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WEEKLY PROGRAM AT A GLANCE FOR OF 2018

Monday	Learn to Round Dance 6.30 pm Plus: 7.30 - 9.30 pm Clogging 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm
Tuesday	Combination of Learning Mainstream & Mainstream Workshop 7.00 - 9.30 pm
Wednesday	Mainstream & Plus Workshop 12.00 noon - 2.30 pm

Suncoasters Dance Saturday

1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday
Rounds at 7.00 pm
Mainstream at 7.30 pm

SPECIAL THEME NIGHTS FOR 2018

March 17 th	St Patricks Day
March 31 st	Theme Night Easter
May 19 th	48 th Birthday Night Hawaiian Theme
June 16 th	True Blue Reunion
June 30 th	Country and Western
July 20 th - 22 nd	State Convention here at Centre
September 2	Theme Night TBA

THE CALLING TEAM

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Our home

Greetings All

We hope that all of our Suncoasters members and friends who dance with us and those who have an interest in our club but may not see us too often, have had a happy start to the New Year and are able to continue to enjoy and support this wonderful activity.

Our club, like many in Australia and around the world, have suffered a slump in support in the last 10 years but we have consolidated our position with a core group of avid supporters who, by their regular attendance, ensure that our future is positive.

COMMITTEE AND HELPERS:

Our AGM was postponed from November until March this year and we had a very successful set of meetings on Saturday 3rd before a very hot and humid dance night, well supported under the circumstances considering the number who are unwell.

A lot of our committee remains the same as last year and it is encouraging to see members stepping up to take over from those who are unable to continue. As you'll read in my annual report we congratulate those who have taken on responsibilities to guide our club as we get closer to our 50th birthday in 2020.

We have taken a major step forward by updating our constitution and bylaws and these have now been approved by the Justice Department. Copies are always available on request. It was great to have pre-nominations for some committee positions and others who were willing to continue while offering to step down if someone else stepped up with a nomination. Our Committee now consists of:-

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR	Nev McLachlan
PRESIDENT:	Lorraine Keenan
VICE PRESIDENT	Mandy Silva
SECRETARY	Bev McLachlan
TREASURER	Grace Reinhardt

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Immediate Past President	June McCarthy
Assistant Treasurer	Annette Reinhardt

Publicity	Pam Edwards
Historian	Pam Edwards
Monday Rep	Mandy Silva
Tuesday Rep	Janice Gaddes
Wednesday Rep	Lorraine Keenan
Saturday Rep	Lorraine Keenan
BWMCA Rep	June McCarthy
Rounds & Clogging Rep	Bev McLachlan
Centre Rep	Nev McLachlan

CLUB MEETING 3RD MARCH:

As I said above our meetings on Saturday 3rd were very successful. We discussed results of events last year and how we could improve them. We discussed plans for future events and those coming up in the near future are expanded below. It was great to get input from members with constructive ideas and offers to assist.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 17TH:

It's good when a special day falls on a club night allowing us to use the theme for a little variety. We'd like everyone to dress up in green or some other Irish costume, any kilts out there, leprechauns? Try to be imaginative with contributions for supper too. We'll have some green drinks.

There will be no Rounds so PLUS will start the night at 7.00 pm. Bev offers her apologies but she will be away Clogging for the week-end.

EASTER SATURDAY 31ST MARCH:

This falls on the 5th Saturday and it's perfect for a special dance.

Afternoon Session of Plus and "A"
From 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Costing \$ 8.00 per person

Night Session of Rounds from 7.00 pm
And Mainstream from 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm
Costing \$ 8.00 per person

We invite everyone to bring a basket tea and stay for the mainstream dance at night.

We'd love a little help at noon to put up a few Easter decorations please.

APRIL 21ST - 24TH : Previously cancelled dances but now back on the program with Frances McAlister calling.

CLUB 48TH BIRTHDAY MAY 19TH:

Please support this night for a lot of fun. The theme will be **HAWAIIAN** commencing at 6.00 pm with a HAPPY HOUR for drinks and nibbles supplied by our club and the cake cutting before dancing commences at 7.00 pm. We'll have a few surprises and competitions during the night so be prepared to part with some small change for raffles. We will not have the usual booking forms but tables will be set up as usual so you can sit with your friends.

JUNE 16TH RED, WHITE AND BLUE:

Special featuring Dave Vieira from the USA. Dave was here for the National in Buderim in 2016 and we're welcoming Dave and wife Michele back for 2 weeks in June. They will be based here at the centre and calling Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturday 16th June. We're promoting this as our 'TRUE BLUE REUNION' as our theme for the National in 2016 was "TRUE BLUE". There will be an afternoon Plus and Advanced session followed by the Mainstream evening dance.

Dress to theme and try to be imaginative with a contribution for supper.

30th JUNE – 5th SATURDAY:

Elaine Davis is the feature caller and theme will be Country and Western.

JULY 20TH – 22ND STATE Convention:

Our Centre has been chosen as the venue and organisation is by the Queensland Callers Association. Suncoasters will have the responsibility of the Raffles which will supplement our fund raising in compensation for missing out on our normal club dance.

It will be a multidraw raffle so we need lots of donations please.

Look in the BUGLE for your registration for this event. Forms also located on the notice board.

We would like to see as many dressed sets as possible in the grand parade and for those who do not have one of our club outfits there is the possibility of borrowing from other members or wearing some of the club owned outfits. Any volunteers for a coordinator?

4TH AUGUST CENTRE ANNIVERSARY:

Our Centre is 33 years old this year and we'll celebrate with a special day and night dance, inviting many of our past members and visitors from the past years.

ASSISTING CALLERS:

As we said in the December Newsletter we're endeavouring to cover all of our dance sessions while we are away this year. There's good news for the coming months. Bev and I will be leaving on Sunday 8th April, heading for the ARDA Round Dance Conference and National Square Dance Convention. All going well we will have a slow trip home to be back for Mother's Day and our Club's birthday on the 19th May. During this absence Elaine will call Monday PLUS (except 23rd April when she will be in Perth). Frances McAlister will be calling ALL Tuesday nights. Frances has had many years' experience and called for the Northern Waves in Lismore since 2008. She has been very recently made redundant from her employment and is eager to travel and call in different areas. We look forward to seeing Frances and husband John at Easter for a familiarization with our club and local area. Frances is very familiar with the area being a member of the Queensland Callers Association and visiting most big dance functions in Brisbane. John has a son living on Bribie Island.

Frances will also fill in on Saturday 21st April and Monday 23rd while Elaine is in Perth.

Elaine will continue as caller for the Wednesday Workshop sessions.

We have a variety of callers for our Saturday nights including Elaine and Matthew Mills from Bundaberg.

BEGINNERS:

This year we've seen the biggest response for a few years and even though we're only a few weeks into our program we're very optimistic and wish to welcome all who have returned for more fun.

Thanks to all our helpers who assist on Tuesday nights. You certainly make it easier to keep our new dancers moving and learning.

Having Frances to continue our Tuesday program has certainly taken a big load from my mind.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

At the Club meeting one of our members commented on how we all have to take more responsibility at the end of our dance sessions. There are always jobs that have to be done and although I am happy to clean and put away when I call for the dance sessions, our dancers have to ensure our hall is left clean and tidy. Especially when we have a visiting Caller. There are never any serious problems but we expect all hall users to leave the venue clean and tidy. When someone follows us in the hall and finds dirty cups and glasses, crumbs on the floor and dirty sink then they see little need to clean thoroughly and a problem soon develops and spirals. We need others to assist before going home by checking that everything is as it should be and if you're not sure how that is, shadow someone else or just ask.

SASHES:

Bev Blythman has gone to a lot of trouble to clean and sort our sashes. She has provided containers, 1 for the clean and fresh sashes and another for used sashes. She's happy to look after them but requests that used sashes be put in the correct container to keep the others fresh and clean.

TOWELS AND TEA TOWELS:

We have plenty in the kitchen in marked containers and are grateful to those who take towels, tea towels and tablecloths home to wash. Please ensure they are all returned to the correct containers so that vermin and dust doesn't contaminate them. If you appreciate clean hand towels in the toilets or if you put fresh ones in please remember to retrieve them after the dance so they can be washed. We don't leave them in the toilets for all others to use.

BUGLE AND REVIEW:

The Bugle is our monthly Queensland State newsletter and the Review is our National newsletter published each Quarter. Both are free in digital format and, if requested, we can supply a hard copy (on your renewal form) If you find you are not receiving them please let us know.

NOTICEBOARDS:

We have upgraded our Noticeboards and will try to keep them topical and up to date. Please take some time regularly to see what's on display on our many display boards.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE:

We've had one this year already and raised \$ 1100.00 for the Centre. Another is due next week and we have enough volunteers. Thanks to those who have helped. You are providing valuable assistance to Suncoasters as the profits are used to supplement our rent payments to the Centre. Without this income Suncoasters would have to find more to cover the higher rent that would need to be charged to us.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

We have been asked if membership fees can be direct deposited into Suncoasters Account. We don't have a problem BUT the Membership form must be returned and your deposit receipt number MUST be written on the Membership Form for reconciliation purposes. A new form will be designed for next year with a place for you to add this information

Club details as follows

Account Name: Suncoasters Square Dance Club Inc.

BSB Number: 064 406

Account Number: 00902942

Bank: Commonwealth

The membership form seems complicated but we try to make it as easy as possible for you to renew by giving you the details you have previously provided and asking only that you update any changes, sign and return.

ROUNDS AND CLOGGING CLASSES:

A new group has started on a Monday Night with Rounds and they are learning to jive.

If interested in learning to clog that class has changed to a Monday afternoon.

See Bev if interested in either of these activities.

019 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN DELORAINIE TASMANIA.

We hope to have a dressed set go to this National to continue our tradition as in most recent cases we have supplied the only Queensland Set in the Parade. If going let Bev know so that we can start thinking. The theme is DIAMOND, SPARKLES, BLING

DIRECTORS REPORT PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SUNCOASTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, INC. SATURDAY 3rd MARCH 2018

2017 has been a year of mixed results and emotions.

Once again Bev and I have spent considerable time away from home leaving the club in the capable hands of our committee, helpers and callers. We are indebted to Gary's commitment to Suncoasters as Co-Caller until his departure in October and wish him well going into a new phase of his life. This will leave a big hole in our program in the future as Bev and I wish to continue with our plans to travel to Square Dance functions and visits to our family overseas.

We are also very grateful for the support from Elaine Davis in continuing our Monday PLUS nights and to those who have assisted her with transport. Thanks also to Kay Walker for filling in on a recent Saturday night where Gary was not able to call at the last minute.

Congratulations are extended to all of our Committee, our volunteers, helpers and callers for the successful continuation of our club activities without disruption.

Attempts at bringing new members to the club through the year has had limited success and we welcome those who have completed or in the process of working through our basic and mainstream lists.

Our Reunion in August was a great success and we are immensely pleased to welcome back some members who have not danced for several years.

Our Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays received good support and acceptance and these should continue in the future.

It was pleasing to see good support for our visits to Society functions through bus trips. We hope this continues.

While we are grateful for the support of our many helpers and volunteers I feel that too much is being left to the few and I would like to request and throw out a challenge to all members to make a renewed effort in 2018 to strengthen our club through service as well as support. We offer our members more than most other clubs in the country and we need more help to continue our varied and exciting program. All I can say is if you want good things to continue or if you want to see changes you must be prepared to get in and see it through by participating, planning and offering to assist.

Our venue, The Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre, is a separate entity to Suncoasters Square Dance Club but our partnership is one of co-dependence and as a club we pledge our support and the support of every member to the prosperity of Our Centre.

We are planning some changes to our dance schedule for 2018 but be assured that we are not closing any of our sessions. Some may change and some may even go into recess for a few weeks at a time but all will continue.

In closing I would like to move acceptance of this report along with a vote of thanks to our Committee for 2017 and to those who will serve in 2018.

At this time, we do not have any members to nominate for 10-year membership.

2017 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year our Club Suncoasters Square Dance Club Inc., have been very fortunate with the continued support from our Members and for this I offer thanks and appreciation to all.

In January 2017, during a very hot summer, the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre Inc. was used by the QCA for a weekend of Caller Training. On the Saturday night "For One Night Only" Steve Turner and his friends presented great music, calling and dancing which all in attendance enjoyed immensely.

Our 2017 year started with the summer "Come n Try" classes for beginners commencing in February with a "Come and Try bring a Friend" Saturday night dance. We enjoyed 8 new visitors to our Club who joined in the fun night and intro to square dancing. This night was well supported by our regulars and we had one beginner dancer complete the 10-week program ending in May. Unfortunately, this person has not been able to continue because she relocated to New Zealand. We continue trying to encourage new dancers.

On Saturday 20th May 2017 we celebrated the 47th Birthday of Suncoasters Square Dance Club Inc. with a theme night starting with the letter "S". This night was well supported with some great costumes and colour. Only 3 years to go to our 50th celebration.

A major highlight of the year was the Re-Union on Saturday 5th August when we celebrated the 32nd Anniversary of the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre Inc. and a Re-Union of Past and Present Members. 105 Members and Friends attended the "Afternoon Tea" Social and the Night Dance. It was an extraordinary event for our Club and listening to old friends as they entered often the words said "So good to see you again.....". We welcomed former Councillor Don Culley, and Ada Latcham who were great supporters of our Club. I am sure everyone enjoyed the ambience, the friendships and many conversations filling in the missing years. Congratulations to the organizing Committee and all the volunteers for their work and support.

At the beginning of April 2017 many of us commenced our journey to the 58th National Square Dancing Convention being held over the Easter weekend in Bendigo Victoria. It was a memorable event full of fun, laughter, great music, dancing and from all reports everyone really enjoyed themselves.

I am sure all of you join with me in wishing Gary Petersen safe travels and God Bless as he departs our Club and the State of Queensland on his next life journey to Western Australia. We give our heartfelt thanks for the past 5 plus years of your great music, calling, dancing and the fun times we have all enjoyed together.

On behalf of all our Members and Visitors, I would like to offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Nev, Bev, Gary and all Guest Callers for all the planning, programming and performing at our Club Nights during the 2017 year.

To all our volunteers throughout the year my sincere thanks and appreciation for your ongoing support, encouragement and work contributions.

Looking forward in 2018.

Many thanks.
Kindest regards,

Lorraine Keenan
President - Suncoasters Square Dance Club Inc.

2018	MARCH		APRIL		MAY	
SAT						
SUN						
SUN			1			
MON			2	Rds & Plus		
TUE			3	Basic Mainstream	1	Basic Mainstream
WED			4	Daytime Workshop	2	Daytime Workshop
THUR	1		5		3	
FRI	2		6		4	
SAT	3	AGM & Meeting at 3pm & SUNCOASTERS	7	Suncoasters	5	Suncoasters
SUN	4		8		6	
MON	5	Rds & Plus	9	Rds & Plus	7	Rds & Plus
TUE	6	Basic Mainstream	10	Basic Mainstream	8	Basic Mainstream
WED	7	Daytime Workshop	11	Daytime Workshop	9	Daytime Workshop
THU	8		12		10	
FRI	9		13		11	
SAT	10		14		12	
SUN	11		15		13	
MON	12	Rds & Plus	16	Rds & Plus	14	Rds & Plus
TUE	13	Basic Mainstream	17	Basic Mainstream	15	Basic Mainstream
WED	14	Daytime Workshop	18	Daytime Workshop	16	Daytime Workshop
THU	15		19	National Convnention Perth	17	
FRI	16		20		18	
SAT	17	Suncoasters St Patty Nite	21	Suncoasters Dance With Frances	19	48th Birthday Hawaiian
SUN	18		22		20	
MON	19	Rds & Plus	23	Plus with Frances	21	Rds & Plus
TUE	20	Basic Mainstream	24	Basic Mainstream	22	Basic Mainstream
WED	21	Daytime Workshop	25	NO DANCE	23	Daytime Workshop
THU	22		26		24	
FRI	23		27		25	
SAT	24		28		26	
SUN	25		29		27	
MON	26	Rds & Plus	30	Rds & Plus	28	Rds & Plus
TUE	27	Basic Mainstream			29	Basic Mainstream
WED	28	Daytime Workshop			30	Daytime Workshop
THU	29				31	
FRI	30					
SAT	31	S'COASTERS EASTER				
SUN						

2018	JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
SAT						
SUN						
SUN			1			
MON			2	Rds & Plus		
TUE			3	Basic Mainstream		
WED			4	Daytime Workshop	1	Daytime Workshop
THUR			5		2	
FRI	1		6		3	
SAT	2	Suncoasters	7	Meeting AT 4 pm & Suncoasters	4	32nd Anniversary
SUN	3		8		5	
MON	4	Rds & Plus	9	Rds & Plus	6	Rounds & Plus
TUE	5	Basic Mainstream	10	Basic Mainstream	7	Basic Mainstream
WED	6	Daytime Workshop	11	Daytime Workshop	8	Daytime Workshop
THU	7		12		9	
FRI	8		13		10	
SAT	9		14		11	
SUN	10		15		12	
MON	11	Rds & Plus	16	Rds & Plus	13	Rds & Plus
TUE	12	Basic Mainstream	17	Basic Mainstream	14	Basic Mainstream
WED	13	Daytime Workshop	18	Daytime Workshop	15	Daytime Workshop
THU	14		19		16	
FRI	15		20		17	
SAT	16	TRUE BLUE REUNION WATCH FOR DETAILS	21	STATE CONVENTION HERE	18	Suncoasters
SUN	17		22		19	
MON	18	Rds & Plus	23	Rds & Plus	20	Rds & Plus
TUE	19	Basic Mainstream	24	Basic Mainstream	21	Basic Mainstream
WED	20	Daytime Workshop	25	Daytime Workshop	22	Daytime Workshop
THU	21		26		23	
FRI	22		27		24	
SAT	23		28		25	
SUN	24		29		26	
MON	25	Rds & Plus	30	Rds & Plus	27	Rds & Plus
TUE	26	Basic Mainstream	31	Basic Mainstream	28	Basic Mainstream
WED	27	Daytime Workshop			29	Daytime Workshop
THU	28				30	
FRI	29				31	
SAT	30	THEME NIGHT COUNTRY & WESTERN				