

# GRAPEVINE



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Grapevine is the newsletter of Perth International Dance. The Group has recently been 'meeting' and dancing via Zoom and will shortly return to its normal Monday and Saturday dance sessions at St Margaret's Church Hall in Nedlands and Friday's in Glen Forrest Hall. PID supports Covid19 safe practices.

Check us out on <http://www.perthinternationaldance.org.au/> or email [info@perthinternationaldance.org.au](mailto:info@perthinternationaldance.org.au)

## Ready, Set .... Go!

After many weeks and five Zoom sessions we will be restarting dance sessions on Saturday 30 May. Yay!!

More details below; the full picture defining the deal are on the web-site at [http://www.perthinternationaldance.org.au/covid\\_dance\\_guidelines.html](http://www.perthinternationaldance.org.au/covid_dance_guidelines.html)

Also in this edition of *Grapevine* you will find more on those extra Zoom sessions, some of your thoughts about the lock-down and a **New Teaching Roster!!!**

If all goes to plan the new teaching roster for the next four months is:

	Monday	Saturday
June	Peter	John
July	John	Peter
August	Eve	Maria
September	Jenny C.	Sara

*Subject to change - please check at dance sessions or on line at <http://www.perthinternationaldance.org.au/index.html>*

## Restarting Dance Sessions - Read on .. .

**Saturday 30 May** looks like being a red letter day with the restart of our Nedlands dance sessions. There will be some temporary restrictions and processes due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

We will be limited to 15 dancers in the hall, so the session will be split into an hour of **Teaching** and an hour of **Requests**:

**Teaching** from 10:15 to 11:15am  
**Requests** from 11:20 to 12:20pm

If you would like to dance you will need to book by email to [news@perthinternationaldance.org.au](mailto:news@perthinternationaldance.org.au), giving your order of preference:

1. **Both hours**, Teaching and Requests,
2. For **Teaching only**
3. or for **Requests only**

Bookings will open 5 days before the session and close about 2 days before the session. So look out for 5pm Thursday or 5pm Saturday.

We'll then check all the requests and confirm attendance via email.

The cost will be \$5 for the day, whether you attend one or both hours. Please note that there will **no payment at the hall**. You will be billed at the end of June for all the days that you have been accepted for, whether you attended or not.

Only bring a towel, a drink bottle and your dance shoes. **Note that there will be no access to the kitchen**. No-one should touch the laptop or the pens.

The request playlist will be compiled from requests made in the booking emails - up to 3 per person. In your email you can indicate if you can demonstrate any of your requests.

If you don't know the names of dances you can download our iTunes playlists in Excel. Check out: <http://www.perthinternationaldance.org.au/Playlists.html>

When you arrive at the hall, you must wait outside the hall, distancing, until you are called to enter by the Venue Controller. Please use the hand sanitiser when you enter the hall.

Of course, don't come if you are unwell, and if you must cough please cough into your elbow.

At the end of your session, please leave promptly while distancing, unless you are helping with the cleaning - 2 volunteers requested.

We appreciate that the rules above will cause some inconvenience, and they do make a lot of work for the Committee but we feel that they are necessary. There may be some hiccups, so please be patient and we'll do our best.

Of course, these guidelines may change as conditions change so please bear with us.

## So what about Dancing on Mondays?

All going well we expect to restart Monday sessions on **8 June**.

**Teaching** from 7:15 to 8:15pm  
**Requests** from 8:20 to 9:20pm

### .. .. and again don't forget to check on-line

Things are really fluid at the moment - so look out for further emailed advice and don't forget to check on the PID web-site.

<http://www.perthinternationaldance.org.au/>

### More Zoom sessions .. ..

In the last *Grapevine* we covered the Saturday Zoom sessions that were held on 25 April and 2 May, thirteen dances. Listed below are the dances that Zoomed our way in the third and fourth Zoom sessions.

9 May	16 May
Hora	Pembe
Sborenka	Beleilot Hakayitz
Kotse Berberot	Misirlou
Briuletsul	Neda Voda Nalivala
Zagorisios	Hopa Horonu
Esmer	Ya Da Kalinushku
	Hasapiko

We'll cover the fifth session, 23 May, in a later edition.

Some of the group also got invited to a couple of eastern states Zoom sessions coordinated by Steve Hubbard, now in Adelaide. Do you remember Steve when he danced with us some years ago? Those Zoom sessions were held on a Monday evening so it was a chance for Monday night dancers to do some dances. They were fairly simple dances but it was a good opportunity both to dance and to meet some dancing friends, some old and some new.

The Adelaide group are planning to restart their sessions soon so the Zoom sessions have finished for the moment. Who knows, there may be some more as time rolls on!!

## Some of your thoughts on the lock-down

In the last *Grapevine* we introduced the idea of collecting your ideas on Covid19 and the lock-down.

So below we include some of the articles that we have received. We hope that there are more to come, so if the following raise some interest for you then please let us know your thoughts on how Covid19 and the lock-down have affected you.

Just briefly with a couple of paragraphs, maximum 200 words.

### We start with Nina .. ..

Life seemed rather surreal during April 2020, and although the days tended to merge into each other, I liked the idea of working out how to adapt.

Apart from feeling appalled by the news of the rapid spread of the virus, the struggle of health workers and the mounting death toll, I started to realize that there were some good things going on.

The city was wonderfully quiet except for birdsong. The roads were free of traffic!

I loved waking to the strangely comforting feeling that, as we were constantly told "We were all in this together."

Our street community shared Easter treats and we stood in our driveways with candles at dawn on ANZAC Day.

Life was busy - gardening, cooking, reading, Skyping friends and family and joining in Zoom Zumba classes, Book club and choir chats.

Glorious weather meant that I could have walks with friends (one at a time) or meet in parks with our folding chairs and thermoses of coffee.

I realised that there is an upside to being old! I didn't lose my job or have to home-school my children.

PS: My good intentions of decluttering faded after cleaning out only one cupboard.

**Nina T.**

## Gisela's view of Covid19 and the lock-down



It has been relatively unremarkable for me. My 'day job' continued 3 days p.w. and gave a sense of rhythm and normality.

I have NOT painted the place, cooked up a storm or sorted all the drawers.

Instead I slowed down, slept more and, yes spent more time on the internet justifying it as 'keeping up to date'.

I also enjoyed a couple of free archive online movies - try 'Charade' 1963 with Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn.

One big frustration has been my ipad's travel reminders though - to check in for Doha, Tbilisi, Georgia, Munich and finally back to Perth ... At the same time I was glad to be where I was - as things unfolded around the world I was 'safe at home'.

There was a short escape to the Great Southern before the Region closed in, and finally it was down to the various National Parks at the Perth fringes every weekend. A modest consolation for all the exciting world travel missed but a 'getaway' nevertheless - from Kalamunda to Yanchep, to Walyunga, to Bickley, to Serpentine and to Chittering.

I can't complain at all and in fact enjoyed some aspects of the 'lock down' such as the general quiet, the empty roads.

Nevertheless I look forward to resuming the gradually increasing activities - and trust that in due course I also will get onto these missed flights.

**Gisela G.**

## And we end today with a poem from Pam Massey - one of her See19 Poems

Just in this last week ...

The only thing I hear speak  
in this topsy-turvy loo roll greedy  
world infected C19  
Spreading like the fires we've seen

Crazy times world all locked down  
As C19 knocks people round  
Pollution free no planes above  
As people lose the ones they love  
Petrol prices all time low  
But no-one buys: Nowhere to go....!

Curve is flattening so they say  
A little bit, day by day.....  
Meantime our lives stay at home  
To spring clean & more, oh no! I groan...

But positives come out of this -  
This deadly C19 abyss....  
Life is quieter, gentler too  
Not racing like I usually do.....

Time to stop, catch up with lots  
of people, gardening, odds & sods,  
& time also, to be still,  
Even though I don't feel ill.....

India now can see its sky  
Pollution-free, now they must try  
Like Venice now with canals clearer:  
Healthy planet getting nearer....

So please do not let us return  
It's vital that we all do learn  
to care for air and water too  
A simple thing we have to do

A lesson life is what we need  
Not just money, wealth & greed.  
One more chance is what we've got  
so best we learn or go to pot.

Open eyes breath in the air  
Look around at what you care  
for: Health & peace & nature too  
is waiting there for me and you

to save ourselves & love our land  
& stop the greed. That would be grand....

**Pam Massey**