

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By the time this issue of 'Footnotes' is circulated, Lee Otterholt's tour of Australia (including the weekend workshop in Canberra) will sadly be over. But for now, the excitement is building as we all look forward to his tour and everyone getting together in Canberra.

After several stops and starts, the development of the new FDA website is well on its way. New content has been completed, and Subz Designs will soon be putting the website together. In another month or so, it will be up and running. Make sure to take a look and tell us what you think.

Electronic copies of 'Footnotes' from 2016 onwards are soon to be archived on the National eDeposit Service (NED) where they will be stored, preserved and accessible to future generations of Australians. To access these copies, once they have been uploaded by the National Library of Australia, please go to their catalogue record for 'Footnotes': <https://catalogue.nla.gov.au/catalog/1475298> The new FDA website will hold an archive for 'Footnotes' between 1990 and 2015.

Happy dancing as spring approaches and the warmer months brings us joy!

Lynette Aitchison

PRIVACY AND PHOTOGRAPHY AT CLASSES, EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

FDA recently received a query about our policy for photography and videoing at classes. FDA doesn't have policies, however, drawing on the experience and knowledge of committee members, this issue was discussed at length at our last meeting.

It was confirmed during our meeting that photos from FDA workshops are only published in 'Footnotes' or placed on our website and Facebook page with permission from both the photographer and all individuals in the photograph. Currently, a record of members who have opted out of photography is maintained by FDA, although most members have consented to being photographed. The committee also agreed that asking for photo permissions at the start of events or workshops is the most practical approach and then went on to discuss updating membership forms to include clear photography consent options for both new and renewing members.

FDA respects the privacy of individuals. We hope this information provides some clarity but would also be happy to hear how other classes and groups approach this issue.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

I received a note from Anna in Bulgaria who writes that she is hoping the temperature there does not reach the 36° temperature predicted in the beginning of August. Anna is choosing to select dancing in halls where air conditioning is installed. I have never thought much about the heat in Europe, but it is obviously quite hot as there have been horrendous fires in Spain and France. She is hoping to head to Greece for a workshop and swimming at the end of August.

We are more geared to the warm weather mostly with air conditioning cooling in most places, however, the hall where we dance on Thursdays only has fans which are not much use in the hot weather and it is freezing in the winter – we just have to wear layers to battle with the conditions.

I don't care what the weather people say, this winter in Sydney has been very cold, I have had the air conditioning and heaters on more than usual. Also, we have been inundated with more than usual rain – causing me so many issues – the garage has developed leaks resulting in a new roof being installed. The work should be completed in October so I am keeping my fingers crossed that there is no more rain. It has already destroyed the electronics on the door opener which had to be replaced.

Anyway, enough from me, as you can see there have been a number of problems, but the only thing constant is dancing. We have been revising a few of the dances from the past. It's amazing how the steps come back when the music is turned on.

The end of the year is coming up so fast, with only a couple of weeks to go before our break which means it is time to get organised for our Christmas get together. The three classes have only a short time to decide what will be put on the list and requests are already being recorded.

Janene Randall
Editor