



# Victorian Square Dancing Association

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**The 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Square Dancing Association Inc.  
Annual General Meeting  
Sunday the 8th August 2010 at the Eley Park Community centre,  
Eley Road Blackburn South Victoria**

**Chaired By:** Carmel Sinclair – President.

**Minute Taker:** Kevin Thomas

**Meeting Opened at:** 2.07 pm

**Apologies:** *See attachment No: 01*

**Recognition of Delegates:** *See attachment No: 02*

**Confirmation of Minutes:** Of the 2009 VSDA Annual general meeting as published on our website at [www.vsda.org.au](http://www.vsda.org.au) and in the May/June 2010 edition of Squares Around Victoria.

**Moved by:** Maureen Venn **Seconded by:** Ian Shiell Carried

**Correspondence:** Nil received

**VSDA President's Report:**

Read by Carmel Sinclair.

*See attachment No: 03*

**Moved by:** Carmel Sinclair **Seconded by:** Dianne Morris

Carried

**Treasurer's Report:**

Distributed by John Van Delft,

*See attachment No: 04*

Only one question was asked and that was are the National Convention Funds included in this Report

The answer is no, The National account is completely separate from the VSDA Account. A more detailed break down is available by contacting the Treasurer ([treasurer@vsda.org.au](mailto:treasurer@vsda.org.au))

**Moved by:** John Van delft **Seconded by:** Ken Wain

Carried

**Publicity Officer's Report:**

Read By Mary Beerens.

*See attachment No: 05*

Jeanette Temple Thanked Mary for her work as Publicity Officer over the past nine years and assured her it was well done and not in vain.

**Moved by:** Mary Beerens **Seconded by:** Beverley Day

Carried

**SAV Editor's Report:**

Kevin Thomas (*Acting Editor*) read out the SAV Report

*See attachment No: 06*

**Moved by Kevin Thomas** **Seconded by:** Herb Doekes

Carried

**State Convention Report:** 2010 at Sale

None presented.

**Friendship officers Report:**

Read by Betty McLean.

*See Attachment No: 07*

Moved by Betty McLean **Seconded by** Barbara Treharne

Carried.

**VCA Report:**

Read By Janice Alexander VCA President

See attachment No: 08

**Moved by:** Janice Alexander **Seconded by:** Barbara Treharne

Carried.

**RDAV Report:**

Read By Patricia Saunder, President.

See attachment no: 09

Moved by: Patricia Saunder seconded by: Evelyn Westwood

Carried

**Returning Officer's Report and Election for vacancies.**

**Presented by:** Ken Falconer – returning officer

That the Committee for 2010 – 2011 at the close of voting was as follows

President	Allan Curtis
Vice President 1	Mark Kelly
Vice President 2	Carmel Sinclair
Treasurer	Vacant
Secretary	Kevin Thomas
Editor – Squares Around Victoria	Mary Beerens
Membership Officer	Judy Doekes-Pitt
Publicity Officer	Vacant
General Committee	Barbara Treharne Herb Doekes James Fellows Helen Curtis Ray Lilly

Nominations from the floor for the following positions were called.

Treasurer

John Van Delft Nominated By Mark Kelly Seconded by Ken Wain

John accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were received and John Van Delft was duly elected.

Publicity Officer: No nominations were received.  
The VSDA Committee will fill under the Casual vacancy rule.

General Committee (5 Positions)

Greig Wight Nominated by Ann Crossley Seconded by Ralph Weise

Grieg Accepted the Nomination.

Dianne Morris Nominated by Ian Becker Seconded by Mary Beerens  
Dianne accepted the nomination.

Ian Becker Nominated by: Dianne Morris Seconded by Eric Garvey Ian  
accepted the Nomination.

There being no more nominations, Greig Wight, Dianne Morris and Ian Becker were duly  
elected as General committee members.

The remaining two (2) vacancies the VSDA Committee will fill under the Casual vacancy  
rule.

At the close of the meeting the committee consisted of the following

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| <b>President:</b>                       | <b>Allan Curtis</b>        |
| <b>Vice President 1</b>                 | <b>Mark Kelly</b>          |
| <b>Vice President 2</b>                 | <b>Carmel Sinclair</b>     |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                        | <b>John Van Delft</b>      |
| <b>Secretary</b>                        | <b>Kevin Thomas</b>        |
| <b>Editor – Squares Around Victoria</b> | <b>Mary Beerens</b>        |
| <b>Editor – Square Dance Review</b>     | <b>Marion Brown</b>        |
| <b>Membership officer</b>               | <b>Judy Doekes-Pitt</b>    |
| <b>Publicity officer</b>                | <b>Vacant</b>              |
| <b>General Committee</b>                | <b>01 Barbara Treharne</b> |
|   | <b>02 Herb Doekes</b>      |
|   | <b>03 James Fellows</b>    |
|   | <b>04 Ray Lilly</b>        |
|   | <b>05 Helen Curtis</b>     |
|   | <b>06 Greig Wight</b>      |
|   | <b>07 Dianne Morris</b>    |
|   | <b>08 Ian Becker</b>       |
|   | <b>09 Vacant</b>           |
|   | <b>10 Vacant</b>           |

As the new President was not in attendance, the Vice President Mark Kelly thanked the returning officer for his work and then Introduced the new committee to the members.

**The Meeting Closed at:** 3.45pm

*Attachments:*

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| <i>01</i> | <i>Apologies</i>              |
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*Carmel Sinclair 293*  
*President*

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*Kevin Thomas 018*  
*Acting Secretary*



## VSDA 2010 AGM Attendance Record

Name	No:
Alan Temple	533
Alison Piper	280
Allen Bailes	157
Ann Crossley	594
Arian Weise	517
Barbara Treharne	19
Bernadette Young	314
Betty McLean	55
Beverley Day	181
Carmel Sinclair	293
Cheryl McKay	339
Christine Ramsay	303
Coralie Garvey	195
Deborah Layton	49
Dennis McKay	338
Dianne Morris	330
Don Barden	322
Donald Watson	518
Doona Young	311
Dorothy Waddington	46
Eddie Chong	334
Eic Garvey	196
Elaine Fry	87
Elsie Hulme	569
Evelyn Westwood	405
Flo Merrett	566
Frank Kennedy	306
Geofrey Owen	369
Glenice Eilers	281
Graham Jameson	145
Graham Llyod	301
Greig Wight	510
Herb Doekes	585
Ian Becker	35
Ian Shiell	547
James Fellows	76
James Perrett	554
Janette Temple	534

## VSDA 2010 AGM Attendance Record

Janice Alexander	614
Jean Wynn	241
Jenny Chong	331
Jenny Smith	299
Jenny Stevenson	133
Jenny Tingate	120
Jill Mizzi	563
Jim Piper	279
John Ravell	367
John Van Delft	324
Judy Doekes-Pitt	584
June lilly	256
Karen Brown	307
Kaye Woods	412
Keith Brock	262
Ken Wain	526
Kenneth Falconer	178
Kevin Thomas	18
Lorraine Nicol	70
Lyn Weise	515
Margaret Fyfe	277
Mark Kelly	392
Mary Beerens	606
Maureen Venn	21
Max Amor	40
Neil Wynn	261
Norm Keilour	300
Pat Saunder	1
Paula Wright	375
Phillip Venn	249
Ralph Weise	516
Ray Lilly	12
Raymond buttler	600
Robert Dorr	468
Robert Lane	394
Robert Woods	97
Robyn Timmers	211
Ron Mills	565
Rowland Crossley	593

## VSDA 2010 AGM Attendance Record

Scott Bannister	609
Sharon Lacey	326
Stan Gurman	135
Suzie Gurman	436
Wendy Kensey	329
Wendy Smith	78
Wes Wright	372
wndy McKenzie	99
Yvonne Sutton	537
<b>Total Members Attending = 86</b>	

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Dancers,

This is my last report as President of the Victorian Square Dance Association Inc. It has been a privilege to be able to represent the VSDA at club functions. I would not have been able to do my job, had it not been for the support from the rest of the committee, and from the encouragement from you the dancers. I do need to thank my partner Greig Wight for all his support and assistance over the 3 years. I do ask you all to give your support the new Committee.

With the upcoming Annual General Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> August, I do urge all of you to think about making a commitment and joining the VSDA, and help Square Dancing in Victoria move forward. There are some vacancies as general committee persons, so it would be great to see some new faces with some new ideas.

The Annual Dinner Dance is the next VSDA event. Talk to your Club Callers to attend and book your tables for a great night of fun and dancing, and enjoy a great meal. This will be a final tribute to Adrian Brown and a celebration of his life.

For the last time, I will look forward to seeing you somewhere on the dance floor.

Carmel Sinclair.

VSDA President.



## Audit Report

I have audited the Financial Records of the Victorian Square Dancing Association Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2010 consisting of the Cash Receipts and Disbursements Journals, Reconciliation reports, General Ledger details, Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet, together with the relevant supporting documents.

The Treasurer of the club is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial reports and the information they contain.

I have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Records and relevant documents in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether these records are free of any material discrepancies and to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

## Opinion

In my opinion, the Financial Records and reports of the Victorian Square Dancing Association Inc. have been accurately prepared and properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial state of affairs of the club for the year ended 30 June 2010.

Consideration should be given to moving the AGM to a later date to allow ample time for the Accounts and Audit to be completed.

## Qualification

It is noted that the Accounting period and Membership period are not synchronized. Therefore this has the affect of not providing a true financial result for the Accounting Period in question.

*For Thiele*

MAX THIELE FPNA

Auditor

Fellow Professional National Accountant – NTA

23 July 2010

In November 2009 the Dinner Dance was held in the Springvale Town Hall, which is again the venue for the 2010 Dinner Dance, now dedicated to Adrian Brown and his family, who have done a tremendous amount of work for the good of the VSDA and for square dancing in general. This year the theme is "A little ray of sunshine" with the colour yellow, which is the colour of the bushfire memorial ribbon. Although new dancers may not remember the family, it will still be a great sit-down dinner and dance. It will be an evening full of fun, prizes and enjoyable dancing.

The 2010 State Convention was held in Sale and we enjoyed a great weekend. The next State Convention will be held near Bendigo and if you are planning to attend the Convention, please be early with accommodation bookings. Bendigo will have a few other events on the calendar at the same weekend in March. Under the leadership of Mark Kelly, the Convention team is planning another great weekend for the dancers.

It has been about 12 years ago that I was first elected to become a Committee member of the VSDA. I have served as Treasurer and the last 9 years as Publicity Officer.

In these years, the number of Victorian dancers has considerably decreased and this is not a trend that should continue. More Callers have called it quits, than have started new Clubs. And there are only a few trainee Callers at present.

The VSDA still presents a dance for their AGM, a Dinner Dance in November and a State Convention every year. There is money in the kitty, but it is sitting there accumulating. It is the money that the dancers have paid for in ticket fees, raffle money and SAV membership and advertising.

The VSDA is doing little to encourage new dancers to come to beginners' classes. It is left to the Callers to increase their Club membership and many Callers are only working with one set or two at the most. Only a few Clubs are doing well and dancing four or five sets.

Is it any wonder that we do not get trainee Callers, who are willing to start off on their own? They have to bear the costs of advertising, renting a hall, insurance as well as records and equipment. They have to allocate their time every week for little or no reward to teach and try to keep dancers if and when they first turn up. No easy task.

If square dancing is to progress, it will have to be a combined effort. To help the struggling Callers in whatever way they feel they need to be assisted. And VSDA money needs to be spent to make a difference. We cannot have more Clubs closing if square dancing is to survive.

I have not been able to turn the tide, although I have tried to bring in some changes. After nine years as Publicity Officer, I am very disappointed with the results of my efforts and I hope the person taking on this position will do much better.

I am willing to assist the person taking over the position of Publicity Officer and give her or him the knowledge I have acquired over the years. And I hope that new ideas will flow forward to make square dancing what it was some 30 years ago, when halls were filled with dancers.

**Mary Beerens**



# Squares Around Victoria

The official Journal of the  
Victorian Square Dancing Association Inc

## Report to the 2010 AGM by Kevin Thomas *(Acting Editor)*

Oh how time flies, it does not seem like 12 months since we were at an AGM.

In my last report I mentioned that I felt it was appropriate that I would carry out the remainder of Adrian Brown's term as Editor of Squares Around Victoria.

I hope he would be happy with what we have done.

The records will show that Adrian Brown Officially held this position for this term

During that time we have made efforts to attract interest from others who may wish to continue on for a further term or two.

We had Jonathon Griffiths who stepped up to the plate and did a couple of issues late last year and did a great job of it as well.

However, he did feel that due to his work commitments, he would not wish to take it on of a full time basis.

But, now he knows how it is put together, is willing to act as a back stop to the next Editor.

During the year there have been some changes made, many of them you would not have noticed, but have helped to make it easier to produce and look a little tidier.

This year we introduced colour to the cover as a trial and the feedback has been great. The cost is also a consideration, but it does allow us to put photos to better use if we need to. *(However the cost is about \$0.11 per copy extra and we will have to look at how this affects the viability of the publication)*

This year the VSDA dropped the Club Fees for a trial period to encourage all clubs to participate, this has been offset somewhat by the withdrawal of the Club assistance levy which wasn't working.

We look at this as not so much as a freebee for Clubs, but as a service to you the dancers, as we believe you need to have as much information as possible, Only then you can make an informed choice.

Overall, there was no any additional costs to the VSDA.

The Advertising rates have been restructured and now are very relevant and meaningful.

We have also introduced a "Reporter Booklet". This assists New Club reporters on what is required in regards to items such as report length, Cut off times etc.

This also includes template on the various sizes of Adverts that we can accept.

On the financial side, The Treasurer no doubt has more on this, but basically we now account for every advert whether it is paid for or not.

This will give us an idea of what we give away and what we sell.

A great idea and while it will not be very meaningful this year as we only started it in January, the full results will come next year.

I am of the view that- Providing we are not being overboard with our costs, if the SAV makes a loss, then so be it.

It is a Service to the dancers and while the VSDA is in a strong financial situation, it should support it. What else are they (VSDA) going to do with all that money.

After all, it is the Dancers Money.

**Content:**

It is increasingly difficult to keep coming up with articles that help make the SAV interesting.

This year we have continued with the Sudoku (*Thanks to Arthur Greenish*), we missed it in one issue and I got about 12 calls asking where it was.

The Adventures of "*Ah Beng*" as "Fillers" also got a few comments.

Over the past few issues we were working on 'Club Histories" both of Current and Now Closed Clubs and also reproducing some interesting articles from SAV's of years gone by. 1

We have also increased the size of the "Dates To Remember" to include approx 12 months events. This we hope will help make your planning a little easier

But we always need articles to help keep the "Bank of information" topped up, so if you have anything, please drop us a copy.

**The Future of the SAV**

Unless we have a dedicated Editor, it is not very Bright.

What are we up against?

Queensland Now have their own publication called "The Banana Bender" this is available via email Only.

They formally were the biggest taker of the "Review" Produced by NSW consequently, the Reviews to Queensland are now constantly reducing.

The Square Dance Review is also struggling to attract people to edit and distribute and is suffering from low numbers.

We do put ours on the Website, but it is always 4 to 5 weeks after yours is posted.

It would be great if we could have a national magazine, The Review was supposed to be that, but missed the mark. which is a pity.

We don't want that to happen to our SAV.

These are just a few things to think about.

With all that said, and after a lot of soul searching, I have decided to put my hand up for another term if it is the wish of the members for me to continue, if not, I has been an honour to step in for Adrian.

Kevin Thomas  
Acting Editor 2009-2010

## FRIENDSHIP OFFICER REPORT

It is my privilege to be your Friendship Officer. This involves me, on behalf of the VSDA, to care for you by sending a word of comfort, cheer or congratulations to those in our family of dancers who would benefit by such a gesture.

Twenty-one cards have been sent out this year, but I feel that some people could be missing out because we are not aware of their needs.

It would be encouraging if someone from each Club could keep me informed if they know of someone who would benefit from receiving a card. I would like to thank those people who already do this as it is very much appreciated.

So, please help me to care for you by letting me know about the needs of those around you. We all need encouragement and when someone is not well, or grieving the loss of a loved one, or celebrating a special event in their lives it is important to let them know that we care.

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# **Victorian Callers' Association Report to the Victorian Square Dancing Association Annual General Meeting 8 August 2010**

We continue to hold our few meetings in homes of our members. The meetings have been divided between the eastern and western sides of the city. We are very grateful to the dancers who have given up their time to assist us in the training sessions. As always we continue to assist in the training newer callers and we encourage all callers to attend the training sessions to share their knowledge and expertise.

The VCA, RDAV and VSDA have continued to work together on the various committees. We have continued to encourage more of our members to register to call at the VSDA functions to provide a greater variety on the dance programme.

We have for many years enjoyed an excellent relationship with the VSDA. This year however, there has been no consultation in relation to the change of agreed functions and even though both the VCA and the RDAV have offered to assist the VSDA with preparing and hosting the joint executive meeting, we have been unable to get the VSDA to commit to a date for a joint executive meeting. We consider these meetings a good opportunity to keep communication open and to discuss issues common to us all. With the current turn of events, we fear that the good relationship we have enjoyed is at risk.

The VCA look forward to working collaboratively in the future with the RDAV and VSDA for the betterment of square dancing.

Janice Alexander  
President VCA

## RDAV REPORT VSDA AUGUST 2010

RDAV HAS 5 CLUBS AT THE MOMENT

"SUNNYSIDE ROUNDS" WITH ELLA WHYTE CELEBRATED ITS 52<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY IN MARCH.

"PAT-A-ROUNDS" WITH PAT SAUNDER WILL BE 21 IN SEPTEMBER.

"PEGASUS ROUNDS" WITH PHILIP & SUE WHYTE WILL BE 13 IN SEPTEMBER

"KINTYRE ROUNDS" WITH CAROL SIMONSON ~~WAS~~ CELEBRATED ITS FIRST BIRTHDAY ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2010

"ROSELLA ROUNDS" IS IN ITS FIRST YEAR.

OUR CLUBS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAMS FOR 2009 DINNER DANCE, SALE STATE CONVENTION AND THE NATIONAL AT WODONGA.

SEPTEMBER 2009 WE CONDUCTED OUR BI-ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL WITH GEORGE AND PAMELA HURD TEACHERS FROM TEXAS USA WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY APPROX 70 DANCERS, FROM ALL OVER AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

WE ARE NOW WORKING ON 2011 FESTIVAL AT WHICH WE WILL HAVE ALEX AND JENNIFER KENNEDY FROM NEW ZEALAND AS OUR ~~CLUB~~ FEATURE CLUB/TEACHERS.

FRIDAY NIGHT 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER WE WILL BE RUNNING A DANCE AT SURREY HILLS TO INTRODUCE THE NEW SHOWCASES AND DANCES FROM THE WODONGA NATIONAL EVERYONE WELCOME.

RDAV AGM WILL BE SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER FOLLOWED BY AN AFTERNOON OF ALL LEVEL DANCING.

THIS<sup>IS</sup> OPEN TO ALL DANCERS NOT ONLY MEMBERS.

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF ROUNDS WITH US.

PAT SAUNDER

PRESIDENT

8-8-2010