

**Sedenka turns 50**

Celebrate by dancing and feasting with us  
**Saturday 13th July**  
**Redfern Town Hall**  
73 Pitt St Redfern

<b>Program:</b> 10.00am - 1.00pm	<b>Celebration workshop</b> <small>Presented by teachers involved in Sedenka over the past 50 years</small>	<b>Cost:</b> \$15
1.00pm - 2.00pm	<b>Buffet lunch</b> <small>Please bring a plate to share</small>	<b>Contact:</b> <small>For more information contact Chris Wild on 0425 260 031 or wickhrill@gmail.com</small>
2.00pm - 3.45pm	<b>Dancing</b>	

of our members have attended multiple dance workshops in Bulgaria.

We approached a young woman, Rada Shopova (pictured below with Rae Marnham – AIFD founder). Rada (not currently a member of our club) had begun her dance experience with us some 15 to 20 years ago and now manages a dance school for children.



*Rada and Rae Marnham AIFD Founder*

## INTERNATIONAL DANCE WEEK

During the week, 6 groups from SA and NSW took advantage of FDA's financial support to run 'Come and Try' dance days or evenings to celebrate Dance Week. By all accounts it was a success, with about 55 visitors attending the different sessions

At this stage there are at least 7 new FDA members as a result of the dance days, and most groups have had new people join since the events, so a success for everyone. Reports and photos from each of the groups follow.

### ADELAIDE

The Adelaide International Folk Dancers constitution states that our club aim and purpose is foster cultural appreciation and skills in folk dances from numerous countries.

Our club, managed by a committee of five, was excited to receive the Folk Dance Australia offer of support to hold a special event promoting folk dance.

Our event was to take the form of a free 'Come and Try' on our regular Monday evening dance class. We wanted to encourage new people to attend while offering something different and special for existing members. Our initial thoughts were to focus on dances from a specific country such as Greece or Bulgaria. Bulgaria had particular appeal as Bulgarian dances have been favourites for our group for many years. Several

We were delighted that she accepted our invitation to teach us a suite of dances from her home country, Bulgaria.

Having this decided we set about developing and printing advertising materials to be circulated in coloured print and file versions to other dance groups, community centres and libraries.

Various committee members undertook the range of tasks needed to finalise arrangements for the night. This included sorting the teaching of easy warm up dances to take place prior to Rada's teaching, the presenter's gift, tea, coffee, light refreshments, sound equipment and video. Luckily a member of our group is very skilled in video production and he willingly took up this role. We expect copies of the video will be available for purchase.

As the night approached our fear was that despite all our efforts there would be few attendees, other than our regulars. Oh! We were so surprised! On the night people arrived from everywhere. The number of visitors we had for the workshop meant our purpose of the evening to promote folk dancing was achieved beyond our expectations. Thoroughly enjoying themselves were 18 to 20 existing members and 30 visitors, some from other dance groups and others who were trying out for the first time. We were delighted that visitors were of varying ages and came from many ethnic backgrounds particularly, Indian, Chinese and South East Asian.