



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

## NEWS UPDATE #8 NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2024

Greetings All,

The festive season is upon us, and many groups are preparing for, or have already celebrated their Christmas functions.

At the Square Dancing Society of Queensland's Christmas Dance at the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre the 502<sup>nd</sup> registration was received. (Currently sitting at 507 with 2 more from Victoria, 1 from Canada, 1 from Qld and now 1 from Japan). We are so pleased and thank you all for your support.

Are you aware that November 29<sup>th</sup> was International Square Dance Day? Take a look at <http://www.days of the year.com/days/square-dancing-days/>

Square Dancing is all about giving and volunteering. Where would we be if our clubs or organisations didn't have members who are willing to organise and run your club functions and major events? The days where callers could be full time professionals are gone. Many clubs barely make enough money to cover rent let alone pay their caller.

We're reaching out to you to assist with the 65<sup>th</sup>, to be involved and to make it **YOUR** convention, not just **ANOTHER** convention. How can you assist? You may have your own ideas of how you could help. Are you a qualified first aider? Maybe you could help with keeping things tidy around the venue or taking a turn as a marshal for round ups. It has become obvious that many of us don't experience roundups anymore. Our clubs have shrunk. Other suggestions:- stocking the tea/coffee station, reporting on the condition of toilets/change rooms, marshaling the dressed set parade. Take the opportunity to give back to the activity some of the pleasure you have received.

If you would like to contribute in some way and "own" this convention for yourself, nominate now to [office2025ansdc@gmail.com](mailto:office2025ansdc@gmail.com)

As was done at previous Nationals, the 65<sup>th</sup> will be recorded for archival and promotional purposes by a photographer who will be taking pics and videos. It would be impractical to secure clearance from everyone who may appear in any of the group "random" shots and so a notice has been published on the registration form, our website and promotional literature advising that filming and photography will be taking place. This is also a reminder that dancers could be taking photos and videos for their own memories and could end up on social media. If any public media intends to record, dancers will be notified at the time.

*Seasons Greeting One and All from your Life Line  
the Beating Hearts.*