

## 65<sup>th</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention July 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2025

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Greetings All,

Since our last update our registration forms were released at the 65<sup>th</sup> National. If you didn't make it to Darwin you missed another great Convention, Congratulations to the organisers and thanks for all your hard work in providing us with a fantastic week.

We were more than a little surprised to finish the convention with over 200 registrations for 2025.

Why do we offer early bird registration at a reduced cost? It's difficult to plan venues and facilities so far ahead of the convention. Early registrations give an indication of expected support and facilities that will be required.

If you are on our "Expressions of Interest" list and have not yet registered now is the time to do it. Our website <a href="www.2025.ansdc.au">www.2025.ansdc.au</a>, has all the details and you can download a form or fill it out online. Please follow the instructions when doing this, making sure you save a copy of the form and then emailing it to our Registrar. Remember to return both your completed form and your payment receipt. Before going to the "Square" payment option, save your completed registration form then attach it and your "square" receipt for emailing to our Registrar. (We still accept cheques, or you can pay by direct debit)

[Yes we are trying to make sure you follow the instructions when completing the Registration Form]

If this is your first "update", you can view previous updates at  $\underline{2025.ansdc.au}$ ,/news. Better still, look up and link to our Facebook page 2025 ANSDC and interact with other dancers who are, or maybe, interested in attending.

The dates of our convention are in a week that corresponds with school holidays in every part of Australia, so we hope it helps those who are connected with education services or have school age children or teens. Workers won't interrupt 2 working weeks. A midweek convention means you can travel on weekends with no public holiday chaos.

Let me explain the early bird special deal. In recognition of this being the 65<sup>th</sup> National, our early bird period will run for 65 days (until the 24<sup>th</sup> July). At a special function on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2024 at Buderim, we will draw a random 65 registrations to receive a refund of \$65.00. You don't have to be at the function to be eligible but if you are there you will help promote square dancing to a world audience.

An international production company will be filming the final scenes for a documentary depicting various aspects of Australian life. They have already recorded our work with the turtle conservation project with the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and want to finish with the "other" part of our life – square dancing. Read about the event by clicking on "August Promotional Dance" under the "News" tab on our website.

If you are a caller or interested in calling, the Australian Callers Federation is organising a pre-convention callers conference at a nearby venue. Look for the details at ausssiecallers.org.au/2025callersconference.