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## NEWSLETTER

### AUGUST 2009

#### VALE BETTY TILLEY

It is with deep regret that I advise the passing of Mrs Betty Tilley on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

Mrs Tilley was an examiner, the Treasurer of the CSTD as well as the Asian Pacific Director. She was also a Life Member of the Society.

Her list of achievements are endless but she will be mainly remembered for the commencement and growth of membership and examination entries in many regions of Asian. She had also commenced initial discussions in Canada and the USA earlier this year.

Betty was a selfless woman who did everything for anyone and expected nothing in return. She was mentor to many and friend to many more.

As demonstrated at the service to honour her life held 1<sup>st</sup> July in Perth, the number of people who came to pay their respects spanned generations.

Betty was an extremely talented woman and was always willing to impart her knowledge to others.

On a personal note she assisted me a great deal in my early years with the Society and I am proud to count her amongst my special friends.

Be at Peace Betty. Everyone will miss you but you have undoubtedly left your mark on the lives of many.

Carmel Evans  
Secretary CSTD

#### A TRIBUTE TO BETTY TILLEY FROM THE PRESIDENT

Whilst we are mourning the passing of Betty it is also a time to celebrate her rich and fulfilling life.

Betty was a unique and wonderful person who was everybody's friend.

She gave unstintingly of her time and professional expertise to many hundreds of people in the world of dance. Not only throughout Australia but also through the Asian Pacific Region.

She was friend and mentor to so many who sought her friendship and encouragement.

Her work in the Asian Pacific Region for the CSTD stands as a monument to her dedication and professionalism.

She embraced this role with enthusiasm and energy which endeared her to all who came in contact with her.

Her contribution over so many years as an Examiner and Executive Committee Member is immeasurable. She left her mark on the development of the Society and will be sadly missed by all in the dance world.

Rest in Peace Betty, the lives of all of us have been enriched by knowing you.



## **VICTORIAN SUMMER SCHOOL**

It is anticipated that a Summer School will be held in Victoria at the Darebin Arts Centre from 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010.

For more information please contact Miss Dawn Hatty on (03) 9390 1354.

## **BALLET GRADES DVDs**

The much anticipated Classical DVDs are now in stock. There are 2 DVDs available Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-6 each at a cost of \$66. This includes GST.

## **NOTE TO TEACHERS**

Please note that examiners will accept either version for any recent changes such as slowed down tempos on Tap and Classical tracks when amended syllabi/CDs are not yet available.

Please assure all students of the above.

## **BANGKOK COMPS**

After attending the Victorian Theatrical Festival, Wallapa Pachimsawat, the Managing Director and Principal of the Bangkok Dance Academy, invited Ms Boots and Miss Hatty to attend the Bangkok Comps.

These were held 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July.  
5 students from Melbourne competed and did very well. They also performed a tap presentation of their tap solos.

At the end of the competitions it was announced that tap sections would be available in 2011 when they have their next competitions in Bangkok.

## **TECHNICAL QUERIES**

Examiner, Miss Suzanne McCombe, is the person to contact with any technical queries you may have regarding the various syllabi.

She can be contacted by phone on (03) 9397 1287 or by mail at PO Box 152 Williamstown Vic 3016

## **CREDIT CARD FACILITIES**

In response to the increasing demand from members to pay subscriptions and/or orders by credit card, it has been decided to offer this facility effective immediately.

We will only accept Visa or MasterCard and payment using this method will attract a merchant fee of 2%.

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## **72<sup>nd</sup> YEAR VICTORIAN DANCE FESTIVAL**

The Victorian Theatrical Festival commenced June 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 and ran through until 6<sup>th</sup> July. A number of photos appear on the back page of this Newsletter showing various winners of this years awards.

## **NEW LOOK WEBSITE**

Plans are well underway to upgrade our website. Initial testing should start later this month with the final product up and running by the end of September.

The new site will be easier to navigate and will look more stylish.

One of the highlights of the new site will be the slideshow on our homepage which will feature snippets of our syllabi to encourage enquires from potential new members.

The new dance studio directory, **to be offered to members free of charge**, will be implemented as a more traditional directory format that will allow a user the option of searching or browsing for a studio of their choice

Each studio will be categorised under location and dance style and will contain the following elements.

- Studio name
- Address
- Suburb
- Phone number
- Fax number
- Email address
- Website
- Dance styles offered
- Description
- Image (e.g. Logo, or photograph)

## **NOTICE OF A.G.M.**

Notice is hereby given that the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on 23/9/09 at 2.00 pm at 1064 Centre Rd. South Oakleigh Vic 3167

The business of the meeting shall be:

- (1) To receive and consider the President's report on the activities of the Society for the 2008/09 year.
- (2) To receive and consider the financial report for the 2008/09 year.
- (3) To appoint Auditors for the 2009/10 year.
- (4) Election of Executive Committee.
- (5) Appointment of Patron
- (6) To consider any items of general business written notice of which must be lodged at Head Office no later than 5.00pm 9/9/09.

## **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Nominations close at Head Office at 5.00 pm on 14/8/08. Nominations will only be accepted on the official nomination form (available from Head Office). Candidates, proposers and seconders must be current financial members of the Society. The Committee represents all members throughout the Society. They are not representatives of individual States. Currently the Committee comprises the following positions. The present occupants of these positions are eligible for re-nomination.

President	Mr L. Newman, O.A.M.
Vice Presidents	Mrs N. Ryan Miss S. McCombe Mr I. Clifton-Shanhun Miss S. Breen
Festival Representative	Miss C. Boots
Other Representatives	Miss L. Downie Mrs S. Alback Miss L. McLellan
Hon. Treasurer	Ms C. Evans (Acting)

## **PROXIES**

Members who wish to appoint another member as their proxy to vote for them and on their behalf at the A.G.M. must give their proxy in writing in the form required under the Associations Incorporation Act (as shown).

Members may give their proxy in the name of another member or appoint the "Chairman of the meeting" as their proxy.

Proxy forms must reach Head Office no later than 24 hours before the commencement time of the A.G.M.

## **APPENDIX 11**

### **COMDANCE Inc**

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### **FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_

being a member of COMDANCE Inc hereby appoint

\_\_\_\_\_ being a member of that Incorporated Association as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general meeting of the Association (annual general meeting or special general meeting as the case may be) held on the 23/9/09 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorized to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the resolutions (insert details).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

## **2009/10 SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE**

Membership subscriptions for the year 2009/10 are now due.

Once again there has been no increase in subscriptions this year.

The amount is \$66.00 inc. \$6.00 G.S.T.

An invoice is enclosed for you to complete and return with your payment. (EFT, cheque or money order and now credit card (Visa or MasterCard only - +2% merchant fee i.e. \$67.32). Prompt payment of subs would be appreciated. Alternatively you can complete the on-line subscription form.

Membership cards for the 2009/10 year will be sent to you on receipt of your subscription payment together with your tax invoice/receipt.

Please include your membership No. with your payment as this saves confusion where we have members with the same surname and at times the same initial.

## **SA WORKSHOPS A SUCCESS**

Lynda Purkis, the Exam Organiser for SA, reported that a Modern Jazz workshop for the students and a Tap Workshop for teachers both held in June were extremely well attended.

**WINNERS OF THE MAJOR SECTIONS  
FROM THE YEAR 2009 CSTD  
THEATRICAL FESTIVAL MELBOURNE**

Section	Winner	School
Commonwealth Classical Cup	Jarred Pior	Youth Australia
Commonwealth Theatrical Cup	Zoe Komazec	Barbara Jane Dance Centre SA
Junior Scholarship	Brydee Lyttle	Carole Oliver
12/14 Jazz Championship	Jaime Foord	Barbara Jane Dance Centre SA
14/16 Jazz Championship	Claudia Elizaibak	Micelle Slater PAS
Lily Allinson Jazz Championship	Shae Egan	Micelle Slater PAS
May Downs Tap Champ.	Zoe Komazec	Barbara Jane Dance Centre SA
Dorothy Gladstone Tap Champ.	Thomas Lacey	May Downs Dancers
Lance Davies Tap Champ.	Jye Rovers	Barbara Lynch Dance Studio
Robyn Himing Tap Champ.	Victoria Norris	Sharon Lawrence
Teachers Grand Aggregate	Michelle Slater	PAS
Senior Grand Aggregate	Zoe Komazec	Barbara Jane Dance Centre SA
Junior Grand Aggregate	Victoria Norris	Sharon Lawrence
Winner of Betty Tilley Memorial	Lucca Dinardo	Patrick's Studios Australia

**AGE GROUP AGGREGATES**

Under 6	Kandice Bannister	May Downs Dancers
6/8	Sacchi Shenoy	Sharon Lawrence
8/10	Victoria Norris	Sharon Lawrence
10/12	Joshua Taylor Eliza Edwards	Sharon Lawrence Bev Palmer Dancers
12/14	Jaime Foord Lucca Dinardo	Barbara Jane Dance Centre SA Patrick Studios Australia
14/16	Thomas Lacey	May Downs Dancers
16+	Zoe Komazec	Barbara Jane Dance Centre SA



Junior Scholarship U/14



The Theatrical Festival Trophies



The Theatrical Cup



Robyn Himing Tap Champion U/12