

# The Ritz Rag

# 61st Australian National Square Dance Convention

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This newsletter is in keeping with the Christmas Spirit and is all about giving thanks and wishing good cheer to all!!

The Committee of the 61<sup>st</sup> ANSDC would like to wish you and your family a very safe, peaceful, happy and healthy Christmas Season and 2019.



We are over the moon and have some very special news to share with all of you Guys and Dolls!

The last two months have been little rippers, and I'm just tickled pink to be able to announce that we have an exclusive Platinum Sponsor, **Fantastic Aussie Tours.** 

Fantastic Aussie Tours is an Australian, family owned company, which has been operating in the Blue Mountains since 1974. They have a commitment to service within the tourism industry and when you visit their website you will see some of the extent of their facilities and tours offered!

Fantastic Aussie Tours has most generously sponsored the 2020 61<sup>st</sup> ANSDC firstly gifting us a 10-day bus tour for two people valued up to \$6580.00. We are using this fabulous trip as a prize for one lucky person who registers as an early bird for our 2020 ANSDC! We will be running our early bird registrations from the beginning of April so not only will you save money by registering early, but you'll have the chance to win an amazing 10 day coach tour for two! The winner of this prize will be drawn on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Secondly Fantastic Aussie Tours have given us a three day Post Convention bus tour for two people valued at approximately \$2,100. This will be the first prize for a state-wide raffle that we will be running from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 up until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019. This will be drawn at the SARDA NSW Dinner Dance.

Now hold your horses, that's not the full extent of Fantastic Aussie Tours involvement with us. They are also able to organise airport transfers to the Blue Mountains.



Fantastic Aussie Tours also operates the Blue Mountains Explorer Bus. They have a fleet of four buses which run fifteen times a day, 365 days of the year giving easy access to the best sights and sites of Katoomba and Leura. Passengers can ride the full hour-long circuit or hop-on and hop-off as many times as they wish during the day. Fantastic Aussie Tours has offered our delegates a discounted rate which will be valid over the duration of the convention. So stay tuned for much more exciting news from Fantastic Aussie Tours about the tours they have to offer us in the next issue, plus a special link to Fantastic Aussie Tours especially for our delegates. Thank you so much Fantastic Aussie Tours!!!

Here's just a little competition for you! This newsletter goes out to over 250 people so far and that number is growing. I'll give two Hoyts movie vouchers to the first person who emails me the correct answer to this question--How many times can you find the words Fantastic Aussie Tours in this issue of the Ritz Rag?



#### **Other Sponsors**

SHELTON-LEA GED & BREAKFAST

Jenny & Paul from Shelton-Lea, a family owned Bed and Breakfast in Katoomba have very kindly donated two nights' accommodation with cooked breakfast and a local bottle of wine for two people valued at up to \$480.00. They have also donated a half-day Wine & Wildlife tour with their company Western Wine Tours, to the Megalong Valley for two people, Weekends only, Valued at \$280.00.

Gary from Leura House, a historic guest house, has kindly donated a weekends' accommodation for two in an Executive Room with views to Sydney valued at \$400.00.

These are prizes in the latest raffle which will be drawn on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the SARDA NSW Amateur Callers Dance & AGM. Tickets are \$2 a ticket, 3 for \$5.00 or 8 for \$10.00.

Thank you again to those who have bought tickets and I'll be happy to receive emails from those who'd like to have some tickets to sell! They can be sold to your friends and co-workers outside square dancing too! Maybe when you email me to enter this newsletters competition, you can ask me to send you some tickets to sell!!!



I would like to extend my thanks to the dancers at Mountain Devils, Panther Squares, Wesley Seniors, Carpenter & Co, Hillbillies and those who attended the SARDA Variety Concert and dance who have been very generous in supporting us in fundraising raffles to support the 2020 ANSDC. \$305 was raised as a result of the thirty one prizes that were donated.



# More great news!!!

We have also secured a Community Grant from Scenic World for \$1000. When you join us in 2020 try to support our sponsors so they in turn will support us and all of you.

Check out the website at <a href="www.2020sdconvention.com">www.2020sdconvention.com</a> or Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/434857693607535/?source\_id=1396017973996898">https://www.facebook.com/groups/434857693607535/?source\_id=1396017973996898</a> too. Feel free to give me a bell on 0425 394 002 or email <a href="mailto:publicity2020sdconvention@gmail.com">publicity2020sdconvention@gmail.com</a>.

Cheers Susanne Horvat Publicity Manager

We look forward to you tripping the light fantastic as we reignite the glamour of the 1920's. If you don't wish to receive this newsletter please let us know at <a href="mailto:publicity2020sdconvention@gmail.com">publicity2020sdconvention@gmail.com</a>