

Committee Formation:

Following the Buderim Convention and awarded the rights to host the 60th Australian National Square Dance Convention notices were issued to all clubs requesting “Expressions of Interest” for persons seeking to be part of that committee.

Subsequently at the Public Meeting held following a state society dance it was noted that 8 people had expressed their interest. Following some discussion and noting each position requirements the meeting elected the following for the committee.

Convenor	Barry Chandler
Secretary	Kaye Chandler
Treasurer	Katie Mathews
Assistant Treasurer	Paul Ashton
Registrar	Katie Mathews
Program	Di Ashton
Publicity	Marj Tufnell
Venue	Nelson Cooper
Committee	Sue Holme
Sandra Hazzlewood	
Donna Burke	

As part of their introduction all members have been issued with a copy of the current constitution, regulations and the manual which we hope will ensure that we comply with the current requirements for National Conventions.

Venues:

The committee immediately began to search for a suitable venue from the list already prepared by the steering committee along with a number of other possible venues; in total some 50 venues were considered. Up to January 2017 a number of these venues were eliminated due to not meeting the basic criteria for conventions. The remaining venues were then viewed by most on the committee with a final selection made at the February meeting of the committee.

The selection of the **Deloraine Community Complex** presents a new phase for square dancing within Tasmania and a new era for Australian National Conventions as this will be the first convention held in a regional town. This may seem somewhat a strange decision but I can assure all dancers that the town will surprise all delegates.

Deloraine hosts a craft fair each year which hosts over 20,000 visitors over 4 days every November, so we are confident that with their community support this will be a convention not to be missed.

Deloraine Community Complex provides meeting, function and indoor sports and convention facilities. The facility was built in 1988 and funded in part by the Australian Government as part of the celebration of the bi-centenary of European settlement in Australia.

Located on Alveston Drive, Deloraine the venue can provide for events for approximately 500 people.

A large commercial kitchen, stage, projection screen, audio equipment, and ample parking are available.





Community Complex Facilities:

- Indoor Sports with change rooms and associated facilities (including Showers)
 - Function Spaces
 - Basketball
 - Netball
 - Badminton
 - School Sports Venue
 - 3 Function Spaces



Auditorium Function Space Facilities:

- 4 Levels
- Stage
- Kitchen
- Audio
- Projection Screen
- Air-Conditioning
- Function Space. Size: 15m x 15m
- Seating Capacity: Theatre - 250, Dinner – 200



Meeting Room Function Space Facilities:

- Whiteboard
- Screen
- Sink
- Hot Water Urn
- Air-Conditioning
- Function Space. Size: 10m x 6m
- Seating Capacity: Theatre - 35, Dinner - 20

Stadium Function Space Facilities:

- Function Space. Size: 32m x 35m
- Seating Capacity: Theatre - 500, Dinner – 400

A second venue, being the local bowls club, is located close by and it is anticipated that a mini bus (or Tarago type vehicle) will operate between the venues during the day catering for dancers who alternate between the venues or for spectators who wish to view a number of forms of dancing.

Timing:

The convention dates will be between Wednesday the 24th and Sunday the 28th April 2019. A Website will be set-up giving possible convention goers an insight into our theme and a wealth of information on the up and coming convention.

Budget:

We have prepared a balanced budget (attachment 1), based on only 400 dancers with a view of maintaining the current cost of registration as used by the 57th National in Bendigo. With this, it is highly unlikely that the 60th National Convention Committee would be subjected to the requirements of the GST legislation.

As is the current practice a charge will be levied for credit card, refunds and a no refund policy (except under special circumstances after packages are forwarded out) will be applied.

Accommodation:

We will be partnering with the Great Western Tiers Visitors Information Centre who will endeavour to support all local accommodation with additional accommodation available in the nearby cities of Launceston of Devonport. These cities both are within an easy access similar to that experienced recently of Mooloolaba to Buderim and the venue of the 57th National Square Dance Convention.

Promotion:

As is allowed under established precedent we have a static display at the convention (58th National) and will work towards establishing an Internet and Facebook site for all information.

Crèche:

Child minding will be provided for up to 7 years old and also for 8 years and over within the complex however we reserve the right not to provide this if there are insufficient registrations to cover the minimal staffing levels required.

Transport / Tours:

To assist with transport an arrangement will be established with Hertz for discounted hire. Information on tours can again be sourced from Great Western Tiers Visitors Information Centre via their website (greatwesterntiers.net.au) or for wider options check out www.discovertasmania.com.au

Program:

A draft program has been provided (attachment 2) for all meetings and dance times. We will view any amendments from board members and national committees, along with observing the success of both the 58th & 59th National Conventions prior to finalising the program. We will also consider the dancer profiles from the registrations prior to finalising the program.

Barry Chandler, Convenor