



RSCDS Qld Winter School 2024

Gatton 7 July 2024 - 14 July 2024

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We continue to work steadily on all aspects of the Winter School - now only 9 weeks to go! The **5 May 2024 deadline** is fast approaching and we are nearing our full quota of dancers, but there is still room for more. If you know of anyone thinking of attending, please remind them to get their registration forms in soon so they don't miss out! This newsletter contains details on t-shirts and polo shirts, a teachers' development workshop just prior the Winter School and information on our social programmes.

T-shirts and Polo Shirts

Long hours have been spent researching t-shirts and polo shirts to remember this Winter School by. We hope that we have come up with breathable and comfortable shirts in a range of colours you will like. For further information and the order form, please refer to the 2024 Queensland Winter School Website: [t-shirt-and-polo-shirt-orders](#)

Jackets and Hoodies

Since it can get cold in Gatton in July, we thought that a warm Jacket or Hoodie would come in handy. So, we have now made jackets and hoodies available as well. You find info and a separate order form here [jackets and hoodies](#).

All shirts, jackets and hoodies will have our logo (see above) embroidered at top left front. **The deadline for orders is 31 May 2024.**

WS 24 Socials

The social programmes at the WS 24 are now close to being finalised. The WS 24 will have a Ceilidh night on Wednesday and a Fancy Dress Social on Thursday night. We want to give you enough notice so that you can put your heads together with your friends/fellow dancers and come up with some marvelous ceilidh item and/or fancy dress to suit our theme "Fabulous Fifties". The Ceilidh will be a fun night and will include dancing, skits and other short entertainment items. Please contact us if you are able to offer an item or two for consideration.

Here is the WS 24 week's programme of Socials:

Sunday evening - Welcome Social
Monday evening - Trip around the World
Tuesday evening - A Dance through Australian History
Wednesday afternoon - Afternoon Social: Teachers' Choice
Wednesday evening - Ceilidh
Thursday evening - Fancy Dress: 'The Fabulous Fifties'
Friday evening - Formal Dinner
Saturday evening - Winter School Ball

Continuing Teacher Development Course run by Australian Teachers' Alliance (ATA) 5-7 July 2024, Gatton Campus

If you are teaching Scottish Country dancing you may be interested in this course led by Jeanette Watson from Wellington, New Zealand. This course is being run in the two days prior to the Winter School, at the same venue. It is open to all teachers regardless of whether you are a member of ATA or not. The course will cover some of the following skills: dance analysis, observing and correcting faults in steps and handling, recapping and use of music/musician. If you are coming for the ATA workshop and staying for the Winter School, you will stay in the same room.

To find out more details about the Teacher Development course, registration and also a bio of the teacher Jeanette Watson from NZ click [Here](#).

Musicians' Workshop

We currently have a small group of keen musicians who have registered for the workshop, to take place at the Gatton campus on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 2pm to 4.30pm during the Winter School. If you play an instrument and you would like to learn more about playing for Scottish Country Dancing, please complete the musicians' workshop registration form by the **5 May deadline**. Further information and the registration form can be found here on our [website](#):

If you know anyone who might be interested in joining the musicians' course please send the detail on to them. Email us with any questions about the musicians' workshop: qldwinterschol2024@gmail.com

'Fun in the Sun' and the Gatton Climate

Although the sun is likely to be shining in July, Gatton is known to get cold during the winter months with daily average temperatures ranging between 6 and 21 degrees centigrade. Be prepared for cold nights and bring your winter woollies! (But don't worry, all the rooms will be heated).

To be covered in future Newsletters...

- Further details on transport, with a form for you to complete to advise your airport arrival and departure times. We will use this information when we finalise bus travel from and to Brisbane Airport.
- We will also be asking you to complete a medical form in case of emergency.
- Crib sheets for our afternoon and evening socials.

We will be in touch again soon when more updates are available. We are looking forward to meeting you and sharing the Winter School ambience on and off the dance floor.

Best regards and happy dancing!

From the Queensland Winter School Committee 2024

(Fran Beausaert, Mark Dancer, Cathy McLeod, Sally Maunder, Diana Pascoe, Ross Roache and Connie Witt)

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