

Diamonds 'n Denim Linedancers

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Our very best wishes for the festive season and beyond.

THANK YOU for your continuing friendship and support. Here's to a wonderful 2023 and exciting times with caring friends and loving family. Wishing you good health and all that makes you happy. Whatever you're doing, stay safe, stay well & keep smiling. See you in 2023

Di & Jim xx

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AND just like that, another year is almost over.



To recap our dance year, classes have gone smoothly without the constant interruptions of Covid. Socials and classes have been well attended and we have lovely new people dancing with us. Some have danced before, some are new to the area, and some are new beginners. Thank you for making them so welcome. Like ducks to water, they're all dancing well and know a lot of dances. We're so pleased you decided to join us.

I planned this year to revise more favourite Golden Oldies and less new dances. We've had a 50/50 mix of both old and new which seems to have been well received.

We've been busy with socials and outings. Our Sept 'Hawaiian' social was fun, as was October's 'Surf & Turf' theme. So many different ideas for fantastic outfits. Special thank you to our Kempsey friends for your support and friendship. We look forward to our socials for many reasons, one of which is catching up with friends.

Maitland Muster has been and gone. It was so good to be back among friends from away after missing the last 2 years due to Covid. Local Hunter Shanon Dickson DJ'd the first day and put everyone at ease with his casual but professional approach. He taught one of his new dances, which we've since learned in class. John & Jennifer Hughes from Sydney took the evening session with Ian Trembath and Paul McQueen from Forster rocking Sunday. I could fill pages here but as they say 'you had to be there'. Next year, eh? Big thank you to host and co-ordinator Pearl Mansfield who took on a massive job and totally nailed it!

COMING UP
NEXT!

COMING UP on Sat 19 Nov is our **Scottish social** at Telegraph Point. Theme of course is Scottish so you can wear your family tartan or dress in the blue and white of the flag. We'll take 2 extra group photos, one tartan and one blue/white. You know you'll have to remind me on the day to do this!

Then there's our **Christmas** party/social on Sat 3 Dec at Kendall hall. All are welcome. We need numbers asap so please write 'Xmas' beside your name in the usual sign-in book if you are coming, and names of any guests. Your donations for our massive hamper raffle are rolling in. Debby & Ros from Kendall and Heather & Lyn from Port are collecting whatever you bring and will wrap and put together the hampers, then bring them along on the day. Thank you all for your help, generosity and your fabulous team work which always amazes me.

FINISH

2022 dancing finishes
at our party on 3 Dec.

START

2023 classes resume
on 9 & 10 Jan.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all, dear friends.

Di xx
4 Nov 2022





REVISION

Our 2022 NEW DANCES to 1st Nov have been:

1. COLD HEART.. Maddison Glover, Aus
2. ON THE BOARDWALK .. Kenneth Shaw, Aus
3. WHEN YOU DANCED WITH ME.. Runa, Denmark
4. LONG WAY 'ROUND.. Glenda Silver, Aus
5. LEAVE ME BREATHLESS.. Jun A & Duma KS, Ina
6. LOVE GROWS.. Maddison Glover, Aus
7. HOUSE ON FIRE.. Ria Vos, NL
8. TEXAS ECHO.. Rob Fowler, Spain
9. GREEN GREEN GRASS.. Karl-Harry Winson, UK
10. ALWAYS HUMBLE.. Willie Brown, Sco
11. LOVE IS A FIRE.. Kate Sala/Dee Musk/Shelly G, UK
12. BABY I'LL.. Gordon Elliott, Aus
13. LATIN FIRE.. Ria Vos, NL
14. ONE STEP FORWARD AB.. Di Andrews
15. DAMN SANDWICH.. Wayne Beazley, Aus
16. SEEK, no more!.. Kenneth Shaw, Aus
17. IT'S AUTOMATIC.. Helen Ng, Aus
18. REMEMBER THIS.. Maddison Glover, Aus
19. DIGGIN' FOR GOLD.. Kenneth Shaw, Aus
20. STORM & STONE .. Maddison Glover, Aus
21. PILLOWS.. Linda Burgess, Aus (Beg)
22. BOTTOM OF THE BOTTLE.. Gary O'Reilly, Ireland
23. CHARLIE'S SHOES.. Marilyn Bycroft, Aus
24. SUNDOWN SOMEWHERE.. Shanon Dickson & Or.

★ BEGINNER ★

Other beginner dances, mostly popular Golden Oldies, are as listed on our 2022 Beginner CDs 1 & 2.



NOV

Pauline Brennan	07
Claire Greentree	26
Margaret McNeil	26

DEC

Joanne Robinson	7
Shirley Barnes	8



ALIBIS.. Rosalie Mackay, Aus
 MARLEY'S DANCE.. Kate Simpkin, Aus
 WAVES OF LOVE.. Gary O'Reilly, Ire
 HOT TAMALES.. Neil Hale, US
 HOT TAMALES JNR.. Jo Thompson/ JR
 LONELY DRUM .. Darren Mitchell, Aus
 NO MATTER WHAT.. Fred Knopp, Aus
 SILK & SATIN.. Evelyn Khinoo, US
 POT O' GOLD.. Liam Hrycan, UK
 AMANDA.. B. Mundrell / C Gardner, Aus
 EVERGREEN.. Karen Hunn, UK
 JAMBALAYA.. Ian St Leon, Aus
 BICYCLE WALTZ, Peter Heath, Aus
 I WALK THE LINE.. Ree Paterson, Aus
 WEST TEXAS WALTZ.. Terry Hogan, Au
 I REMEMBER.. Tracie Lee Murray, Aus
 THAT'S NICE.. Peter Fry, Aus
 THAT'S NICE & EASY.. Di Andrews, Au
 LITTLE MISS ROSIE.. Tracie Lee Murray
 LITTLE ROSIE AB.. Di Andrews
 SWAY.. Carl Sullivan, Aus
 98.6 .. Carol McKee, Aus
 BUDAPEST.. Rosalie Mackay, Aus
 FALLIN' FOR YOU.. Carl Sullivan, Aus
 AMAME.. Robbie McGowan Hickie d.
 EZ WALTZ.. Juliet Lam, US
 IT'S ONLY NATURAL.. M. Warren, Aus



Our classes



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

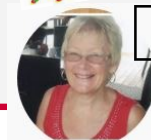
Port Macquarie Rotary Hall .. (198 Hastings River Dr)

1. Beginners 11 - 12
2. Intermediate 12 - 1 pm

Still \$10 pp with free tea/coffee break.



Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!



Our YOUTUBE





ROZ (EVANS) AHMET

I was born in Kempsey, number 4 of 7 children, 3 girls, 4 boys. Unfortunately we never grew up together as my parents separated when I was 7 yrs old.

After 12 months in Cowper Orphanage, my younger sister & I were fostered by our next door neighbour Mrs Avery and her husband Sam. Sam passed away when I was 12 but I continued to live with Mrs Avery in Kempsey until I moved to Sydney when I was 18.

My first job in Kempsey was with Kempsey Toyota where I worked from age 16 to 18.

I followed my boyfriend, who was from Telegraph Point, to Sydney where I met up with my mother. I married in 1973. I have one son, Luke, from my first marriage.

In 1990 I married my 2nd husband Emir. Emir and I discovered linedancing in 1993; we were both hooked. In 2003 after performing a line dance demo we saw a clogging group performing. We decided we might like that too and so began our journey into clogging. Our life was filled with linedancing and clogging; meeting some wonderful people who still are part of my family.

Unfortunately in 2008 my husband passed away after a 6 year battle with cancer. In 2020 I retired after 50 yrs and 4 mths of living and working in Sydney.

I didn't realise I liked to travel until I was asked to join my clogging friends on a trip to Europe back in 2016. I was hooked and managed to get in trips to USA and Canada before Covid hit.

My son married a girl from Wauchope. They have 2 children Chad 14 and Lacey 13. We decided to sell up in Sydney and move to the country. How fortunate we were to find a house on 2.5 acres in Yippin Creek. The shed was converted to a granny flat for me.

I am so lucky to be able to continue linedancing up this way. The only downside is no clogging classes at this stage. My family tells me I have a busier social life than them.



Ed note: As I write, Ros is interstate at clogging workshops & socials. Last weekend she linedanced at socials for three days during the Maitland Muster, then followed up with classes in Port and Camden Haven throughout the week. Just wow!

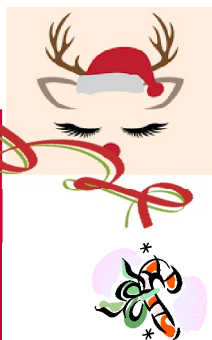


Roz is the last in our series 'WHO ARE WE?' - a special 2022 feature aimed at better understanding those friends who we don't *really* know even though we stand next to them on the dance floor week after week.

Thank you to our lovely friends who shared their life and passions with us:

Marie Roberts	Mar / Apr
Kenneth Shaw	May / Jun
Sue Pike	Jul / Aug
Sue Moore	Sep / Oct
Roz Ahmet	Nov / Dec





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Christmas is a busy time for us with siblings, our kids, grandkids and great grandies. Generations overlap and 5 great-grandkiddies are much the same age as the 4 youngest grandkids.

To keep him sane, Jim has his music and jamming with friends. As well as linedancing, our joint interests include gardening and fish-keeping.

We've been tidying up the yard and replanting. Jim does all the mowing and heavy digging. I weed, plant and tell him what to do!

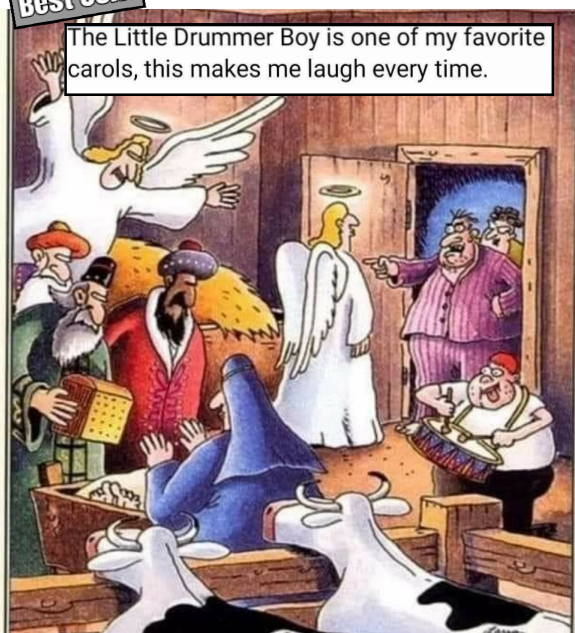
And then there's the fish obsession! We started with one 20 litre tank and now have fish tanks lining both walls of the lounge room; ie 2 x 4ft tanks and 5 x 2ft, all running on canister filters, and 4 x 20ltr fry tanks with sponge filters. The bigger fish have names. Caramel Jnr is an albino bristlenose, who along with Big Mama, have 40 fry. Super & Red are also bns. Tubby is an overweight goldfish, one of 4. 'The puppies' are 9 peacock cichlids in a 4ft tank who come when called. That's just some. Tropical fish are relaxing and fun to keep, but we have waaay too many.

Enjoy your family and pets, do whatever works for you and have fun over the silly season. We'll be back on the dance floor before we know it. xx

Di & Jim

Best Joke

The Little Drummer Boy is one of my favorite carols, this makes me laugh every time.



"Look buddy, we live next door and all night long we've been putting up with the singing angels, the crying baby, the stinking frankincense and that big bright star. But I tell you, that damn pa-rum-pa-rum-pum-pumming has gotta stop."



SAT 19 NOV Annual Scottish theme social for St Andrew's Day at Tele Pt 11-2 pm. All welcome.

MON 28 NOV Last class at Kendall for 2022. **TUES 29 NOV** Last class at Port for 2022

SAT 3 DEC Christmas social at Kendall hall, 11-2. Information sheet on sign-in desk.

MON 9 JAN 23 **Classes resume.**

