

**DANCE IN A SQUARE  
MAKE A  
NEW CIRCLE  
OF FRIENDS.**

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*Our Home*

WEEKLY PROGRAM AT A GLANCE FOR OF 2019	
Monday	Plus: 7.00 - 9.00 pm (Little Hall) <b>Clogging 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm</b>
Tuesday	Combination of Learning Mainstream & Mainstream Workshop 7.00 - 9.00 pm
Thursday	<b>Clogging</b>

**Suncoasters Dance Programme**  
**1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
Plus at 7.00 pm Mainstream & Rounds from 7.30 pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021	
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Social Dance/BYO Lunch
<b>July 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO DANCES THESE MONDAYS OR TUESDAYS</b>
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday "Pyjama Party" Theme
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	36 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "The Centre"
<b>August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO DANCES THESE MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS</b>
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Meeting at 4.00 pm
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday "Orange" Theme
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	A.G.M at 3.00 pm Dance at 7.00 pm
November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO DANCES</b>

**Dance Venues.**  
Saturday and Tuesday Dance Sessions  
in the Large Hall.  
Monday and Clogging in the Smaller Hall  
(The Fairy Castle)

**THE CALLING TEAM**

Squares	Rounds & Clogging
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## ***GREETINGS SUNCOASTERS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.***

**OUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS** were successful and well supported under the circumstances. Even with the reluctance with interstate travel we were pleased to have visitors from New South Wales, ACT, Tasmania and South Australia as well as other parts of Queensland. I was personally inspired by the enthusiasm for the significance of the occasion. Even members who had been dancing for a short time realised and celebrated the contribution made by hundreds of former and present members whose dedications and support ensured that we have collectively reached this milestone.

The choice of the “50+1” concept was an unexpected bonus. After the disappointment of cancellation in 2020 this gave renewed motivation.

We had so much help and so many offers of assistance I dare not list our helpers, but I want to sincerely thank everyone for the efforts and offers. We really did put on a good weekend and enjoyed by all. I was also pleased to share the programme with a great bunch of callers.

**CLUB MEETINGS:** Our Committee appreciate the support from members at our meetings and needs your input to plan the best possible programme of dancing and events for everyone. Our meeting last week was one of the most inspiring and enjoyable for quite some time and there seems to be a renewed enthusiasm coming out of COVID and into our future after 50 years.

You'll find the results of our meeting throughout this Newsletter.

**MONDAY PLUS:** We've welcomed a few new members who started learning Plus before the COVID shutdown and now have joined successfully. We have a great group and there is lots of laughter. The small hall is proving a great venue and we're helping another group who suffered because COVID caused the closure of their venue. Another advantage has been the

extra rent used to provide improved outside lighting.

**TUESDAY BASIC/MAINSTREAM:** We appear to have lost nearly all the new starters we had before our short lockdown in March, despite regular reminders and requests. We are aiming for a new promotion in August but will still accept beginners at any time in a hope to boost our numbers.

Our regular “Angels” have been getting lots of revision and for many it's been a way to fill in some gaps from their first basic course.

A big thank you to all the helpers who come to make up the numbers and ensure we all have a much more enjoyable night and help with the teaching. Don't forget if you have paid your annual subscription for 2021 to request your free entry ticket when you come on Saturday night.

**JULY CHANGES:** Bev and Nev are excited to be asked to join son Ben and his partner on a family road trip in July. We must cancel several Monday and Tuesday night dances, but Saturday will not be interrupted thanks to assistance from Elaine.

**SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPERS:** Many are missing our “supper time” and a solution was found at our meeting. We are still restricted from having “self-serve” or shared platters but with a little organisation we've reached a compromise. Glenda will be the “supper co-ordinator”. Instead of everyone bringing food, Glenda will maintain a roster to ensure we have a selection of food that can be served. She will be looking for volunteers to share in providing the food offerings.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:** Not all our fun and enjoyment comes from dancing. Part of the attraction that square dancing holds is the social aspect – meeting new friends, group activities and outings outside dancing and even after we are no longer able to dance, as well as travel that can involve or even revolve around square dance events.

Recent events have reminded us how much we have missed some of these aspects, so we are going to make an effort to bring some of them back. Our Saturday night supper is one of these. The basket tea between meetings and dancing is another. Many have missed the Wednesday dance sessions that provided social interaction as well as dancing. During 2020 we held several social days when dancing was not allowed. These were very successful and popular.

We are planning to hold an occasional Wednesday lunch and dance for anyone who wants to join in. Our first will be Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 11 am till 1.00 pm. We will do some dancing, but we want everyone to bring their own lunch to give us all a chance to socialise even for those who do not wish to dance at all. You can bring family or friends who don't dance or invite acquaintances with no pressure to dance. There will be no fee, but we will just ask for a gold coin donation to cover costs of the hall and tea and coffee milk etc.

Those who no longer dance are invited to come along too. Remember, we can't share food unless we use tongs and physically serve it to others.

**HERVEY BAY STATE CONVENTION 2021:** It's not too late to register. If you can't find a form, get in touch. Glenda is organising dancers for the Dressed Set parade with costumes that the club has purchased for previous events.

**2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Early bird registration closes 30<sup>th</sup> June. The best way to register is online. It's easy and helpful for the organisers. If you need the link or a paper registration form, just get in touch. Get in before the price rise. Refunds will be available in the event it does not go ahead.


**CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We always hold it on the first Saturday of December.


The proceeds of raffles from all our dances are allocated to the event and if there is a shortfall there will be a charge for the night.

The decision was made to self-cater for this year's Christmas Dinner, just as we used to do many years ago. It won't just be finger food; it will be a full dinner.

A committee will be formed specifically to organise the night, formulating a menu and designating who will provide the various dishes needed. Some of the hot food will be prepared here at the Centre. It will be a real team event and give members a chance to contribute to its success.

The committee will be formed at a special meeting probably in August/September and everyone will be invited to take part.

**HELPING HAND:**  We have a member in Cooroy who needs assistance with night-time transport to dances and is willing to contribute costs. Please get in touch if you can help.

 Our Caretaker assistants Steve and Lyn are away for several months assisting their daughter in Western Australia who has a serious illness. If you have any time to assist in our gardens your help would be greatly appreciated. Now that the gardens and grounds are looking so good it would be a shame to see them go backwards.

**ADVANCED DANCING:** I have been asked to recommence the Advanced sessions. I am only interested if there is some advantage for our club. If we resume it will be on a Saturday before our regular dance and dancers will be expected to support our club night. The earliest we could start is September. If interested let me know.

2021	JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
SUN					1	
MON		Plus Little Hall			2	NO DANCE
TUE	1	Basic Mainstream			3	NO DANCE
WED	2				4	
THUR			1			
FRI	4		2		6	
SAT	5	Suncoasters	3	Suncoasters	7	Suncoasters
SUN	6		4		8	
MON	7	Plus Little Hall	5	Plus Little Hall	9	NO DANCE
TUE	8	Basic Mainstream	6	Basic Mainstream	10	NO DANCE
WED	9		7		11	
THU			8			
FRI	11		9		13	
SAT	12		10		14	state convention hervey bay
SUN	13		11		15	
MON	14	Plus Little Hall	12	NO DANCE	16	
TUE	15	Basic Mainstream	13	NO DANCE	17	NO DANCE
WED	16		14		18	
THU			15			
FRI	18		16		20	
SAT	19	Suncoasters	17	Suncoasters	21	Meeting at 4 pm and Suncoasters Dance
SUN	20		18		22	
MON	21	Plus Little Hall	19	NO DANCE	23	Plus Little Hall
TUE	22	Basic Mainstream	20	NO DANCE	24	Basic Mainstream
WED	23		21		25	
THU			22		26	
FRI	25		23		27	
SAT	26		24		28	
SUN	27		25		29	
MON	28	Plus Little Hall	26	NO DANCE	30	Plus Little Hall
TUE	29	Basic Mainstream	27	NO DANCE	31	Basic Mainstream
WED	30	<b>SOCIAL DANCE</b>	28			
THU			29			
FRI			30			
SAT			31	5th Saturday "Pyjama Party"		
SUN						

MON					
<b>2021</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		<b>OCTOBER</b>		<b>NOVEMBER</b>
<b>SUN</b>					
MON					1 Plus Little Hall
TUE					2 Basic Mainstream
WED	1				3
THUR	2				
FRI	3		1		5
<b>SAT</b>	4	<b>Suncoasters</b>	2	<b>Suncoasters</b>	6 <b>Suncoasters</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>7</b>
MON	6	Plus Little Hall	4	Plus Little Hall	8 Plus Little Hall
TUE	7	Basic Mainstream	5	Basic Mainstream	9 Basic Mainstream
WED	8		6		10
THU					
FRI	10		8		12
<b>SAT</b>	11		9		13
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>14</b>
MON	13	Plus Little Hall	11	Plus Little Hall	15 Plus Little Hall
TUE	14	Basic Mainstream	12	Basic Mainstream	16 Basic Mainstream
WED	15		13		17
THU					
FRI	17		15		19
<b>SAT</b>	18	<b>Suncoasters</b>	16	<b>Suncoasters</b>	20 <b>AGM AT 3.00 PM AND DANCE at 7.00 pm</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>21</b>
MON	20	Plus Little Hall	18	Plus Little Hall	22 Plus Little Hall
TUE	21	Basic Mainstream	19	Basic Mainstream	23 Basic Mainstream
WED	22		20		24
THU					
FRI	24		22		26
<b>SAT</b>	25		23		27
<b>SUN</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>28</b>
MON	27	Plus Little Hall	25	Plus Little Hall	29 NO DANCE
TUE	28	Basic Mainstream	26	Basic Mainstream	30 NO DANCE
WED	29		27		
THU	30		28		
FRI			29		<b>DECEMBER</b>
<b>SAT</b>			30	<b>5th Saturday Theme for the night "Orange"</b>	4 <b>Suncoasters Xmas Party</b>
<b>SUN</b>			<b>31</b>		

