



President's Report - December 2019

A few words from your President...

Hello everyone and welcome to the last newsletter for the year!! It's hard to think that in just a few weeks, we will be celebrating Christmas with our loved ones and seeing a new year roll in. This year has been filled with socials, workshops, fund raisers, competitions and travels. Skimming through the pages of the newsletter, it's been uplifting to see our line dancers continuing to bring joy to the dance floor. Happy smiles all around and boy, do we love a good dress up!!

The OneMusic group license agreement is being finalised for Professional members. Emails have been sent out and thank you to those of you who have responded. Stephen Paterson has been coordinating with OneMusic but a huge thank you must go to Jo Rosenblatt, President of the Queensland Line Dance Association who has paved the way for many other associations in liaising with OneMusic even before the VLDA came on board.

Christmas socials are well under way and with just a few more weeks of class, many instructors have taken to slowing down with teaching new dances and just revising. Having said that, Dance Fusion in Hobart is just around the corner (at the time of writing this report) and with the list of local and international instructors and choreographers leading off workshops and socials, I'm sure many won't mind learning new dances! I myself am personally looking forward to the weekend away... it's my time to step away from the office and recharge and reconnect with friends we sometimes see perhaps once a year and make new ones....maybe even while standing at the coffee machine!

The social calendar is packed to the brim with socials and Christmas functions, with many events slowing being 'sold out'. No shortage of places to visit for sure and I'm sure the January issue will be filled with lots of photos. A gentle reminder to keep sending your articles and photos to Cathryn... we all can't get around to every event so it is nice to see what people have been up to and enjoy the photos.

For those heading to Tamworth in January for the Australian Line Dance Championships and the Country Music Festival or just going away for the festive season, safe travels and all the best to those competing. Enjoy the time with family and friends and cherish those moments...my family live in Malaysia so this time of the year is often a little nostalgic and sad for me as I wish I could be with them, as must be the feeling for those whose families are across the miles too.

Wishing everyone love, joy and peace this Christmas and hope your life will be full of surprises and happiness in the year that's about to begin.

"Here's to a bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come and to the memories that we hold".

Sumi Sivalingam

VLDA President

