait to see how he goes.

Western Australia will be formalising its bid to host the 21st National ACA Convention in Perth in 2016. We are a small but happy clogging family out West and we can wait to welcome you all in a couple of years!!

Kingsley Dawes - ACA State Rep WA

New South Wales Report:

NSW cloggers are looking forward to meeting up with other state cloggers at the 19th National Clogging Convention in Darwin, NT. We have had a very busy and fun time over the past 12 months and we have now started the preparations for the 20th National Clogging Convention on the Central Coast, NSW. It will be held at the Central Coast Youth Club (also known as Niagara Park Stadium) on the 11th – 13th September 2015. A cruise around the lovely central coast waters has been organised for the Friday morning before the AGM.

A few of the NSW cloggers attended the clogging weekend in May that Capital Cloggers (ACT) held in Bundanoon, NSW. The weekend started on the Friday night with cloggers that stayed at the YHA catching up on each others news. Saturday was complete with dancing and a night of trivia, team games and listening to Leah (Coastal Cowboys) sing and play her guitar whilst fellow cloggers sang along. It was an enjoyable event for all and we're excited to catch up with everyone again at next years clogging weekend held in May which will be hosted by Coastal Cowboys & Strictly Cloggers at Riverwood Downs, NSW.

Hillbillies Cloggers - Vickie Dean is still running her Thursday night class at West Pymble and her Friday night class at Hurstville. All cloggers are having an enjoyable time dancing to a variety of levels from Beginners to Easy Advanced.

Krix Kloggers are still going strong with a small group of dancers that practice on Thursday morning and afternoon, along with a Saturday morning class. Their young cloggers are still going well, with her granddaughter Charlie also starting to come to more clogging events such as the clogging weekend at Bundanoon.

Coastal Cowboys have picked up 8 new beginners for their Friday night class at Tuggerah.

Strictly Cloggers will be celebrating their 20th Birthday this year and to celebrate are holding a day of dancing. This will be held on Saturday the 9th of August 2014.

Newcastle have now settled in with their beginners and are having a blast. Lynne is continuing as the leader with some help from her daughter, Jenny.

Woolgoolga – A club was in the middle of being started at this time last year and are now going strong and enjoying clogging and everyone's company.

NSW have had an inquiry about a new club starting in Orange and have been sent information about becoming a club.

There have been a few leaders of NSW i haven't been able to get in contact with but i do wish all the NSW clubs happy and fun clogging.

Stephanie Selby NSW Representative