



President's Report - April 2021

A few words from your President...

Wow, where has the time gone! I can't believe it will be Easter soon and there's a hint of sadness in saying that as we would have been busy running the Good Friday marathon, catching up with friends, browsing the trading tables, getting our fair share of raffle tickets and for the die-hards, dancing from 10am to 8pm! It's certainly very disappointing that yet another event had to be cancelled due to restrictions on the numbers permitted on the dance floor.

We were not able to run the Portarlington Line Dance weekend but some line dancers still made their way to Portarlington for a weekend of rest and relaxation. Stephen Paterson organised an outdoor pop-up line dance session where our 'front wall' was the esplanade and the beautiful blue waters. About 40 people gathered for the impromptu session and it was certainly different dancing on the lawn but we had a great afternoon.

After over 12 years (on & off) of being the Newsletter Editor, Cathryn Proudfoot will be stepping down. Cathryn has been instrumental in keeping the newsletter afloat, especially during our 2020 lockdown when events and activities were cancelled and it was a challenge finding content, yet Cathryn found a way. Irregular shift work has also made it difficult for Cathryn to maintain her work-life-balance since moving home to NSW and having changes in her fulltime work hours. The VLDA would like to thank Cathryn for her dedication and support towards the VLDA and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

New VLDA committee member Diane Turnbull will be stepping up to take over the role of Newsletter Editor - thank you Diane.

STOP PRESS!! News just in - restrictions have been lifted which includes the capping of 50 people on the dance floor! This new development means we will now be able to organise and run the 25th Annual Gala Ball which was previously announced as being cancelled! Happy days indeed and the committee will have to swing into action quickly to get this event up and running. More details will follow in next month's issue from our Ball Coordinator Keith Davies. Great news indeed!

That's it from me this time around.

Keep well, enjoy your dancing and stay safe.

See you somewhere on the dance floor!

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VLDA President

