

# Diamonds 'n Denim Linedancers

Port Macquarie & Camden Haven NSW

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Rollercoaster? No., probably more of a race track with speed bumps; that's how I'd describe our fast moving year so far.

We've had so much happening in this, our 25th year. No plans yet for our silver celebration but early next year is looking good. February will be the 25th anniversary of the registration of Diamonds 'n Denim.

Recapping our recent events; our annual 'craic' Irish social was in March (photo below). Not all dances were 'fast' Irish and we'd revised some old favourites in class so the floor was full most of the time.

Some of us followed our own St Patrick's Day social with a very wet but wonderful visit to DJ lan. It was his Irish social at Stockton, where, as always, we were made very welcome and felt quite at home on the dancefloor. Good times with good friends; you can't beat it.

Easter at the end of the month brought the usual holiday influx of visitors to the area and there were plenty of 'touristy' things to do. The weather hasn't always been kind, with heavy rain, even hail, at times making travel to class difficult. We can't complain though, the garden loves it and it's better than drought!

April was our beautiful 'Floral' social at Telegraph Pt with everyone dressed for the occasion. Thank you so much once again for making the effort to embrace our themes. Our social photos and videos are always put up on Facebook following an event so check them all out if you haven't already.



As I write the IRONMAN is about to get underway and Port is swamped with visitors as well as competitors. Supporting family and friends come from all over the world to our beautiful area. The Ironman, and other major sporting events, make a very welcome PORT MACQUARIE financial boost to local businesses. Road closures of course are a nuisance but we're always given plenty of media notice so one can work around it.

Speaking of road closures, Kendall hall has been disrupted by the upgrade of major streets in Kendall. It was finished in record time, looks great and parking at the hall is much improved. On the downside, it's always disappointing when we have to cancel class.



Our May social has been cancelled. The annual traditional Country & Western theme has now moved to Sat 20 July, our next social. Please mark your calendars.

On Sat 25 May, we'll be joining Kempsey Linedancers' social to celebrate Shirley's 29th year of teaching. It will be a fun and happy day. There'll be plenty of dancing suitable for everyone, lots of laughs, good prizes and the usual abundance of yummy food. Again, beginners are most welcome. The theme is Coming pretty' so, as Shirley said, that leaves a wide scope for you. Car share with friends. It's an easy pleasant drive up the highway now and parking isn't a problem.

Finally, a heads up that in future we'll have school & public holidays off.



Nice 'talking' to

See you on the dancefloor.

3 May 2024

Our very green St Patrick's Day social.



Dances taught in April & May

## NEW





### Beginner / Improver Split floors—1st hour

TILL I WAS LOVED BY YOU.. F & B Pointer, Vic, AU PEACHES & CREAM.. Peter Metelnick & Alison Biggs, UK WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY BED.. Linda Pink, Vic A FEW BEERS AGO.. Dee Palmer, USA

AH SI.. Rita Masur, CAN

#### Intermediate / Improver

TIPPIN' IT UP.. Gary O'Reilly, Ire DREAM IN YOUR ARMS..Wendy Prattley, NZ A STORY TOLD.. Kate Sala, UK THE BALLET GIRL.. Jan Nielsen, Denmark

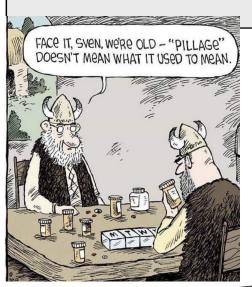


### **Oldies retaught**

TAKE A BREATHER.. Maggie Gallagher, UK JUST A MEMORY.. John Dean & Maggie Gallagher, UK THE LITTLE SHIRT.. Audrey Watson, Sco **COME DANCE WITH ME.. Jo Thompson, USA** SO GOOD IN LOVE.. Gordon Elliott, Syd ONE GOOD REASON.. Su Swanson, NZ

**CAUGHT IN THE ACT.. Ann Wood, UK** 

**LONELY DRUM.. Darren Mitchell** 

















Have a look at our YouTube channel.

# The Dance Floor

Where home life doesn't matter Where worries disappear Where the soul is free Where smiles are natural Where we are our true selves. Where nothing matters but you and the music.

The dance floor is FREEDOM

### **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.

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