

President's Report

G'Day and welcome to the end of 2015. At the outset I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee who, in addition to their own everyday personal, family and professional commitments, have worked hard throughout the year to keep everything running smoothly. Thanks to Martin for doing the Treasurer's duties earlier this year whilst the dancing treasurer was away on holidays, as well as undertaking the production of this year's one and only Grapevine.

Our dance teachers also continue to do a sterling job improving and maintaining our relative dance skills. They are the mainstay of the group and one always feels a little vulnerable whenever they are unable to teach for whatever reason be it illness, injury or travel. Thanks to Peter Fallon for agreeing to step in whenever it is needed to teach, and for his regular contribution of delicious cakes.

John W put in a huge year of achievements. Our dancing treasurer restructured and updated the group's website; organised a Greek dance teacher (Matthew) to teach us some Greek dances in preparation for the Glendi Festival held at North Perth on Sunday 26th April.

Members who attended joined in on the organisers attempt to have the most single line of dancers holding hands, dancing the Zorba around the park in order to gain entry to the Guinness book of records. John also arranged The Hellenic Duo band to provide live music entertainment for the group's regular Greek themed party night later in the year. To top it all off John then registered Perth International Dance for participation in the Fremantle Festival parade. Dancing through the streets of Fremantle is certainly not something I would have had in my bucket wish list but like many others who also participated, at least we can say we did it. It was a fun day. No one could accuse John W of letting the grass grow under his feet.

In March we had a successful Autumn Harvest party with lots of feasting and easy dances. We combined with Hora Shalom for an evening with Orem Ashkenazi, a renowned Israeli choreographers. Orem delighted those in attendance with his teaching of a new dance or two; skill, experience and good humour.

The Mundaring chapter has also been very active mounting a fundraiser dance in the old Chidlow Hall to coincide with the Bastille Day. We are also seeing some increase in the Mundaring Group membership. Congratulations and keep up the good work Jennifer. See Jennifer's full report later in the Grapevine.

Andre's Workshop was held on 4th & 5th July. He taught 11 dances the most popular of which was Espresso. To mark Andre's visit Jennifer Eyre and her committee of two, combined to produce a commemorative T-Shirt, much like you see at any significant dance occasion. Andre was presented with one with our thanks. Congratulations to Jennifer for a great design.

The Saturday group celebrated its 14th Birthday on Saturday the 5th of September and like any good party, there was lots of food and easy dances.

Red Faces again had some memorable performances as members, friends and family showed their hidden talents. Many thanks to Leone whose penchant for these annual shows is supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. The group had a dance by the river on the evening on the 28th September which was poorly attended. None the less it was a pleasant evening.

Overall membership has spiked upwards this year with the increase in membership support from Mundaring and our website which appears to be a source of attracting new members at St. Margaret's. We welcome our new members and hope they continue to enjoy the dances as we do. Congratulations to Palenque and Damon on the birth of Hanna 30th July 2015. A little sister for Felix and future folk dancer. Membership is on the rise again.

Thanks to all for your support throughout the year. "Thank you ball boys; Thank you players; Thank you umpires'.



To one and all have a safe Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.