



65th Australian National Square Dance Convention July 7th – 11th 2025

NEWS UPDATE #10 FEBRUARY 2025

Greetings All,

We are loving the feedback to our publicity and media posts and we're happy having your posts and "likes" too.

Thank you for your concerns following TC Alfred. We are grateful that neither the Convention venue at Morayfield nor our residences or dance venues have been affected.

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/MSEC/Home>

We have just received notification that the Moreton Regional Council have awarded a sponsorship of our event, and the money will be spent promoting local businesses and the Moreton Region.

Our committee members were well received at several Queensland dance events and the Victorian State Convention, resulting in new registrations.

On the topic, the current registration price ends on the 31st March and from there we enter the last phase for "last minute" registrations. We will have facilities for "paying at the door" on the first night only but please let us know if this is required. Remember Convention Rules preclude the sale of any single session tickets. As we are now into the phase of ordering programme booklets, ribbons and year pins, other than in exceptional circumstances, no refunds will be available for cancellations received after the 31/03/2025.

Our latest Registration figures stand at 543.

Have you read the Information Sheet that contained the registration form – not to worry, this information can be found at <https://2025.ansdc.au/registration-form-1-2/>

The call is still out for Dressed Sets, Booths, Volunteers and Advertising in the Programme Booklet. We are still requesting expressions of interest for the "ineligible callers" and entertainers for our "Thank you Party". Please email your enquiries about these matters to office2025ansdc@gmail.com

This is Update # 10 so if you have not received all 10 you can find them on our website under the news tab. <https://2025.ansdc.au/news/>

When you receive your convention package on arrival at the Venue, you will find very little paper documents. You may be used to having a package full of brochures, but, in the interest of conserving paper we have decided to refer everyone to both the Convention and the Moreton Region websites. If you prefer some individual brochures or maps, please get in touch with our office and we'd be happy to supply or refer you appropriately. There are many beautiful attractions in the region, so we hope you've allocated some extra time to stay and enjoy.

DRESS CODE REMINDER: Appropriate square dance attire is required at all session with the exception of the theme session and special segments. The Convention dress code is set by our National Board and can be found on our website under the “VENUE” tab, go to “conditions of entry”. At the bottom of that page is a link to the National Convention Operations Manual (dress code).

We have to emphasise that shoe heel size cannot be smaller than 1 square inch or 25mm². The venue also has this as a condition of entry, and we have been advised that council staff will react if footwear is not to their prescribed standards.

Lastly, our website, Facebook page and App are updated regularly, so check them out often.

Visit our website <https://2025.ansdc.au/> for complete details and additional Registration Forms.

Or visit our App The link to the APP in the Play Store for android devices is:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.avanapp.squaredance>

The link to the APP in the App Store for iPhones and iPads is:

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/65th-ansdc/id6563143691>

This link is for Australian-based APP users only

REMINDERS FROM THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHELL

THE YOUNGER SET: This will be a designated area for registered young adults (13 and over) to gather to enjoy each other's company. This area, situated within the Main Venue will be unsupervised.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS: A canteen which regularly caters for the Sports Centre is situated in the foyer of the Sports Centre, with hot and cold food available at reasonable cost. *We will be publishing the menu that is available at the Centre – Food for thought - why not bring your night outfit, get food from the canteen, have a shower, relax and not worry about getting back to your accommodation and then having to be back in time for the night session.*

Free tea and coffee will be available at the 2nd venue but **must not** be taken to Venue 1.

Restaurants and supermarkets are abundant in several locations just minutes from the venues.

INSURANCE AND SECURITY: It is a requirement that **all attendees** be registered, including **Booth Holders** (refer "BOOTHs" below), Non-Dancers and Spectators. **Non-Dancers** will be issued with a Non-Dancer Ribbon, while **Spectators** must sign in, on each visit, at the Reception Area in each venue where Visitors Passes will be issued.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Non Programmed Callers/Cuers BYO CROWD WEDNESDAY NIGHT 10.30 to Midnight: a short session to cater for any budding "amateur" callers/cuers not yet eligible for National Convention programming and in fact anyone who wishes to attend this session and have a call/cue. You may want to bring your own fan club and supporters. You will be able to add your name to a list of those interested at our convention office. If there are more names than time allows, selection will be on a first in basis.

Heart Stopper – Youth and Hi Energy dance session Tuesday Night 10.30 to Midnight

Low Energy Social Thursday 10.30 to Midnight– dance or relax and socialize.

CONVENTION PACKS: Your complete Convention Pack will be available for collection on:-

Monday 7th July between the hours of **1.00pm and 4.00pm** in **Venue 2**, The Morayfield Community Complex.

Tuesday 8th July between the hours of **1.00pm and 4.00pm** in **Venue 2**, The Morayfield Community Complex.

If unable to collect at those times it will be available from the Convention Committee Office Venue 1 during dance sessions.