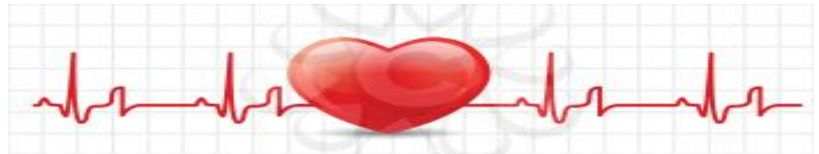




## 65<sup>th</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention

July 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 Monday to Friday – Morayfield Qld

# Priority



### NEWS UPDATE LUCKY #13 MAY 2025

## HEARTSTOPPING NEWS – PLEASE READ!

This is one update you *really* don't want to skip.

Yes, we've been sharing lots of updates and promotions lately—but this one is crucial. It nearly gave a few of our committee members a heart attack! (and more grey hairs)!!!!

Last week, we had scheduled a meeting and familiarisation tour at the Morayfield Community Hall—our designated **Hall #2** for the upcoming convention. Just one day before the visit, at 5.00 pm, we received a call from the Community Facilities Manager: the hall was suddenly closed for urgent repairs. The next day, we were informed the issue was structural and would take time to assess. As a result, all events scheduled there have been suspended until at least the end of July.

### **Panic mode? Not quite—but it was close.**

With 60 days until our convention, this was a major curveball. We couldn't help but think of the poor couple with a wedding booked there in two days! Staff did their best to remain calm, but we could tell it was a stressful situation for everyone.

### **But here's the good news:**

Our **main venue—Hall #1 at the Morayfield Sports and Events Centre (MSEC)**—is *not* affected.

**To clarify:** the Morayfield Complex includes both the Community Hall (our original Hall #2) and the MSEC, which houses a premier basketball stadium with multipurpose area (our Hall #1) plus a second basketball stadium. We've now been offered that second stadium as our new **Hall #2**.

Let's address some of the questions you're probably asking:

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**Q: Why didn't we use the second stadium from the start?**

Because the MSEC is roughly **10 times** more expensive to hire than the Community Hall. The Community Hall also allowed self-catering and access to a commercial kitchen—perfect for providing complimentary tea, coffee, etc. and catering to meetings. The MSEC, being a premier venue, only allows internal catering. That means **no outside food or drinks**

**Q: Is the new Hall #2 suitable for dancing?**

Absolutely! It has a superb **wooden, competition-grade basketball floor**. While it's not air-conditioned like Hall #1, it's well-ventilated with fans and exhaust systems. And let's be honest—**July in Queensland is ideal for dancing**. CLOGGING? Yes but taps **MUST** be taped.

**Q: Will this affect the programme?**

Only slightly. If you haven't memorised the draft schedule (which has been online for over a year!), you likely won't notice much. All dancing sessions remain. Some times will shift. We're working hard to update the Programme Booklet, which was just about to go to print—thankfully, it's still under review by our Convention Board and the Callers and Cuers Associations. If printing delays occur, updated versions will be available on the website and our **fantastic App**

**Q: What about tea and coffee?**

Here's the reality: we **may not be able to offer any for free**, not even water. We strongly encourage you to bring **your own water bottles** and even keep a few spares in your vehicle. However, we are searching for another solution

**Q: Will food and drinks be available for purchase?**

Absolutely! The MSEC has a **great café** with a wide selection of reasonably priced food and drinks. It will be open during and between all scheduled sessions. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised. Links to the Menu were included in UPDATE #12.

♥♥♥♥ **No matter what, the show will go on.** ♥♥♥♥

We're working hard to adapt and ensure your experience is still fantastic. Thanks for your patience and understanding—we'll continue to keep you updated every step of the way.

**WE WOULD BE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL IF YOU MENTION THIS TO YOUR FRIENDS. NOT EVERYONE CHOSE TO RECEIVE OUR UPDATES AND OTHERS DON'T ALWAYS READ EACH ONE WHEN IT ARRIVES.**

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