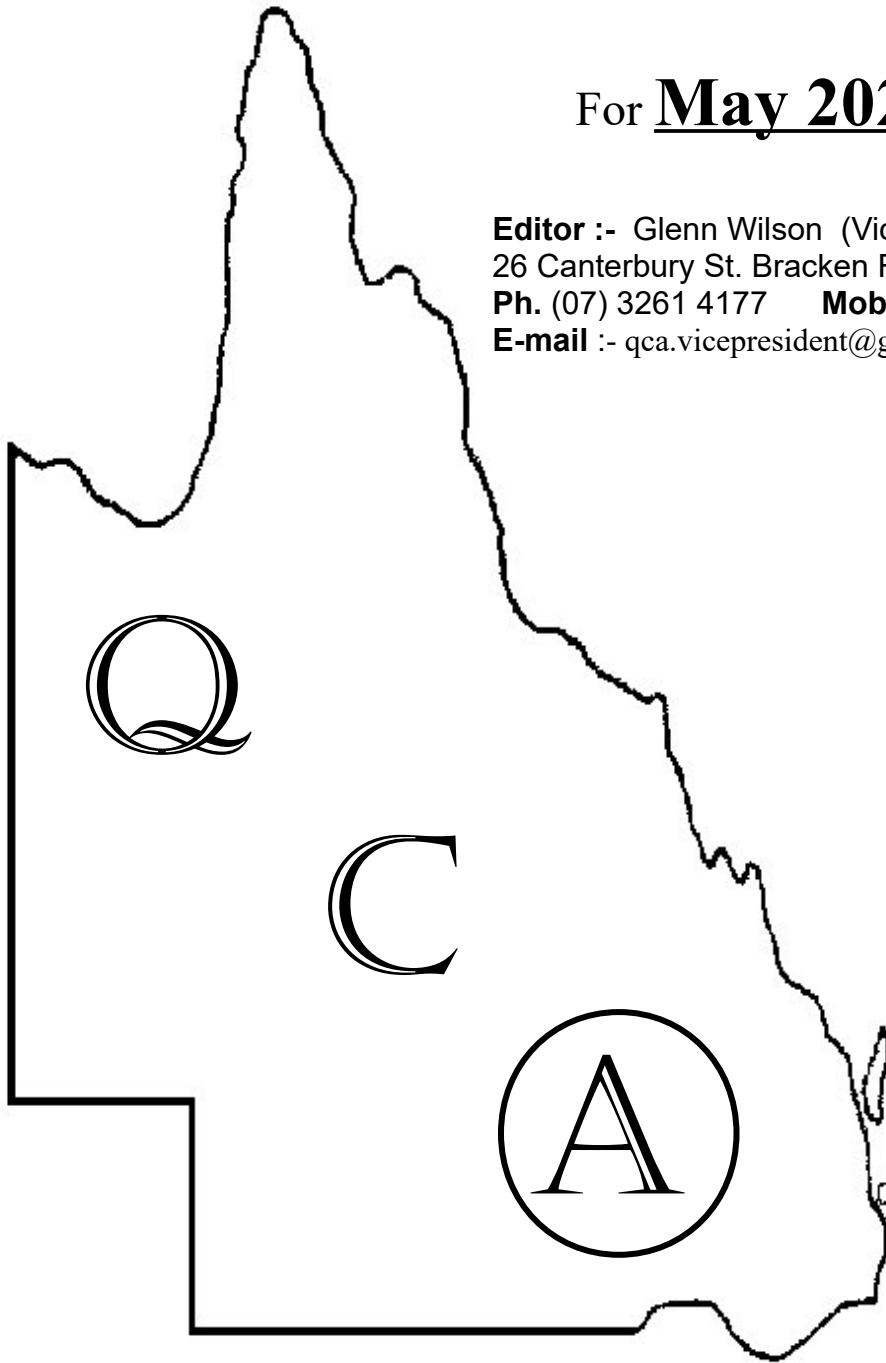


Q-Call

For May 2024

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QCA Presidents Comment (for May 2024)

Hello QCA Members,

Hope all is well with your clubs. Learners classes at Suncoasters and Northside Promenaders are in full swing with reports of good numbers returning each week. Keep up the good work.

Matthew Mills, James Reid and I called for the Hervey Bay Square Dance Club's 35th Birthday weekend. It was a very enjoyable weekend and I think everyone had a great time. We each did a workshop to keep the dancers on their toes and there were lots of laughs. It was a great milestone for a club that doesn't have a regular caller.

It's full steam ahead for the 2024 State Convention and Qld SD Society's 70th Birthday celebrations. Please let me know if you would like to call at this event in September. Registration forms out soon.

See you at the next meeting at Logan on 11th May at 10am followed by a dance featuring our QCA callers from 1:30pm.

Elaine Davis,
QCA President.

Editors Comment (for May 2024)

Hi Folks,

I hope you've all had a good start to 2024 – if there is anything you would like to see in Q-Call or you would like to write an article for publication in Q-Call – send it to me by email, in word format.

Regards, Glenn.

Please be advised that the **2nd Quarterly General Meeting 2024**
of:

The **Queensland Callers Association** will be held at:-

Logan City Square Dance Centre –
161a Magnesium Drive., Crestmead, Qld., 4132

Starting at: **10am Saturday 11th May 2024**

BYO Lunch or buy yours locally

**There will be a dance starting at 1.30pm which will be called by
the QCA callers present.**

AGENDA for the 2nd QUARTERLY GENERAL meeting 2024.

- Chairman's Opening Remarks.
- Attendance and Apologies.
- Minutes of previous meeting.
- Business arising from the Minutes
- Correspondence.
- Business arising from Correspondence
- Treasurer's report.
- ACF State Co-ordinator's Report.
- Caller Training Officer's Report
- Regional Reports
- Convention Reports
- Other Reports
- Special Business
- General Business.

Reports and Attachments

Correspondence for Feb. 2024

Letter from Matthew Mills:

Hello Team,

Please see the attached reports as requested.

I won't be able to make the meeting as due to my travel time to get to Logan hall being 5 hours from Bundaberg and my club night is Friday night, my priority is my calling commitment at Logan. Therefore I'm happy to advise that I'm willing to stay on as CTO and a member of the PDC.

I would like to give feedback that the PDC did not elect it's chairman in the last 12 months. I have not challenged it but I would like it noted for the upcoming AGM that the QCA by laws point 3.1 mentions the following - "The incoming P & DC is to elect its own Chair Person from its members". To me, elect means a meeting needs to be called. After discussions with Alan Evans and David Smythe regarding interpretation of this, they both agree this means a meeting. Can I please request that clarity is given to this issue so it can be put to bed.

A suggestion for the meeting. To get more members attending QCA meetings via zoom or physically, would the QCA please conduct a survey with their members to find out their availability? With the goal to get minimum of 75% response from our members. This way, we can see when the optimum times and medium would be per caller and see how we can cater for the majority.

Regards
Matt

Executive response:

Dear Matthew

I am writing to address some concerns brought up by yourself concerning the P & DC at the QCA recent meeting early February.

Those present at this meeting held at the Logan City Square Dance Centre discussed briefly your concerns, giving a different perspective. It is the recollection that the members of P&DC who were present at this years meeting (Elaine Davis and Kay Walker) both reiterate that the members of the P&DC who were present at last years AGM did have a meeting after the AGM & 1st quarterly meeting in 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a chairperson for the committee.

Both Kay and Elaine reiterated that while you had previously indicated your willingness to be CTO, you did not wish to Chair the committee. So, of the remaining 4 members, 3 were present – Alan Evans, Kay Walker and Elaine Davis – at the completion of their meeting, they had elected Elaine Davis as Chair of the P&DC

I hope this helps to clarify any misunderstandings that may have occurred.

Kind regards

Sue Mackley
Secretary
Queensland Callers Association

2024 - AGM Minutes

Date: 10th February 2024

Time: 10am

Venue: Logan City Square Dance Hall, Magnesium Drive Crestmead

Attendance: Elaine Davis, Rob Davis, Kay Walker, Frances McAlister, John McAlister (*observer*), Sid Leighton, Glenn Wilson, Susan Mackley (*Nil Zoom attendees*).

Apologies: Jan Hay, Nev McLachlan, Matthew Mills, Aaron Hoppe, Sam Snape

Meeting Opened: 10:00am

Chairperson's Opening Remarks: - Elaine Davis welcomed all those in attendance, thanking them for their effort, dedication and contribution to not only the meeting but also to QCA in general. **Disappointing though that no one attended via zoom. Did she say this???**

Minutes of Previous AGM: *Glenn Wilson moved that Minutes of the previous AGM (held January 2023) having been circulated in the latest edition of Q-Call, be taken as read. Seconded by Rob Davis. Motion carried.*

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence:

- IN: No Written nominations for office bearers were received
Property Register Report
- OUT: ATO (Feb 2023) confirming duly elected committee members.

Reports:

Auditor's Report: Rob Davis presented his report (*attached*) of the Association's Income, Expense and Asset balances for the 2023 calendar year. *Moved by Rob Davis that this report be accepted. Seconded by Kay Walker. Motion carried.*

Property Register: Report read by Glenn Wilson who moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Kay Walker. Motion carried.

Election of Office Bearers: All positions were declared vacant. No written nominations were received and none were offered from the floor. All previous office bearers had indicated their willingness to continue in their positions.

Sue Mackley is to advise the ATO as follows:

President: Elaine Davis

Vice President & Q-Call Editor: Glenn Wilson

Treasurer: Jan Hay

Secretary: Sue Mackley, (Assistant: Rob Davis)

Caller Training Officer: Matthew Mills

ACF Board Members: Matthew Mills had indicated his willingness to continue as Qld State Co-Ordinator and Board Member.

Nev McLachlan had indicated his willingness to continue as Queensland's representative on the Board for a further 3-year term.

Sue Mackley is to advise the ACF accordingly.

Non-Executive Positions:

Northern Vice-President: Darryl Burrows

Program & Development Committee: The Committee is to meet afterwards to elect a President for the coming year.

Caller Training Officer: Matthew Mills

Accreditation Officer/Past Caller Training Officer/Coach: David Smythe

Committee Members: Kay Walker, Elaine Davis

General Business: Nil

Meeting closed: 10:20 am

2024 - 1st quarterly meeting Minutes

Date: 10th February 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Venue: LCSD Centre, Magnesium Drive, Crestmead

Chairman's Opening Remarks: Elaine Davis welcomed everyone present, thanking them for their time and effort that they put into attending these meetings.

Attendance: Elaine Davis, Rob Davis, Kay Walker, Frances McAlister, John McAlister (*observer*), Sid Leighton, Glenn Wilson, Susan Mackley (*Nil Zoom attendees*).

Apologies: Jan Hay, Nev McLachlan, Matthew Mills, Aaron Hoppe, Sam Snape

Minutes of Previous Meeting: *Glenn Wilson moved* that Minutes of the previous meeting (held November 2023) having been circulated in Q-Call, be taken as read. *Seconded by Frances McAlister. Motion carried.*

Business Arising from those minutes:

- Change to By-Laws have been drafted by Glenn Wilson and are ready to be changed in the By-Laws.
- Conditions of free entry for callers to State Conventions have been clarified.
- Term Deposit has been rolled over by Jan Hays.
- Members have been emailed regarding updating their records on data base.
- Flyer for the Callers School done in January 2024 was drafted by Glenn Wilson and updated by Matthew Mills.

Correspondence:

- Inwards presented
- Outwards presented

Sue Mackley moved that Correspondence Inwards be accepted and Outwards be endorsed. *Seconded by Sid Leighton. Motion carried.*

Business Arising from correspondence (*letter from Matthew Mills*) was moved to General Business.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Hay's Report was read by *Glenn Wilson who moved it be accepted. Seconded by Sid Leighton. Motion carried.*

ACF State Co-ordinator's Report: Matthew Mills report was read by *Glenn Wilson who moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Kay Walker. Motion carried.*

Caller Training Officer's Report: Matthew Mill's Report was read by *Rob Davis who moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Glenn Wilson. Motion carried.*

Regional Reports: Nil received

Convention Reports: Glenn Wilson gave an update and overview of the upcoming combined Square Dance Society 70th Anniversary and QCA State Convention to be held on 6 & 7th September 2024 at Bernie Brae Centre, 60 Kuran Street, Chermside. *Glenn Wilson moved that his report be accepted. Seconded by Rob Davis. Motion carried.* Elaine Davis thanked Glenn for all the work that he has undertaken thus far for this event.

Special Business: Nil

General Business:

- Letter received from Matthew Mills re P&DC meeting electing chairperson. Elaine confirmed that a meeting was held immediately after the last AGM with those members of the P&DC present (herself, Kay and Alan) and that she was elected President. No-one else wanted the role (*Matthew having already indicated that he also did not wish to be both Chairman and Caller Training Officer*). Glenn Wilson had already responded to the Secretary regarding his recollection of the P&DC's announcement following their meeting. **Sue Mackley, as QCA Secretary, is to draft a response to Matthew's letter.**
- Request was received to canvas members re Zoom meetings. QCA meetings for the year are planned and published in Q-Call. Members can arrange attendance personally or via Zoom, to send their apologies, or to request a new date or venue. All are invited to attend via Zoom when Q-Call is distributed and when Agenda items are requested if they are unable to attend personally and those requesting inclusion via Zoom are emailed the log-in details. There is no need to further canvas members.
- Recent Caller's School held in January. Reports are that this was well received. Planning of the school should have been run by the P&DC but neither the committee nor the QCA were aware of the details until a booking conflict with the Logan Hall highlighted the event.
- Jan Hay proposed via email that a joint QCA-SDSQ banking account be established for the combined dance in September with an **\$1800 deposit (Jan Hay to action)** from each organisation. *Glenn Wilson moved that this amount be transferred by QCA to the joint account. Seconded by Kay Walker. Motion carried.*

Quarterly meetings 2024:

- 11th May 2024 - Logan City Square Dance Centre, Crestmead
- August 2024 – Bundaberg. **Matthew Mills to confirm date and venue.** Failing this, the meeting will be held via Zoom invitation to all QCA members.
- 23rd November 2024 – Home of Elaine & Rob Davis – Elimbah
- 25th January 2025 - home of Kay Walker, Moggill

Meeting closed: 11:50 AM

Action items are highlighted in **Yellow**.

Treasurers Report for Feb. 2024

QUEENSLAND CALLERS ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1/11/23 - 31/1/24

Opening Balance		\$4,264-61
<u>INCOME</u>		
Donation from Gary	25-00	
40th State Convention	<u>\$2,258-48</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$2,283-48</u>	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Nil	nil	
-		
TOTAL PROFIT FOR PERIOD		<u>\$2,283-48</u>
BALANCE AS AT 31/10 /23		<u>\$6,548-09</u>

TERM DEPOSIT \$11,945-65 due 5/12/23 3.6%

Auditors Reports for Feb. 2024

FINANCIAL SUMMARY for the *Calendar Year 2023*

Income/Expenditure:

INCOME	\$	EXPENDITURE	\$
QCA	\$330.00	CT/Zoom	\$150.00
QCA Affil Fees	\$40.00	Insurance	\$437.75
One Music	\$1,455.00	Pro Site	\$273.65
ACF	\$572.00	ACF	\$2,107.00
Convention	\$2,258.48	Catering	\$85.84
Refund Convention setup	\$0.00	Zoom	\$230.89
Donation	\$25.00	Equipment	\$40.00
Miscellaneous	\$20.00	Miscellaneous	\$6.99
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,700.48	TOTAL EXP	\$3,332.12
Surplus	\$1,368.36		

QCA Trading Acct 633-000 132488362:

Balance as at end of 2022	\$4,941.85
Plus: Income	\$4,700.48
Less: Expenditure	\$3,332.12
<i>Expected BALANCE at end of 2023</i>	\$6,310.21
1 Dec 2023 Bank S/ment	\$6,310.21

QCA Term Deposit 633-000 132882507:

Balance as at end of 2022	\$11,769.58
Plus: Deposits & Credits	\$347.76

Less: Withdrawals & Debits	\$0.00
<i>Expected BALANCE at end of 2023</i>	\$12,117.34
BALANCE as per EoY Bank S/ment	\$12,117.34

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021:

Current Assets -	
Trading Acct 132488362 Bendigo Bank	\$6,310.21
Term Deposit 132882507 Bendigo Bank	\$12,117.34
Current Liabilities - NIL	0
Members EQUITY* as at EoY 2023	\$18,427.55

** Excludes value of equipment, music records, banners, etc., unvalued in Register of Assets. Most are of an unrealizable or negligible value.*

Audited by Robert Charles DAVIS 6th Feb 2024:

Robert C. Davis

*PO Box 785
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6th February 2024*

To: The Secretary
Queensland Callers Association
161/1 Webster Road
DECEPTION BAY 4508

Dear Secretary,

As a small, common-interest group, the Queensland Callers Association (run by volunteers) can be self-audited.

I have examined the financial statements and records of the Association for the calendar year ended 31st December 2023.

The QCA's records of Income and Expenditure are consistent with the Bank Statements and all transactions are in accordance with the Association's activities.

I am therefore of the opinion that these records represent a fair and accurate picture of the Association's financial status for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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Property Report for Feb. 2024

PROPERTY/WHEREABOUTS OF THE QUEENSLAND CALLERS ASSOCIATION AS AT 31/12/23

ONE QCA BANNER ****

ONE QCA BANNER *

ONE CALLERLAB CURRICULUM GUIDELINES ****

ONE CALLERLAB CURRICULUM GUIDELINES ***

TWO EXTERNAL HARD DRIVES 1 Sue Mackley 1 ***

ONE SONY DIGITAL VOICE RECORDER Sue Mackley

HILTON MA-150 AMPLIFIER in its case ***

ASHTON MXL8 AUDIO MIXER ***

SONY MDS-JE530 MINI DISC PLAYER/RECORDER in its case ***

CUBE 50 MONITOR/AMPLIFIER ***

PLUS CASES AND ASSOCIATED LEADS ***

1 YAK STACKS AS INHERITED FROM GRAHAM ROBINSON ***

1 YAK STACKS AS INHERITED FROM GRAHAM ROBINSON ***

1 YAK STAND AS INHERITED FROM GRAHAM ROBINSON ***

2 7USB HUBS PLUS CARRY CASE ***

HARDDRIVE CONTAINING CONVENTION INFORMATION HELD BY ROCKY
TWIRLERS

STRATCO METAL STORAGE CUPBOARD ***

CALLERLAB CALLER'S SCHOOL BRISBANE JUNE 1990 CD ***

2015 CALLERLAB CONVENTION MEMORY STICK ***

WILLIAMS HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM ***

MA500 Donated by Qld Square Dance Society Inc ***

A CD of a past Caller school and a USB stick with the Callerlab 2015 audio sessions ***

ELECTRO SOUND HOEDOWNER AND SPEAKERS (donated by Heritage City Square Dancers) ***

Hilton MA-220 amplifier is serial no. MA-1582-TX includes accessories - Power Lead, Serial 'Y' Splitter and (Hilton branded) Nylon carry bag.***

STATE CONVENTION BANNER HELD AT BUDERIM SQUARE DANCE CENTRE

DELL LAPTOP - TARGUS CLAMSHELL CASE - SAMSUNG PORTABLE SSD T5 500gb - LOGITECH WIRELESS MOUSE The Service Tag (SN): 1FPHFP2 Express Service Code 3126578870 *

JABRA CAMERA PANACAST 180FOV HUDDLE ROOM *
JABRA SPEAK 810 UC SPEAKERPHONE *

* HELD BY ELAINE/ROB

** UNKNOWN WHEREABOUTS

***HELD AT LOGAN SQUARE DANCE CENTRE

**** HELD BY GLENN WILSON

***** HELD BY SECRETARY

ACF State Co-ordinator Report for Feb. 2024

Hi All,

Welcome to 2024. There has been a few little things happening with the ACF since my last report. For those who don't know, Jeff Seidel has retired. The ACF has sent a certificate of appreciation to Jeff for everything he has done. Jeff has always had a strong view that the ACF needs to help their members and we have certainly tried to do that in my time on the ACF board.

We were contacted last year as someone had discovered a box or two with early printed ACF Callerlink magazines. Obviously we have these already digitized these but the originals were destroyed. Di has collected these and is looking to slowly start re-scanning these so they can become searchable PDF files. I certainly know from my work hat, this will be a lot of work. I'm asking if anyone knows of a company that we can pay to scan these in to make them searchable PDF files? We would like to get a quote and save Di sometime.

In my last report, I mentioned that I had to contact many QCA members regarding their ACF renewals. Unfortunately I still had members that didn't reply. I have closed off ACF renewals for QCA members at the end of last year. Those whom didn't not reply with the relevant information have been advised I have set your National eligibilty to "NV" (not validated). This means if you want to call at a National, I will need update calling hours to validate this. Just another reminder that ACF renewals concluded the end of July. I need all information before the end of July!

On the renewal front, I'm working on a spreadsheet for the ACF to help calculate your hours easier. The goal is to use this as a template for all ACF callers and have some better consistency.

On the OneMusic license front, I wanted to remind everyone that we can only do this at mid-year ACF renewal time. This is a restriction imposed by OneMusic and not the ACF. From last year, we have found that purchasing an event OneMusic license is just too expensive now. So it's easier for all callers to have their own OneMusic license. This has started at the National level and I know several State conventions have enforced it. While it sounds rough it's no different to driving a car. We need a license to drive a car in public, we need a license to play music in public. Let's just accept this as a part of our annual costs and move on.

The ACF is looking to host their next Caller Conference around the 2025 QLD national convention. This is a great opportunity for Queenslanders to get to one of the best functions that is hosted in Australia. The dates are 3rd, 4th & 5th July 2025.

To finish up, let me leave the following thought with you. If Di Ashton rang you, to see how to improve the ACF (non-website related) what would you say? What would be your first change?

Regards

Matthew Mills

Caller Training Officers Report for Feb. 2024

Hi All,

Would you like to win a million dollars? If so, keep reading to the end to find out how!

Why did I say the above? It's quite simple, my November 2023 report had a list of questions and I was looking for feedback from all QCA members. I received nothing. So this could mean a few possibilities - either callers are not sure how to respond, callers are not interested in answering or no one is reading the CTO report. It's hard for me to come up with topics for everyone when you don't get any feedback. It can make people like myself deflated as I put in a lot of effort to get zero returns therefore I question why I'm doing this role. I know this is harsh but to have zero replies is quite concerning for the QCA. This is your association too so I'm asking all QCA callers to step up and show you support your association by answer the following questions:

- What are you looking for in callers schools/seminars?
- What are some topics you would like to see covered?
- What type of callers seminar would you attend more - Physical or Zoom?
- Are you willing to present and session and if so, what?
- What are the best weekend time slots that suit your for physical & zoom caller seminars? (example Sat 2-5pm, 1st & 3rd Sun 2-4, etc)

From the above questions, I would like to challenge everyone to set a QCA goal for 2024. Can we get 75% of our members into one zoom training session this year? As zoom is in the virtual space, there is no reason why this goal is not possible. There is no reasons our callers from the north in Townsville and Cairns can't jump in. Let's all step up together and make this happen in 2024. Set yourself the goal and make it happen. Be the change!

The QCA bootcamp in January was attended well. We had 3 new callers and 2 more experienced callers. It's fantastic to see commitment when two callers have to fly in. This really shows they want to better themselves as a caller. We went through quite a few topics with our new callers and I tried to mix it up for our experience callers. It's great to have someone back up in Cairns and I'm really hoping this assists Andrew up there. Special thank you to Alan Evans for presenting with me for this event. Thank you to Logan city SQ club for the use of their hall. Thank you to the QCA executive for supporting this event and most of all, thank you to the 5 callers (Sid, Scott, Frances, Wendy & Andrew) that made the effort. For those who didn't make it, you missed out.

Regards, Matthew Mills

North Queensland VP's Report for Feb. 2024

No report received

for QCA Meetings

The QCA has purchased a Zoom license for our meetings.

Contact **Elaine Davis** for meeting details at: rob.elaine.davis5@bigpond.com