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MISSION STATEMENT

To improve, expand, empower and succeed in the promotion and development of Dancesports for all.

DANCESPORT AUSTRALIA IS A MEMBER BODY OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS

WORLD DANCESPORT FEDERATION - AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
- AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION - WDC AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DANCE COUNCIL

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2015 HAS BROUGHT WITH IT RENEWED ENERGY AND POSITIVITY IN THE DANCESPORT ENVIRONMENT.

I have received many encouraging messages from members and particularly from young professionals who are expressing their confidence in choosing to teach DanceSport as a career.

This can only bring future growth and a revitalised environment for all to enjoy. The fact that they are also studying their craft and becoming accredited within the new DSA Accreditation system is also encouraging and will benefit all our competitor members.

Again I would like to bring to your attention the many people who work as volunteers to ensure that DanceSport Australia continues to function efficiently at state and at national level. The service offered in the management and promotion of DanceSport is carried out, in most cases, voluntarily and always in the best interests of our members. During 2015 our staff has serviced

- a 12% plus increase in membership,
- the rollout of a new registration system based on digital records and coded membership cards,

- a 50% increase in the registration of Registered Teaching Facilities (RTFs),
- the operation of another successful DanceSport Australia National Championship,
- continued growth in State Open Championships.
- efficient management of state branch and national office business,
- congresses for DSA coaches and adjudicators.

Thank you to all who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our members receive the best possible standard of service.

National Councillors and relevant commission members are continuously reviewing policies and procedures with a particular focus in 2015 on the Coaching and Adjudicating Accreditation Program. The program was launched in July as part of the DanceSport Australia National Championship Event held in Canberra. Seventy five adjudicators attended with a focus on sharing knowledge and developing criteria based adjudication skills. DSA plans to host two national congresses

per year and additional state based workshops annually.

We are so lucky to be members of an industry full of passionate, artistic people.... this is what makes life in DanceSport so exciting. We enjoy the glamour, the skill, the striving for excellence, the competitive friendships, challenging our bodies, expressing music and emotions, working in a team, interacting with like-minded people...what a great life, doing the thing we enjoy.

Thank you DanceSport and thank you to all, from beginners to elite, from juveniles to masters, teachers and students...you all make it worthwhile to be a member of the Dance community. Let's work together to make it even better.

Lastly I would like to remind ALL DanceSport Australia members to be involved in the election of your management team – the DanceSport Australia National Council. Your DanceSport future is in your hands. Don't leave the choice to someone else. Voting papers have been included with this edition of 'Focus'.

Adele Hyland
DSA President

DSA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Our congratulations to -

Don McRobert of Victoria; **Neil Rosenfeld** of Victoria;
Ray Reeve of New South Wales; **Margaret Reeve** of New South
Wales and **Peter Smith** of New South Wales.

At the 2015 DSA National Championship recently held in Canberra, DSA President Adele Hyland proudly presented five Honorary Life Memberships of DanceSport Australia to the following DSA members who were judged to have made outstanding contributions to improving DanceSport. All have worked tirelessly and conspicuously for our industry over many years, without thought of personal gain. They have shown leadership and their efforts have achieved substantial improvement and development in DanceSport and its standing and attractiveness in the community.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION/2015

This years' National Council Election is a process held every 2 years in which eligible members will define 10 people who will become Directors of the Company and members of the National Council.

Voting rights extend to all Ordinary Members of DSA – that is, those who are 16 years of age or over and who have paid the full membership fee. Ballot papers, profiles of candidates and information regarding the voting procedures are included with this newsletter for those members eligible to vote.

Under the terms of our current constitution, only State Branch Board members - past and present - are eligible to nominate for election via this process. The reason for this is that people who have been elected by the members to serve on a State Branch are able to gain the necessary administrative experience to have a valuable input at the National level.

The election will define 10 Councillors elected from the following categories:-

- 2 Coach Representatives
- elected by the accredited coaches.
- 2 Competitor Representatives
- elected by the eligible registered competitors.
- 6 General Member Representatives
- elected by all Members.

The “function based” ideal has been a part of the framework of DSA's National Council since its inception so as to ensure that Coaches and Competitors are represented at this level.

Voting members are asked to read the candidate's profiles and the information sheet before completing the ballot paper. Once completed, only the ballot paper should be forwarded to the Returning Officer in the return envelope provided with this mail out. Votes can only be lodged by post. Should you misplace the return envelope, the address for lodgement of votes is Post Office Box 123, Eastwood, NSW, 2122.

DSA's external auditor Chapman Wyatt & Associates is the independent Returning Officer. He will be solely responsible for the receipt and counting of votes and the declaration of the result.

VOTING CLOSES at 6pm on Monday, 7th September, 2015 – that's not far away...and remember to allow time for the mail to be received by the due date. To vote is to exercise your democratic right, we encourage you to participate.

DANCESPORT

AUSTRALIA

2015 NATIONAL

CHAMPIONSHIP

(D.A.N.C.E)

DanceSport Australia would like to thank all who attended the second DanceSport Australia National Championship, held for the first time in our national capital - Canberra.

Three days of competitions including Teacher/Student, Show Dance, Ten Dance, and Recreational, Amateur and Professional categories provided an entertaining and inclusive event for all to enjoy. Many couples travelled from interstate and some from overseas, all contributing to the vibrant atmosphere and high standard of competition.

DanceSport Australia is grateful to the adjudicators for contributing their expertise and commitment to the Championships. The DSA Adjudicators Workshop organized in conjunction with the event provided a forum for exchange of knowledge and established a collegial environment.

Volunteers always play a major part in staging large events and particularly as this event had a very short lead-up time. DSA is indebted to all who contributed their time and skills. Thank you to all sponsors and particularly the Academy of Music and Performing Arts and all members of the DSA team who worked tirelessly to ensure a high standard of customer service.

DanceSport Australia invites feedback through the DSA Marketing Commission in order to continually improve our service to members. Once again, thank you for your involvement and we look forward to seeing you at the next DanceSport Australia National Championship Event (D.A.N.C.E)

Andrew Howlett
Chair: DSA Marketing Commission

DSA ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

The roles of DSA Teacher/Coach, DSA Adjudicator and DSA Official are of primary importance to stakeholders in the DanceSports industry.

They are the people responsible for maintaining the highest standards of performance and integrity in DanceSports and therefore training for these roles requires considerable education and regulation – education to ensure quality and regulation to maintain it.

The DSA Accreditation Program, implemented and continually revised by DanceSport Australia, aims to ensure the highest standards of accountability and transparency while providing a career pathway as well as incentive for members to achieve the highest levels of accreditation.

The aim of this program is to ensure that DSA Teachers/Coaches, DSA Adjudicators and DSA Officials who are accredited and maintain registration have the highest standards of knowledge and analytical skills applicable to their level of involvement and who use their ability and experience in a sportsmanlike manner and for the betterment of DanceSports in Australia

Successful candidates can be assured that they have achieved distinction in their career of choice.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

It's pleasing to be able to announce that – in the 2 year period June, 2013 to June, 2015 – DSA membership increased by over 12% across all divisions, grades and age groups.

Undoubtedly, the Project 5000 / Recreational competitor initiative of 2014 has been a major contributor to this, allowing beginners a gentler introduction into the world of competitive Dancesport.

The number of Registered Teaching Facilities (RTFs) taking advantage of incentives such as group advertising, commissions on tickets, sponsor discounts and general industry advice is also increasing with an increase of 50% in the past year.

DANCESPORT AUSTRALIA - AMATEUR DIVISION ELEVATION NOTICE

As part of the revised elevation system introduced on 1 January 2015, all Amateur Division competitors who accumulate 250 points or higher will automatically elevate at one of two elevation dates during the year - 1 January & 1 July.

DSA is pleased to report that, as the first elevation date has now passed, all competitors have been successfully elevated to the next level electronically.

Competitors are encouraged to login to their account to review current details and elevation points. <http://p5000.org>

Don't forget that for every elevation point earned, a redemption point can be redeemed online with our Corporate partners.

Should there be any issue regarding an account, please contact DSA.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT 2015

The first half of 2015 has seen the continued rollout of the Recreational Division and the introduction of the 'Points' system for the Amateur Division, so how have these programs affected the participation rate at competitions?

Holistically these measures have increased general participation rates and the Recreational Division has attracted a new demographic of spectator to our competitions. The Recreational Division now boasts some of the largest participation rates, for example the Victorian Open Championship had a Recreational participation that rivalled the Amateur Division.

In real terms this Championship had over 68% of its competitors come from the Recreational Division. The Recreational Division is the 'entry level' into the DSA registration system and the replacement for the Amateur Division's Level 1. Never before have I seen a Championship with this 'entry level' participation.

This is good news for DanceSport but unfortunately these participation rates are not reflected in every State which reinforces the fact that DSA must work harder with those areas struggling to increase numbers. To achieve this DSA must work more closely with those who are at the forefront of running these competitions as well as those teaching our next generation of competitors.

Feedback from both statistical data and direct from amateur competitors themselves indicates a real increase in participation in competitions for the first six months of 2015. This participation comes from Amateur couples entering competitions that in the past they would not have considered because it would have affected their Grade. This again is good news for DanceSport however it is necessary to keep monitoring this data to ensure that Amateur competitors are appropriately rewarded for experience they gain and competitions run in the second half of 2015 will provide valuable insight.

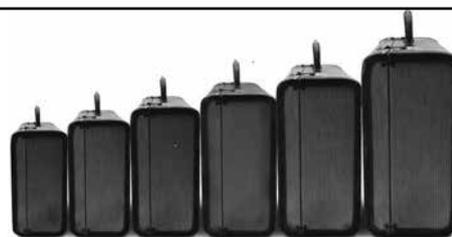
There is no doubt in my mind that Dance is the best Sport that everyone can enjoy that provides health and skill benefits that are for life. DanceSport development requires the recognition of all that it offers so that the general public is aware of what we know. Help the cause and take a friend dancing.

By Dallas Williams
Sports Director, DanceSport Australia

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

The DSA online registration system "myDSA" continues as a service to members. An important aspect of the integrity of the system is that a receipt is automatically issued for all payments received; if you don't receive an emailed receipt, please check your spam or junk mail, or contact your state registration officer.

New members registering for the first time are required to submit a written application form, available from the state registration officer or downloadable from the DSA web site. Usernames and passwords will be provided prior to the commencement of the next registration period. It is in your interest to ensure that your contact details remain current either by updating your information via the "myDSA" portal or advising the relevant Registration Officer of any change.



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Our website is the easy access point for information, news, rules and policy documents plus links to other sites and details of local and international events.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST 2015
(ALL FEES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST)

Ordinary Membership Fee	\$69.00	
Competitors		
Professional, Adult, Masters, Youth 16 years and over	\$74.00	
Juvenile, Junior and Youth under 16 years	\$47.00	
First Registration Only - Adult, Masters and Youth 16 years and over	\$55.00	
First Registration Only - Juvenile, Junior and Youth under 16 years	\$33.00	
Recreation Division		
Registration Fee	\$20.00	
Early Bird Specials- Accredited Member Renewals	<i>Pay before</i> March 1 2015	<i>Pay after</i> Feb 28 2015
Accredited Coach	\$160.00	\$180.00
Accredited Coach and Competitor	\$172.00	\$192.00
Licensed Adjudicator	\$126.00	\$146.00
Accredited Coach and Adjudicator	\$172.00	\$192.00
Licensed Adjudicator and Competitor	\$140.00	\$160.00
Coach / Adjudicator / Competitor	\$172.00	\$192.00
Scrutineer	\$75.00	\$95.00
Event Registrations		
National Championships	\$550.00	
Championships	\$242.00	
Competitions	\$121.00	
Unrestricted Competitions	\$121.00	
Accreditation Fees		
Scrutineer Exams	\$66.00	
Accreditation Applications	\$33.00	
First time Adjudicator Accreditation Applications	\$121.00	
Adjudicator Technical Assessment - Competitions	\$200.00	
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WDSF Athletes ID-Card Applications	\$25.00	
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