

Merry Christmas

Diamonds 'n Denim Linedancers

Happy
New
Year

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Port Macquarie & Camden Haven NSW

Our very best wishes for the festive season and beyond. Jim & I wish all our friends, new and old, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We hope that 2024 brings you good health, happiness and all that you wish for yourself. Enjoy exciting times ahead and make the most of all that the silly season offers. Whatever you're doing, stay safe and well so we can enjoy more fun times together.

Thank you for your friendship and continued support. Di & Jim xx

FINISH

Dancing this year finishes on Sat 2 December.

START

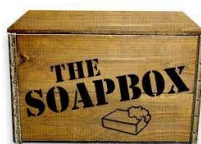
We restart dancing on Monday 15 January, 2024



AND yet another year slips by... classes and socials have been well attended, but of course you know that because you were there! We had happy times but also sad ones.

**** Rest in Peace **** The linedance world will continue to mourn the recent loss of Robyn Groot of Westlakes in Newcastle. Robyn was an icon, a very clever lady and friend to all linedancers. Similarly, locally we earlier lost Ann Gorman of Holiday Coast, a dear friend and choreographer with a passion for linedance. Sadly, there are others.

Please note, our badges will no longer be available. Jan and Nigel at Ebajinda, our lovely suppliers in Vic, are retiring on 1 Dec. You can still order if you get in quickly. Please see me before 10 November to allow postal time. Badges must be paid for in advance.



September brought our colourful and fun didn't have a social in October as many of us were away for 3 days of very enjoyable dancing.

Spring social, see photos on our fb group. We made our way to the annual Maitland Mus-Big thank you to Pearl and Shannon.

Our NEXT SOCIAL is **SAT 18 NOV** at Telegraph Pt. Theme is 'Scottish', as it's close to St Andrew's Day. Please wear tartan or the blue and white of the flag. Some dances, not all, will be to Scottish music and/or Scottish choreography. Don't miss it, we're fast running out of our dancing year. Catch up with friends.

CHRISTMAS social is **SAT 2 DEC**, again at Tele Pt. All are welcome. We don't need numbers as we are catering ourselves, as at our usual socials. Food will be Christmassy. We'll talk about this more in class.

Our raffle fund has some money towards our party and prizes. Your donations are appreciated for our massive raffle. Thank you to the wonderful people who volunteer to put together your hampers. Proceeds from raffle will kick-start next year's fund.



Thank you all for your help, generosity, enthusiasm and awesome team work.

Di xx

Bring on 2024.

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DANCES SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

BEGINNER WALTZ.. Rosalie Mackay, Syd

DON'T STOP.. Bryan Hancock, Syd

BABY, I LOVE YOU & COUNTRY MUSIC..

Paul McQueen, Forster

DREAM IN YOUR ARMS.. Wendy Pratley, NZ

GIVE ME YOUR TEMPO.. Nathan Gardiner, Sco

GLASS OF WINE.. Marlene Jakobsen, DK

Requests retaught:

MIDNIGHT WALTZ.. Jo Thompson, USA

CHAMPAGNE PROMISE .. Tina Argyle, UK

BROWN EYED GIRL.. Hedy McAdams, USA

THE BIG ONE.. Bill Larson, Aus

RAINdance.. Kenneth Shaw, Aus

SWAY.. Carl Sullivan, Syd

BOOTSCOOTIN' BOOGIE x. Bill Bader, Can

BLUE MOUNTAINS BEACHHOUSE.. Kelly & Pugh, Aus

WRONG NIGHT.. J Wallingford

ALLEY CAT.. Donna Aiken, USA

WALTZ ACROSS TEXAS.. L & J Nielson, USA

If you'd like any of these, please see me before class.



Not a joke.. Just Di prattling on!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR LOCAL AREA?

A friend mentioned she'd love to take a road trip around local areas and up the coast, with no agenda. I thought 'what a great idea'. We probably all intend to but don't make the time. Small towns have a lot to offer.

KENDALL is a great place to start. Every Thurs am at the hall where we dance 'The Meeting Place' has delicious reasonably priced home made morning teas. There is fresh home grown produce available and market stalls. It really is 'the hub of Kendall' Read about it all in



Check out the Op Shop just over the rail crossing. It's like a department store and all proceeds stay local. The swimming pool and tennis courts are top standard. Guaranteed a great day out.



On the way to Kendall you'll pass through **KEW**. Stop and see the recent up-grades. Call into the Kew Corner Store (one of my fav go-tos) for great coffee and

freshly made take aways, or sit-in and take up the atmosphere. It's a 'corner store' with everything from fresh farm vegies to local jams, chutneys and produce.

There's so much to see and do in this area. If you're local, take a day to just explore with friends or elderly neighbours who could do with a day out.

If you've been by-passing Kew, take a break, call in and meet the locals. Stop in at the Big Axe info centre.

Check out the very popular golf club, historic recently upgraded Kew pub, Kendall club on the river.

All these are just waiting for you to visit.

MONDAY

Kendall hall .. (19 Comboyne St)

1. **Beginners** 11 - 12 noon

2. **Intermediate** 12 - 1 pm

Note there's NO class on 3rd Mon of each month.

TUESDAY

Port Macquarie Rotary Hall .. (198 Hastings River Dr)

1. **Beginners** 11 - 12

2. **Intermediate** 12 - 1 pm

Note there is a 10-15 min delay starting Rotary hall class as others use the hall before us.

2024.. Still \$10 pp with free tea/coffee. Husband & wife \$15

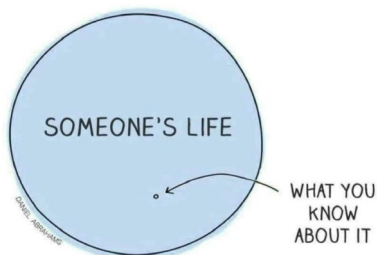


CONTACT ME if you would like to **add your email address** to the mailing list for newsletters. This is for everyone, you don't have to dance with us. (I send to family so they know what I'm doing haha). There are regular posts, including our newsletters, on our Facebook group, however not everyone is on Facebook. Newsletters are also posted on our website www.didenim.com for visiting linedancers. Again, not everyone checks the website. Go to YouTube to find videos and Copperknob or Aussie Dancesheets for dance sheets. If all else fails, just give me a ring! Contact details on back page.



Don't worry
about **getting** old,
worry about
thinking old.

WHY YOU SHOULD
BE KIND TO PEOPLE



NICKNAMES FOR COWORKERS...



- KITKAT:** Always taking a break.
- BUTTER KNIFE:** Not the sharpest tool in the box.
- ARTHUR:** Does "half a" job.
- MOTION LIGHT:** Only works when someone walks past.
- E.T:** Always wants to go home.
- SEAWEED:** Floats around all day and stinks like shit.
- LANTERN:** Not very bright, and has to be carried.
- DECK CHAIR:** Always folds under pressure.
- G- SPOT:** You can never find them.
- DAISY:** Some daisy's in, some daisy's isn't.
- FORESKIN:** Disappears when things get hard.
- COLESLAW:** They're 90% cabbage.

Ed note: Wow. Clever! Must try.



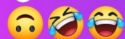
I was in a job interview today when the manager handed me his laptop and said "I want you to try to sell this to me."

So, I put it under my arm, walked out of the building, and went home.

Eventually, he called my mobile and said "Bring it back here right now!"

I said "\$200, and it's yours."

The 3 stages of life:
Wanting stuff.
Accumulating stuff.
Getting rid of stuff.



After 50, you're like an old phone battery. Even when you charge yourself overnight for 10 hours, by 10 AM you're at 60%



NOV

Pauline B	7
Lynette B	16
Claire G	26
Margaret McN	26

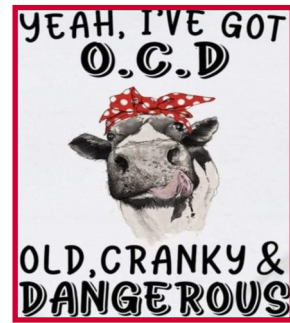
DEC

Joanne R	7
Shirley B	8



• What is every parent's favorite Christmas song? Silent Night!





Our annual message is to let you know what's been happening through the year at our house. Thankfully we're still well enough to be doing the routine things that we love. Jim has his music and jamming with friends once or twice a week. He also has model collections and enjoys doing 'stuff' in his workshop.

Our Garden and fish: One of our girls is moving and can't take her beautiful garden, so we have scored literally ute loads of lovely plants, incl orchids and garden features. Our garden has grown and we are constantly picking fresh vegies. Zucchini are almost ready. We don't like them but grow them for our fish. Yes, bristlenose catfish and mystery snails love them as a treat, along with pumpkin and cucumber. I only feed it to them when their tanks are due for a clean because there's a feeding frenzy and it's messy. Even the guppies and mollies get into the act and eat leftovers. We now have 18ft of tanks. Most of the fish have names.

We're still minding the albino axolotl for our little kiddies and have learned a lot. Although axolotl are called Mexican Walking Fish, it's really a misnomer. Their water temp must be kept cold at around 17 deg, not an easy task in summer. They are not a fish so can't be kept with fish. They are a salamander however they can't survive out of water. They walk along the bottom of the tank and eat worms and small insects. So you see, I have plenty to keep me occupied at home when I'm not dancing. Obviously, I spend a lot of time at our computers, studying linedance (and playing Solitaire).

Enjoy your time off doing whatever makes you happy and come back refreshed and ready to do it all again.
Di xx

Coming soon



TUES 7 NOV Class as usual with Melbourne Cup theme. No sweep, we finish in plenty of time if you want to make it to a club or venue to watch the cup.

SAT 18 NOV SCOTTISH theme social at Tele Pt 11am till 2. Please bring a plate. This our annual social for St Andrew's Day so see *how Scottish you can go*. Prizes. More details on Page 1.

MON 27 NOV & TUES 28 NOV Last classes for 2023. Small break up party. Please wear something bright or Christmassy for end of year photo.

SAT 2 DEC Christmas social at Tele Pt.. 11 till 2. Details front page and in class. All welcome. Please contact Di if you need information.



There's heaps in the pipeline for 2024. Stay tuned.