



# The Ritz Rag

## 61<sup>st</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention

10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April 2020



The count-down is now on with only nine weeks till the 61<sup>st</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention! It's the committee's 2020 vision that you and your family all enjoy a happy, healthy and safe year!

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have suffered and may still be suffering from the tragic effects of the bushfires. Many thanks to the fire-fighters and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to help others, sometimes when their own homes have been threatened.



Many of our dancers are asking how things are going in the Blue Mountains in relation to the fires. Thankfully many of the beautiful areas in the Blue Mountains were untouched and the National Parks are once again opened. The effects to businesses has been immense and the flow on effect is that many casual workers have not had any work.

However, you won't be disappointed, the Blue Mountains is looking beautiful and we are all going to be welcomed with open arms. You will provide a boost to the local economy during your stay over the Convention. Many businesses are offering discounts to not only welcome and support you but to boost their businesses, too. Look out for a list in your Registration Bag and ads in the program booklet of different places to visit and things to see and do when you are not dancing!



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Some important dates to remember...

- 29th Feb 2020: Dress set registration closes.
- 29th Feb 2020: Booth Registration closes.

<https://www.watsonsshuttle.com.au/> \*Conditions apply



<http://www.fantastic-aussie-tours.com.au/2020-square-dancers.aspx>

### Draft Program Outline

	THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		
					RITZ	HALL	RITZ	HALL	RITZ	HALL	RITZ	HALL	
9.00				<b>GOOD FRIDAY PERSONAL ACTIVITIES</b>	Rounds Experimental 9am-11am	Clogging	<b>DANCERS INTEREST MEETING</b>						
9.30		ACF BOARD											
10.00													
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11.30	Convention Board Meeting												
12.00													
12.30			Lunch	Review Editors		LUNCH History Talk 12-12.30	High Energy Youth BBQ	LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH	
1.00													
1.30			ACF General	National Society Meeting 1pm-3.30	ARDA Meeting	1pm -2.45pm Mainstream	A1 1pm-3pm	Plus 1pm-3pm		A1/A2	Rounds Intro to Cha	<b>GARDEN PARTY SOCIAL</b>  Convention Board Meeting 3pm	
2.00													
2.30													
3.00					Plus 2.45pm- 4.45pm	Rounds Experimental 3-5pm	A2 3-5pm	MS Square till 3.45pm Intro to Plus 4.30pm	Plus 2-30pm-3.45	Mainstream 2-4pm			
3.30		ACF BOARD		TAWS									
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\*PLEASE NOTE - This is a DRAFT PROGRAM Only -

### We would love to have you help!



- 🚩 Marshals- assist with Round Ups and filling squares.
- 🚩 Distributing Registration bags.
- 🚩 Qualified First Aid officers to assist.
- 🚩 Assistance to sound technicians

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**Bygone Beauties**, Treasured Teapot Museum and Tearooms, is really a favourite must see place while in Leura. Its fine collection is truly amazing and the cafe will delight your taste buds with the delicacies they serve you! Their Devonshire teas are a particular specialty and favourite of mine! Maurice is kindly offering our delegates a 25% discount in the tearooms and their shop, an extremely generous offer considering I know just how hard the business has been affected during the fires.

Cheers Susanne Horvat  
Publicity Manager

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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 [publicity2020sdconvention@gmail.com](mailto:publicity2020sdconvention@gmail.com)