





64th Australian National Square Dance Convention

DREAM ON

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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OPENING NIGHT - WHAT A NIGHT!

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Wednesday's Weather Forecast

Wednesday 22 May



Min **21** Max **32**

Sunny.

Chance of any rain: **0%** 

Marilyn van Sambeeck (64th ANSDC Convenor) introduced Tony Hooper who, in his eloquent manner, opened the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention.

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The night began with a heartwarming rendition of "Advance Australia Fair" by the talented Hayley Dickinsons, whose voice soared through the room and tugged at our heartstrings. We were then honored to celebrate three incredible recipients: Bev McLachlan, Nev McLachlan, and David Smythe, who were awarded for their outstanding contributions to the square and round dance communities. Their dedication and passion truly embody the spirit of our shared dream.

As if that wasn't enough, we were mesmerized by the graceful female dancers from the Larrakia Nation, whose performance was a vivid tapestry of cultural heritage and artistic expression. They brought the rich traditions of their people into our shared dream, leaving us in awe.

The evening continued with a lively mix of Round and Square Dancing, where the energy was electric, and the dance floor was our playground. Exceptional cuers and callers guided us through intricate maneuvers and choreography, making every step feel like a dance in a dream. The synchronicity and grace displayed by the dancers were truly a testament to their skill and dedication.

In addition, to the performances, the sense of community and togetherness was palpable. Friends, old and new, continue to reunite under the same roof, sharing laughs, stories, and, of course, dances. It was a night where bonds were strengthened, and new friendships blossomed, all under the banner of our shared love for dance.

As the night drew to a close, the joy and excitement were still very much alive. The opening night was just the beginning of what promises to be an unforgettable convention. We left with hearts full of inspiration, ready to "Dream Once More" and create even more magical moments in the days to come. Here's to more dances, more dreams, and more unforgettable memories



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LAST NIGHT'S REACTIONS

Everynight we will bring you reactions, comments and moments from our roving Dream reporter. Click on the individual image to relive some of today's moments.



Interviews



Video highlights of Dancing Program

YOU'RE INVITED – FREE WORKSHOP - STILL TIME

There's still time to jump aboard for our one-hour workshop happening tomorrow, Wednesday, 22nd May! Join us for an enriching session titled **"Promoting Square Dancing in Australia,"** where we'll delve into a myriad of strategies and resources clubs can utilize to ramp up the promotion of square dancing across the nation. **Callers will have a session on Friday, 24 May.**

See
you
tomorrow



Attendees will also be given an insight into a six-week marketing blueprint designed to attract new dancers to the dance floor. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to help revolutionize your square dancing promotion efforts!

Click on the adjacent image for more information.

THE IMPORTANCE OF DREAMS No. 3

Goal Setting and Achievement:

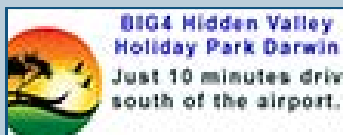
Dreams help individuals set meaningful goals and work towards achieving them. They provide a sense of direction and purpose, guiding people on their journey towards personal and professional fulfillment.



Today's Dream Slogans

"Unleash Your Potential with Every Dream" – In the realm of possibilities, dreams are the seeds of greatness. They ignite the imagination, fuel the ambition, and pave the way for incredible journeys. Each dream, no matter how grand or modest, holds the power to transform lives, spark innovation, and bring about change. Embrace your dreams, for they are the blueprints of your aspirations and the compass guiding you toward your fullest potential."

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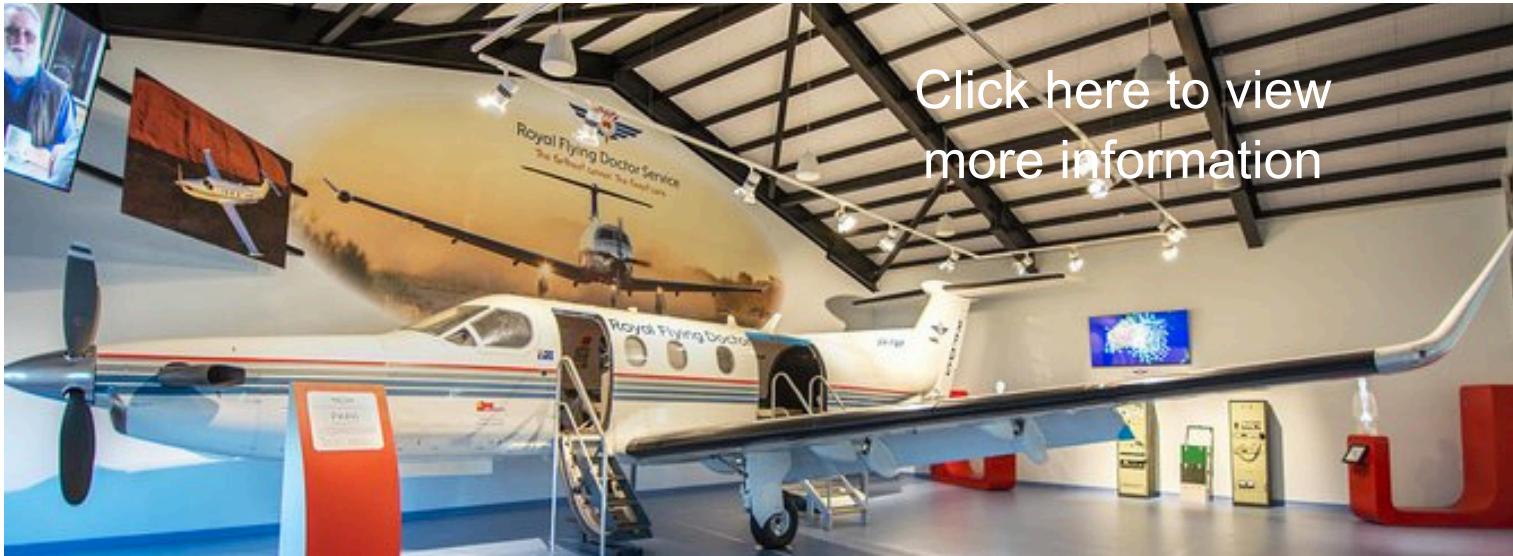
DARWIN'S TOURIST ATTACCTIONS

No. 5 Sample the city's attractions

Explore Darwin's essential attractions nestled in the city's heart. Wander Smith Street Mall, offering complimentary Wi-Fi for enhanced exploration. Uncover boutiques showcasing exquisite crocodile and pearl products.

At Crocosaurus Cove, cuddle a baby crocodile and marvel at enclosures housing Australia's largest saltwater crocodiles. Immerse in history at Stokes Hill Wharf's Royal Flying Doctor Service/Bombing of Darwin Harbour experience, featuring lifelike holograms and virtual reality.

Savour the flavours at our most superb places to dine out in Darwin. Conclude with cinematic bliss: a movie under stars at Deckchair Cinema waterfront venue.



No. 6 Relax at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct

Discover the vibrant tapestry of Darwin's famed markets, where locally crafted treasures await and culinary delights tantalize your taste buds. Every weekend, ordinary spaces across the city transform into bustling hubs of activity, offering a feast for the senses. Join locals in their weekend ritual at Parap Village Markets every Saturday, renowned for its delectable Asian street food and eclectic arts and crafts. Indulge in the freshest produce and hawker-style eats at Rapid Creek Markets on Saturdays and Sundays. Don't miss the electrifying atmosphere of Mindil Beach Sunset Market, where fiery Top End sunsets provide the perfect backdrop every Thursday and Sunday from April to October. Immerse yourself in live entertainment, peruse stalls brimming with creations from local artisans, and savor a multitude of flavors from around the world. For more bargains and tempting flavors, explore the markets at Nightcliff, Coolalinga, and Palmerston.



TUESDAY'S MEMORIES



WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY PROGRAM

MEETINGS

9:30 to 10:30:

Free and open workshop “Promoting and Marketing Square Dancing in Australia” at Marrara Stadium

DANCING PROGRAMME

11.00am CLOGGING: Jason Nicholson Leanne Nicholson Joanne Buswell David McMeechan

12 Noon A LEVEL

All Brackets are Square Ups

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| 1. | A1 | Matthew Mills (H) | Matthew Mills |
| 2. | A2 | Matthew Mills (H) | Matthew Mills |
| 3. | A1 | Howard Cockburn (H) | Howard Cockburn |
| 4. | A2 | Howard Cockburn (H) | Howard Cockburn |

1pm PLUS

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| 1. | Janice Alexander (H) | Janice Alexander |
| 2. | Nev McLachlan (H) | Nev McLachlan |
| 3. | Graham Elliott (H) | Graham Elliott |
| 4. | Kevin Kelly (H) | Kevin Kelly |
| 5. | Chris Froggatt (H) | Chris Froggatt |
| 6. | Matthew Mills (H) | Matthew Mills |

2.30 pm ROUNDS SHOWCASE SESSION
Learn 2023 Dances and then Vote

Bev McLachlan	Come Away With Me WZ III Some Days You Gotta Dance TS II + 1 Somebody Loves You WZ II + 1
Paula Armstrong	Take Me Home TS II + 1 The Last Song FT III These Boots Are Made for Walking TS II + 2

Voting

3.30pm ROUNDS PROVISIONAL SHOWCASE SESSION
2024 DEMO AND LEARN

Paula Armstrong	Follow that Dream TS II + 2
Helen Hodalj	I Can't Let Go WZ II + 1
Les Tulloch	You're The One TS II
Bev McLachlan	Take me Away TS II +1

7:00 ROUNDS

Warwick Armstrong	Primrose Lane TS JV III Little by Little JV III
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Bev McLachlan	Winner 2023 Showcase Dancer Choice. Follow that Dream TS II + 2 I Can't Let Go WZ II + 1
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WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY PROGRAM CONTINUED

7:00 ROUNDS

Paula Armstrong

Winner 2023 Showcase Leader Choice
You're The One TS II
Take me Away TS II + 1

7:30 SQUARES

MC - Mike Davey

DRESSED SETS PARADE

Jaden Frigo

Laurina Collyer

Matthew Mills

1. PARTNER ROUND UP
Elaine Davis

Mike Davey (H)

Chris Froggatt

MC - Ross Henley

2. LADIES CHOICE
Gary Carpenter

ROUND UP
Kevin Kelly (H)

Kevin Kelly

3. GENTS CHOICE
Ross Henley

ROUND UP
Nev McLachlan (H)

Nev McLachlan

ROUNDS

Carol Simondson

The Last Waltz of the Evening WZII + 2
Evening
Bossa Nova 96 TSII + 2

MC - Matthew Mills

4. SQUARE UP
Ken Pike

Chris Froggatt (H)

Chris Froggatt

5. ANOTHER CLUB
Gary Peterson

ROUND UP
Matthew Mills (H)

Matthew Mills

6. GENERAL ROUND UP
Graham Elliott (H)

Graham Elliott

MC - Laurina Collyer

7. PARTNER ROUND UP
Laurina Collyer

Howard Cockburn (H)

Howard Cockburn

ROUNDS

Anne Tulloch

Grandpa Tell Me RB III + 1
Jailhouse Rock TS II + 1

8. LADIES CHOICE
Nev McLachlan

ROUND UP
Janice Alexander (H)

Tony Bowring



WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY PROGRAM CONTINUED

MC - Jaden Frigo

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| 9. | GENTS CHOICE
Jaden Frigo (H) | ROUND UP
Glenn MacLaren |
| 10. | SQUARE UP
Mike Davey | Graham Elliott |

ANSWERS TO MONDAY'S DREAM SONG CHALLENGE

DREAM SONGS AND ARTISTS



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| 1. "Dream On"
Aerosmith/Nazareth | 11. "A Million Dreams"
Ziv Zaifman/Pink |
| 2. "California Dreamin'"
The Mamas & The Papas | 12. "Dream Weaver"
Gary Wright |
| 3. "Dream Lover"
Bobby Darin | 13. "Daydream Believer"
The Monkees |
| 4. "Dreams" -
Fleetwood Mac | 14. "Dreaming"
Blondie/System of a Down |
| 5. "All I Have to Do Is Dream"
The Everly Brothers | 15. "Sweet Dreams"
Beyoncé/Eurythmics/Don Gibson |
| 6. "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)"
Eurythmics | 16. "In Dreams" -
Roy Orbison |
| 7. "Beautiful Dreamer"
Roy Orbison | 17. "I Dreamed a Dream"
Anne Hathaway |
| 8. "Wildest Dreams"
Taylor Swift | 18. Dream Baby Dream
Bruce Springsteen/Suicide |
| 9. "Dream Police"
Cheap Trick | 19. Dreamlover -
Bobby Darin/Mariah Carey |
| 10. "Dream a Little Dream of Me"
The Mamas & The Papas | 20. A Head Full of Dreams"
Coldplay |

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