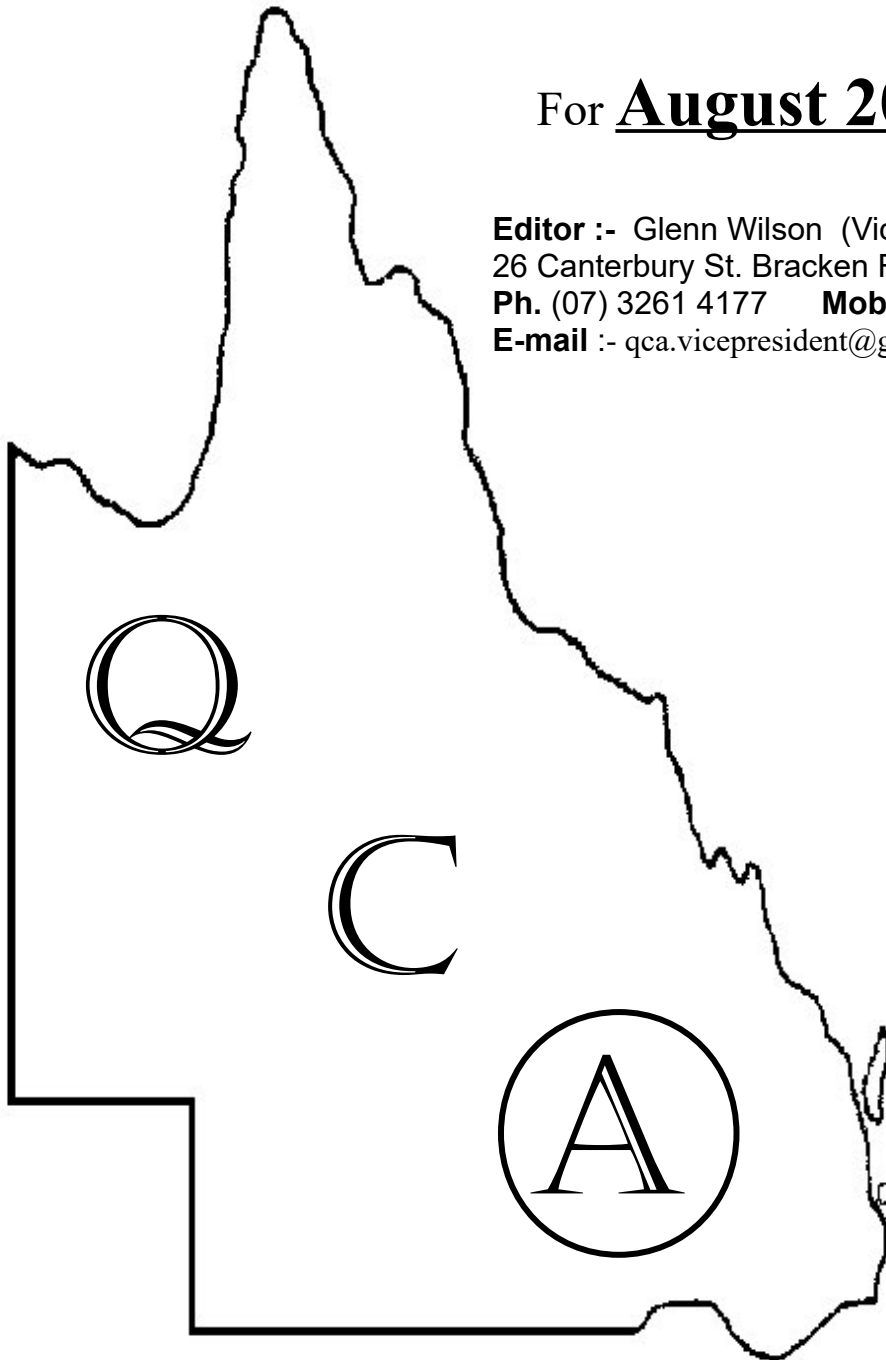


Q-Call

For August 2024

Editor :- Glenn Wilson (Vice President)
26 Canterbury St. Bracken Ridge, 4017.
Ph. (07) 3261 4177 **Mob.** 0413 017778
E-mail :- qca.vicepresident@gmail.com



President :- Elaine Davis **Ph.** (07) 54967471 **E-mail:-** qca.president@gmail.com
Treasurer :- Jan Hay **Ph.** (07) 33859947 **E-mail:-** qca.finance@gmail.com
Secretary :- Sue Mackley **Ph.** (07) 0412776862 **E-mail:-** qca.secretary@gmail.com

Correspondence To: QCA Secretary
161/1 Webster Rd., Deception Bay, 4508

QCA Presidents Comment (for August 2024)

Hello QCA Members,

As our President is away cruising in the South Pacific, it's up to me to Stand-In for her here. Please consider joining us in Bundaberg for our meeting weekend - details are in this newsletter, our QCA Website, the QCA FB page and the email to which this newsletter is attached. I hope by now, you have all completed your ACF YEARLY INPUT FORM - Matthew sent out the email earlier this week. Please treat it as a priority - each year there are always stragglers who drag their feet filling out this form - it literally takes 5 minutes. Please read the Proposal for a change to our constitution regarding Membership - this will be discussed at the meeting in Special Business.

Glenn Wilson,

QCA Vice-President.

Editors Comment (for August 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 **3rd Quarterly General Meeting 2024**
of:

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

Rum City Band Hall, 89 Targo St (opposite Dan Murphy's)
Bundaberg, QLD., 4670

Starting at: **10am Saturday 24th August 2024**
Lunch Provided or buy yours locally

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

The meeting weekend agenda:

Friday 23rd August - Sunday 25th August 2024

Friday night 6.30-9.30pm - Cane Country Squares regular club night.

Saturday 10am - QCA 3rd Quarterly meeting

Saturday 12noon - Lunch

Saturday 1.30-4pm - Plus Dance

Saturday 7-10pm - Mainstream Dance

Sunday 2-4pm - stay for Cane Country Squares regular A level club.

Thanks to Matthew Mills and Cane Country Squares for hosting this event.

AGENDA for the 3rd 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

Minutes of the 2nd Quarterly meeting in May 2024

Date: - 11th May 2024

Time: 10am

Venue: - LCSD centre, Magnesium Drive, Crestmead Qld

- **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** - Elaine welcomed everyone for attendance including zoom participants. Elaine also offered condolences to Glenn on the recent passing of Rosalie
- **Attendance:** - Andrew Reid, Glenn Wilson, Kay Walker, Aaron Hoppe, Alan Evans, Elaine Davis, Rob Davis, Sue Mackley.
ZOOM: - Frances & John McAlister.
Apologies received: - Jan Hay, Sid Leighton, Nev McLachlan, Matthew Mills, Sam Snape
- **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes from the previous meeting held in February 2024 have been circulated prior to this meeting in Q'Call be taken as read
Moved: Glenn Wilson
Seconded: - Alan Evans. Carried
- **Business Arising** from those minutes: -
(a) QCA's Part Deposit of \$1800 has been into Convention account
(b) Response to Matthew Mills
(c) Update to By-Laws regarding Australian music licence has been undertaken
- **Correspondence:** - See attached
 1. INWARDS
 2. OutwardsMoved: Sue "that the correspondence Inwards be accepted and Outwards be endorsed."
Seconded: Kay Walker. Carried
- **Business arising from correspondence:** -

● **Treasurer’s Report:** - Read by Glenn Wilson

Moved: Glenn “that the treasurer’s report be accepted”

Seconded: Alan Evans. Carried

● **A.C.F State Co-ordinators’ Report** - Read by Glenn Wilson

Moved: Glenn “that the ACF State Co-ordinators’ Report be accepted”

Seconded: Frances McAlister. Carried

● **Caller Training Officer’s Report** – Read by Glenn Wilson

Brief discussion followed, with general agreement in principle to Matt’s suggestion he raised.

Moved: Glenn Wilson “that the CTO’s Report be accepted”

Seconded: Kay Walker. Carried

10: Regional Reports: Darryl Burrow Report read by Sue Mackley

Moved: Sue moved that Darryl’s report be accepted

Seconded: Frances. Carried

1. Convention Reports: Nil

2. Special Business: Nil

13: General Business:

- **ATO** -letter from ATO regarding new Annual Reporting Requirements - General discussion among members present.
- Resolved to approach an accountant to obtain further information.
- Executive to follow up to resolve and report back for next meeting in August
- **August Meeting** - to be held in Bundaberg on 24th August. All Agreed
- **Donation in memory of Rosalie’s passing** - Alan Evans moved that \$200.00 be donated to Karuna Hospice. Rob Davis seconded this motion. All in attendance agreed. Carried
- **QCA Laptop** has “died” - Rob gave a brief update on the current situation with the QCA Laptop, requesting that a new laptop needs to be purchased, Rob to shop around and do some research, keeping price in mind.
- **P&DC Committee meeting** - to be held after this meeting.

14: Next Quarterly meeting: - Bundaberg 24thAugust 2024

Meeting closed: 11am

ACTION LIST.

Who	Is to do What	By When
Program & Development Committee	Hold their committee meeting	11 th May
Executive Committee	Follow up with ATO regarding new Annual Reporting Requirements	Next meeting in August 24th
Treasurer (Jan Hay)	Donation in Memory of Rosalie’s passing to Karuna Hospice	20 th May
Rob Davis	Research & shop around for replacement computer	August meeting

Treasurers Report for May 2024

QUEENSLAND CALLERS ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1/02/23 - 30/4/24

Opening Balance		\$6,375-21	
<u>INCOME</u>			
	NIL		
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Matthew Mills	450-00		
Tfr to Statement Account	<u>1,800-00</u>		
TOTAL LOSS FOR PERIOD	\$2,250-00	<u>\$2,250-00</u>	—
<u>BALANCE AS AT 30/4/24</u>		<u>\$4,125-21</u>	
<hr/>			
TERM DEPOSIT	\$12,262-84 due 5/7/24	interest 3.6%	

ACF State Co-ordinator Report for May 2024

Hi All,

The ACF has been busy in the lead up to the Darwin National convention.

We have created a new section on the ACF website for the 2025 Caller Conference. As this will be held before the QLD National convention in 2025, it's worth all Queensland callers making the time to attend this. We have a great line up of presenters. More information on the ACF website below:

URL:- <https://aussiecallers.org.au>

I've previously mentioned about some early versions of the ACF magazines that have been discovered. It has been voted that we won't go back to re-scan these with OCR technology as some PDF applications support OCR by default.

ACF renewals are coming up after the National convention. This is your early warning for callers to make sure your caller log is up to date. Just remember, with the Queensland National convention coming up next year, this data will impact your ability to call or not.

The ACF has recently approved our website to get CMS updated so we can have our Google maps integration enabled again. Google have updated their maps integration to version 3 which means our version 2 plugin stopped working some time ago. Unfortunately, any websites that utilise this technology must keep their websites up to date.

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,

In my last two reports, I have listed a small amount of questions for our members. From 20ish QCA members, I have had zero replies. This is very disappointing for the QCA that no one will take the time to reply. I'm not going to follow this up with a third time, instead I'm going to challenge anyone that reads this report to go back to the previous ones and reply to the questions.

In August, I was calling in Vic and I had the privileged to present to the VCA callers meeting on relationships. From presenting this topic in SA, NSW, VIC and to all ACT callers in NSW over the last 12 months, we are in a great place for our knowledge of calling in Queensland as these states and their caller training programs don't really cover this topic and how it can assist your calling.

Over the last two months, I have been talking with several interstate callers. I've had two separate conversations that really if combined, is some interesting thoughts for the future.

As callers, we do talk about going back to the old days and getting younger dancers. We talk about getting dancers in their teens, 20's or even 30's. Unfortunately these dancers are hard to find. But my question is, if you had a person in their 20's come in to learn square dancing, how would you keep them? Do you have music that is applicable to their era already in your music box ready for these opportunities? Would you be able to perform a whole night with out using our old square dance music? My reasoning behind these questions is we are always saying we want the dancers, but we don't have the music ready for when the opportunity arrives.

Some of us are looking for younger dancers so we can turn them into callers. Obviously that is the ideal scenario but we are struggling to get newer dancers in that age bracket. What if we had someone in their late 50's or early 60's that is interested in calling. Would you train them? One caller said to me if we did and we could get them to run an existing club for 10 years, hopefully in that 10 year period they will find the next caller. If that is another caller in their early 60's, that club could continue on instead of just closing.

I think from these points, I would challenge all callers to look at their music box and see if you can put together a program that would cater for these younger dancers. If you can't, go shopping. Spend some money to help the music producers. Not only that, play the music for your current dancers. You will be surprised how many of them do like some newer music. Some of my older dancers love the newer sounding hoedowns and singing calls. They tell me they are grandparents, so they are listening to newer stuff with their grandchildren. Who have you got in your club that are late 50's or early 60's that could have a go a calling? Lets give it a go, you never know and it may keep a club going longer.

Regards

Matthew Mills

North Queensland VP's Report for May 2024

We at Sun City Square & Round Dance Club are currently just Dancing when we can get enough Dancers. Lucky enough we have been trying things different when we are short on numbers, I use a roving mike and dance and call.

Well for now I bid everybody In the Southern Region a big "Hello and hope you are travelling Fine" and hope to see you all soon whether visiting us at our home Clubs or us visiting yourselves in the future. Do not worry on dropping a line for a talk anytime.

Best Regards

Darryl Burrows

North Qld Vice President

Sun City Square and Round Dance Club

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