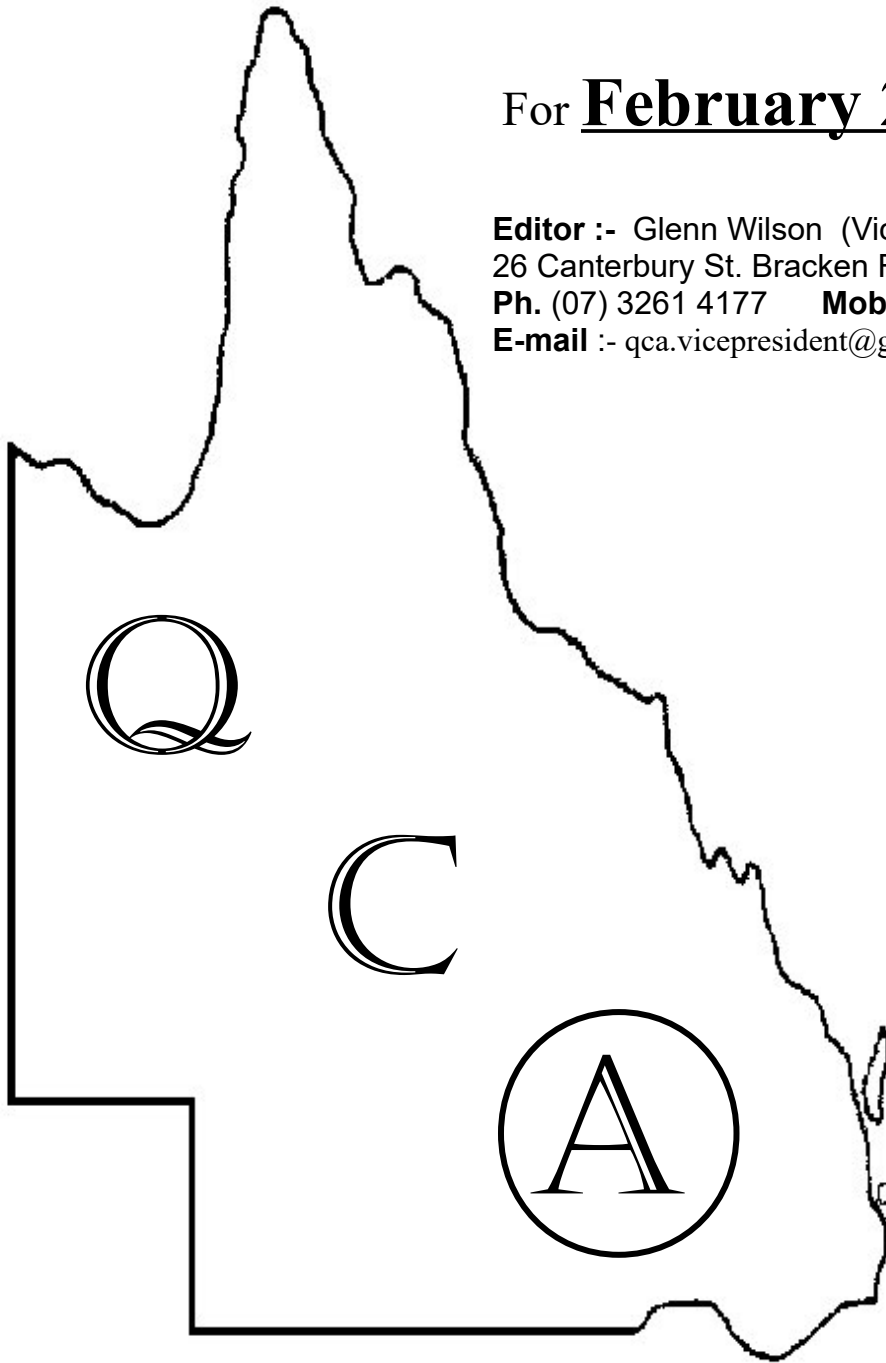


# Q-Call

For **February 2024**

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## **QCA Presidents Comment** (for Feb. 2024)

Hello QCA Members,

Happy New Year everyone. All the best for another great year of dancing. Wishing success all those starting beginners classes.

Don't forget the upcoming callers school 27-28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 being run by Matthew Mills and Alan Evans with the backing of the QCA.

See you at the next meeting at Logan on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. **10am start**

There will be a Plus dance afterwards at 1.30pm with Matthew Mills & Alan Evans calling.

Elaine Davis,  
QCA President.

## **Editors Comment** (for Feb. 2024)

Hi Folks,

It would be great to see you at the meeting, but if you can't make it - please advise Elaine via email if you wish to ZOOM into the meeting. [rob.elaine.davis5@bigpond.com](mailto:rob.elaine.davis5@bigpond.com)

Regards, Glenn.

Please be advised that the **1st Quarterly General Meeting & AGM 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

### **AGENDA for the ANNUAL GENERAL 2024 meeting.**

- Chairman's Opening Remarks and Report
- Attendance and Apologies.
- Minutes of previous meeting.
- Business arising from the Minutes
- Correspondence.
- Business arising from Correspondence
- Treasurer's Reports
- Election of Executive and other Positions
- Special Business
- General Business

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- 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**

#### **General Meeting QCA**

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Time: 10:20 AM

Venue: 53 Twin View Rd ELIMBAH

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**Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Elaine Davis (President) welcomed everyone. A quorum was confirmed.

**Attendance:** Elaine Davis (President), Glenn Wilson (Vice President), Sue Mackley (Secretary), Rob Davis (Assistant Secretary), Alan & Jan Evans.

**Zoom Attendees:** Sid Leighton, Nev McLachlan, Francis McAlister.

**Apologies:** Jan Hay (Treasurer), Matthew Mills, Sam Snape, Kay Walker, Aaron Hoppe, Troy Greenhill, David Smythe.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Moved by Glenn Wilson that the Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at BUDERIM Square Dance Centre) as published in Q-Call be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Seconded by Alan Evans. Motion carried.

**Business Arising** from those minutes:

- The 2024 State Convention & Square Dance Society's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary have been confirmed for 6-7 September 2024 at Burnie Brae Centre 60 Kuran St CHERMSIDE
- QCA By-Laws confirm that, to be eligible for free entry to a State Convention, a caller must be available for all the convention, else must pay for a ticket. Glenn Wilson to email members of this requirement.
- Moved by Alan Evans, Seconded by Nev McLachlan and motion carried that Matthew Mills be upgraded from Assistant Caller Training Officer to Caller Training Officer. Glenn Wilson to make update.
- Moved by Alan Evans, Seconded by Nev McLachlan and motion carried that the By-Laws be changed to the generic 'Australian music licence' in place citing a particular supplier to avoid unnecessary changes. Glenn Wilson to make update.

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## **Correspondence:**

### 1. **Inwards:**

1. Email from Nev McLachlan expressing thanks and appreciation for this year's state convention held at Buderim
2. Various reports for this meeting
3. Agenda items submitted
4. Square Dance Society Qld confirmed date and venue for the combined 2024 convention & 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Qld Square Dance Society.
5. Matthew Mills requested QCA endorse proposed caller training school to be held at Logan Square Dance Centre in January (*see General Business*).

### 2. **Outwards:**

1. A condolence card was sent to Alison Durose expressing our (members of QCA) sympathy on the recent passing of Graham Durose.

Moved by Sue Mackley and seconded Rob Davis that Correspondence Inwards be accepted and Outwards be endorsed. Motion carried.

**Business arising from correspondence:** Moved to General Business.

**Treasurer's Report:** Glenn Wilson read the Treasurer's Report from Jan Hay and moved that it be accepted and that Jan Hay be authorised to roll over the term deposit before maturity. Seconded by Elaine Davis. Motion carried. **Business Arising from Treasurer's Report – Nil.**

**ACF State Co-ordinator's Report:** Glenn Wilson read the ACF State Co-ordinator's Report from Matthew Mills and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Elaine Davis. Motion carried.

**Caller Training Officer's Report:** Glenn Wilson read the Caller Training Officer's Report from Matthew Mills and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Rob Davis. Motion carried.

**Regional Report:** Sue Mackley read the Regional Report from Darryl Burrows and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Glenn Wilson. Motion carried.

**Convention Report:** Glenn Wilson read the Convention Report from Matthew Mills and Nev McLachlan and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Alan Evans. Motion carried.

**Special Business:** Nil

## **General Business:**

Glenn Wilson moved that all vinyl records stored by the QCA be destroyed after the next meeting if no response from interested persons by then. Glenn will email QCA members. Seconded by Rob Davis. Motion carried.

Square Dance Society Qld confirmed that the 2024 state convention (and their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary) will be held at Burnie Brae CHERMSIDE on 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Moved by Glenn Wilson that the proposed Callers School (27-28 January 2024 at Logan Square Dance Centre) be endorsed by the QCA and that Matthew Mills be paid \$450 (\$150/day plus \$150 to cover fuel costs). Alan Evans did not wish to be paid for his input to this school. Seconded Sue Mackley. Motion carried.

Future QCA meeting dates:

AGM & 1<sup>st</sup> Qtrly 10<sup>th</sup> February with dance at Logan Square Dance Centre

2<sup>nd</sup> Qtrly 11<sup>th</sup> May at Logan Square Dance Centre

3<sup>rd</sup> Qtrly at Bundaberg (August Date to be finalised )

4<sup>th</sup> Qtrly 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Elimbah

**Meeting closed: 11:40 AM**

### Action List

Who	is to do What	by When
Glenn Wilson	By-Laws be changed to the generic 'Australian music licence'	Next meeting
Glenn Wilson	email members re requirement to be available for the full State convention program to be eligible for free entry	Next meeting
Jan Hay	Roll over term deposit	Before maturity
Glenn Wilson	Email members re interest in vinyl records	Next meeting
Glenn Wilson	Draft flyer for callers' school in January	ASAP

## Treasurers Report for Nov. 2023

### QUEENSLAND CALLERS ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1/08/23 - 31/10/23

Opening Balance \$4,264-61

#### INCOME

Donation from Gary 25-00

40th State Convention \$2,258-48

TOTAL \$2,283-48

#### EXPENDITURE

Nil nil

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TOTAL PROFIT FOR PERIOD \$2,283-48

BALANCE AS AT 31/10/23 \$6,548-09

TERM DEPOSIT \$11,945-65 due 5/12/23 4.3%

## ACF State Co-ordinator Report for Nov. 2023

Hi All,

My report in August said that our QCA and ACF renewals would have been completed. Unfortunately, the ACF renewals was not completed. I had to email 2/3 of our ACF membership in QLD to get their details update. Unfortunately of those I emailed, just over half actually did the ACF online renewal. I have spent many reports advising callers about updating renewals for the last 4-5 years, so this is not new. I would appreciate if QLD callers could set a goal to do this better in 2024.

Our ACF chairman Di Ashton being a State Coordinator is busy working and trying to understand how the ACF works and how we can make it better. We have embarked on a project to talk with our web developer and get a quote for making our ACF renewal fully online including payment. The goal is you would have to pay for your OneMusic and ACF membership online and before you can pay, you would need to fill out your ACF renewal. For state coordinators, this is the holy grail and something we are looking to see if that would remove some issues. What are your thoughts?

We do have a list of things we will be talking to the web developer about which includes accessing our ACF website as a phone app.

We are looking to update our by-laws for anything APRA/PPCA/OneMusic related. Instead of using the term OneMusic, we will use AML - Australian Music License. This means if it changes name again, we won't need to update much in documentation.

There will be a change to our ACF assessment form. We have changed item 10 from experience to Professionalism. The definition is as follows:

- ●*Punctual*
- ●*Equipment ready and functional for the call (minimal time wasted in setting up)*
- ●*Dancer engagement pre call (talks to dancers, easily understood, no demeaning or offensive comments)*
- ●*Hides nervousness so it doesn't impact the delivery.*
- ●*Hoedowns – Shows that some thought has gone into planning (opener, use of getouts, possible theme), As opposed to a "ramble".*
- ●*Good handover at end – talks to dancers, leaves stage appropriately.*

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Nov. 2023

Hi All,

From my last report, I have had zero responses regarding my question about a weekend callers school. As the QCA caller trainer, it's quite tough to plan and work with callers when you don't get any responses to understand how you feel and what you would like to see. So I would like to ask the following and it would be good if you could email me with your thoughts:

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?

What are the best weekend time slots that suit your for physical & zoom caller seminars? (example Sat 2-5pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 2-4, etc)

Unfortunately, I'm unable to make the QCA meeting however Alan Evans is looking to run a session based on snapshot resolution and building easy hoedowns for new callers. Don't forget to bring your dolls along!

I've tried to finish my November reports with leaving you thoughts to help improve your calling. I would like to leave you with the following:

We have approximately 80 callers in Australia in 2023, if all these callers taught 1 learners class a year and graduated 2 dancers, we would have 160 new dancers per year. If we all graduated 4 dancers, we would have 320 new dancers per year. We are all looking to run learners classes in 2024. What do you need to do to with your group to graduate 2 dancers as a minimum in 2024? What changes are you willing to make to graduate 2 dancers as a minimum in 2024?

Regards

Matthew Mills

## **North Queensland VP's Report for Nov. 2023**

We 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.

We at Sun City Square & Round Dance Club have gained 2 new learners possibly 2 more in the new year as they have said, wait to see I suppose.

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 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](mailto:rob.elaine.davis5@bigpond.com)



# 40<sup>th</sup> Qld. State Convention Report for Nov. 2023

Report to the QCA Meetings Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

This report is presented on behalf of the Sub Committee who organized the 40<sup>th</sup> QCA State Convention.

First and foremost we would like to sincerely thank the dancers, callers and cuers and non dancers who attended this Convention and participated in the "Naughty" Theme and made the 40<sup>th</sup> Convention the success that it was. The fun, friendship and atmosphere was there from the setting up of the decorations on Friday afternoon right thru to the pulling down of the decorations on Sunday afternoon.

This report will commence with Disappointments and then on to the Success of the event.

## DISAPPOINTMENTS:

1. MC'S: As previously stated the number of Callers who volunteered to do MC duties was disappointing
2. Memorabilia: We had made enquiries to get memorabilia for display at the convention. Though we were promised a lot that did not eventuate, but we were very happy with the response that did end up being on display. A special thank you to those who brought along their memorabilia I am sure many loved going thru the albums and down memory lane.
3. The numbers of dressed set registered for the Dressed Set Parade. I know that all are not in favour of this but if we can get such a large display of banners surely some of the clubs or even groups of people can organise a dressed set. The set doesn't all have to be dressed the same, just the same colour or design of the outfit would do. Remembering back, Bar K Circle W had a dressed set that was a 3 tier skirt all in different colours and a peasant blouse. One National there was a dressed set representing the McBurns yes 2 couples from the McLachlans and 2 couples from the Cockburns.
4. The retrieving of raffle prizes. We thought by saving time and not announcing all the winning numbers and instead displaying them would allow a casual retrieval of prizes. Instead there was a rush to retrieve the prizes. This definitely needs further thought. Also a suggestion is to have very different coloured tickets. Some could not see the difference between white and yellow – some disappointed dancers.

## SUCSESSES

Special thanks to those who arrived on Friday afternoon and helped with the set up. Though simple the decorations looked great. For those who remember Barry and Helen Ball the arch that the balloons were attached to was provided by them.. Unfortunately Barry passed away in the week after the Convention.

Being able to set up the tables and chairs seemed to add to the atmosphere also.

ATTENDANCE from the following areas Qld, NSW, ACT, Victoria, Tasmania, and South Australia  
The break up of ticket sales as follows:-

61 \$40 WEEK-END TICKETS  
17 \$ 50.00 WEEKEND TICKETS  
7 Friday Nite @ \$15  
8 Saturday Afternoon @ \$15  
16 Saturday Night @ \$15  
5 Sunday Afternoon @ \$15

We have received many congratulations from the week-end. In particularly the atmosphere at the event.

There were 10 Callers (Qld, NSW, Vic, Tas) and 2 Cuers (Qld, Vic) registered and additionally Elaine Davis who at time of paying her registration thought she would not be able to attend all of the Convention but circumstances allowed her to participate more in the programme. Also the surprise visit from James Reid who called with Matt and Nev was very well received.

**The Convention Programme** seemed to flow very well. Unfortunately, with the aging population of square dancers the length of the day may need to be reduced or sessions combined. It was very pleasing to note that there were 5 sets still up dancing in the last bracket on Sunday afternoon. Special congratulations to Alan and Jane, Matt and Anita and Nev and Bev for dancing the original Salty Dog Rag and finishing the dance. It was also great to have been able to add to the programme the presentation on behalf of the ACF to Sid Leighton for 60 years of calling.

**Sunday Morning Social** was a fun morning with many participating or watching some good old-fashioned games –it then finished off with a sausage sizzle before the final afternoon of dancing. Thank you to the cooks and kitchen staff.

**Selfie Frame** this proved very popular and was confirmed by the number of photos on various Facebook pages.

**Finances:** We are very pleased to pass over to the QCA a surplus of \$2,258.48  
Suncoasters would sincerely like to thank this Committee and the QCA for the opportunity of organizing the raffle for this event. I am sure there were many happy dancers.

**Convention Programme Booklet:** We received no comments on not having the Convention Booklet.

We would like to thank the QCA for the opportunity of organizing this event and hope that we have done what has been required.

Your hosts Matt & Anita Mills & Nev & Bev McLachlan = The M &M's

