

BAY BOOTSCOOTERS BUGLE

ISSUE 2

SEPTEMBER 2026

FREE TO MEMBERS

**Simon Ward – June Long Weekend 2026****CLUB NEWS**

October Long weekend – Just a reminder there will be no classes on Monday 5 October 2026. Classes resume as normal on Wednesday 7 October 2026.

Is your name on the boarding list? - Wangi Queen Dance Cruise – Booked for Sunday 8 November 2026. Cost is \$25 per person which includes a 2-course BBQ lunch. Members will receive a ticket for a complimentary drink on arrival (excludes spirits & cocktails). Members and partners' welcome. The boat will be picking up from Lemon Tree Passage at 11.45am or Taylors Beach at 12:00pm for a 3-hour cruise. Come and join in the fun!!! You may have previously put your name down on an Expression of Interest list, but you will now need to put your name and pickup location on the new list at the class entry table. Full payment is required by Monday 2nd November 2026.

Club Shirts & Jackets – Orders are taken at the class entry table. Subsidised price for members - Shirts \$40 and jackets \$55. Delivery will take approximately 2 weeks, and full amount must be paid before you can receive your order. Shirt order has been received, and it is great to see so many members wearing club shirts to class. Initial order of club jackets has been placed. There has been a slight delay in the supply of jackets due to nil stock availability from the supplier, hopefully they will be available soon. For anyone wishing to have the club logo put on the front of their own black t-shirt or singlet top, Totally Workwear at Taylors Beach can do this for \$17. There is no subsidy for this option. Shirt and jacket sizing information is available at the class entry table along with order form.

Bay Bootscooters Website – Wendy has been very busy updating our website and has added loads of new content like membership form, BBS Bugle, Contact Us page and much more. Visit www.baybootscooters.com and have a look around!

June Long Weekend 2027 - Thursday 10th – Monday 14th – SOLD OUT to the general public (waiting list available). Tickets are still on sale for club members for 3-day and single day passes. Thursday night Karaoke, Friday night Social, Saturday Showcase, Saturday Workshop, and social Sunday Workshop and Social. Special guests for this event are Niels Poulsen (Denmark), Simon Ward, and our very own Wendy Hughes. If not already booked, please put your name on the list at the class entry table.

Bay Bootscooters
Long Weekend at Nelson Bay
11th June 2027
 Friday Night Social with Wendy Hughes \$20.00
 6:30 - 10:30pm
Black & White
12th June 2027
Saturday \$30.00
 Showcase 11:00 - 12:30
 Lunch 12:30-1pm
 Social dancing 1-3pm
 Workshops 3-4:30pm with Simon & Niels
 Social Dancing 4:30-7pm
Red, White & Country
13th June 2027
Sunday \$30.00
 Social dancing 11:00-1pm
 Workshops 1-2:30pm with Simon & Niels
 Social dancing 2:30-5pm
 Aussie Country
Monday farewell & thank you
 starts at 10:30 downstairs.
Theme Club starts

Bay Bootscooters
June Long Weekend
 at
West's Nelson Bay
Thursday 10th June 2027
 starting at 7pm
 Come and join us for our
meet and greet
Karaoke Night
 in the lounge area of West's
Free entry
 Brush up on your favourite songs
 and get your dance moves ready!

Membership Forms – All members are asked to complete the new BBS membership form. The updated form includes important information regarding social media use, safe footwear, and dance floor etiquette. These forms will be emailed to each member and can be completed and emailed back to baybootscooters@gmail.com or handed in at class entry table. Printed copies of the form will also be available at class entry table. Membership forms are also available on BBS website www.baybootscooters.com

2026 Christmas/New Year Break – Wendy's last class for 2026 is Wednesday 9 December 2026 and for Karen is Saturday 12 December 2026. Wendy's first class for 2027 is Monday 4 January 2027 and for Karen is Saturday 9 January 2027.

Social Outings –

Congratulations to Wendy for being invited to conduct a workshop at the National Capital Bootscooters Spring Ball in Canberra on 3 October 2026. Wishing her all the best!

Forster - Great to see so many members representing BBS at Mid North Coast Bootscooters' August event at Forster. Fun time had by all with, of course, lots of dancing!



James Johnston was special guest at Josh Talbot's event at Greenwood Hotel, North Sydney. A few members were lucky enough to get there early and have a personal meet and greet with James before his live performance. Thanks to Tony, our chauffeur, for taking us.



Hotfoot - A charity event was held in Tamworth presented by Hotfoot Line Dancers. The event was to support 'Talk2mebro' which was created to support men's mental health. A \$100 donation was made on behalf of BBS members to support this great cause. Anyone would like to donate can use the QR code below or visit Talk2mebro on Facebook or Instagram.



Karen Vella celebrated her birthday, having lunch with some of Wendy's Teralba class.



UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

BAY BOOTSCOOTERS SOCIAL

SUNDAY 11 October 2026 • 12 O'CLOCK • WESTS, NELSON BAY

Bring your dancing boots — all welcome. Entry fee \$10.

‘Hawaiian’ Theme



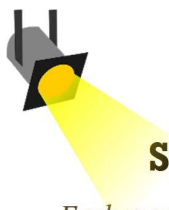
SAVE THE DATES 2026-2027

SOCIALS: -

13 DECEMBER 2026 – “XMAS SOCIAL” WESTS, NELSON BAY



10 – 14 JUNE 2027 – “JUNE LONG WEEKEND” WESTS, NELSON BAY



SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Each month there will be a contribution from a different club member to tell us a little bit about themselves. Enjoy!!

LINDA GALE



Hi, I'm Linda Gale - a brief history.

Born in England and emigrated with my parents and 2 Brothers when I was 8 years old.

We lived in Wentworthville and went to school at the brand-new Primary School, Ringrose Public and then went to the new Greystanes High, leaving in 1969. Worked full time for most of my life, which included 22 years at Nestle, only having time off to have my daughter and move to Port Stephens in 2014. I married my high school sweetheart in 1973, and my daughter was born in 1978. We lived in Toongabbie for about 28 years then built a house on a 5-acre property in Arcadia. Sold that house in 2014 and after 41 years of marriage my husband and I separated, and I moved to the Bay.

I have always been active in some sort of sport or singing, entertaining at nursing homes, and volunteering in various roles at my local church. I did do long distance cycling for over 10 years but had to give that up when I injured my knee. One of the rides I participated in was from Sydney to Melbourne, yes, I rode all the way.

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in June of 2023 and lucky for me they caught it early and after undergoing a lumpectomy and follow-up radiation therapy I have been cancer free for just over 3 years.

I finally retired at the end of 2024 after working for Port Stephens Council for 8 years in their accounts dept.

I started Line Dancing at Bay Bootscooters around September/October in 2024 and fell in love with it. I now do as many classes and socials as I can - I call myself a Line Dancing tragic.

The new friendships and exercise have really hit the spot. I recommend it to all my friends.

There is obviously more to my life and if you need to know more details just ask.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Bay Bootscooters. See you on the dance floor.

Sonia Cains, Margie Reimer



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wishing you all a beautiful birthday.



Bronwyn Barnes, Karen Vella, Gary Moore, Nell Kid, Sharon Bottrill



WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations on your special day!

Congratulations to Jo Seaborn on her recent marriage to Sean. The ceremony and reception were held at their beautiful Medowie home, attended by close family and friends.



Sean & Jo
12 September 2026



BON VOYAGE

Have a wonderful holiday!



- Bon Voyage to Sylvia Van Ommeren as she heads to Japan for a few weeks. Enjoy your break and safe travels.
- Welcome Helen Clare from your recent trip to India with your daughter. We believe you had a great trip with no issues.



THINKING OF YOU

Sending warm wishes to the following members

- Welcome back to Lyn McCann. Great to see her back to dancing after a short illness. You were missed, Lyn.
- Welcome back to Julia Wilson after her illness and then her travels with her brothers in NSW. Great to have you back again.
- Wishing Pat Hawkins a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing back at class.
- Sue Hughes has completed her Chemotherapy for breast cancer but will continue to receive infusions regularly for the next 3 months. We are looking forward to welcoming her on our Wangi Queen day trip.



BEREAVEMENTS

Condolences to family and friends



Eileen Cochrane
1932-2026



Eileen joined Bay Bootscoters in 2000. She was liked by everyone and soon became a committee member. Her dressmaking skills lead her to become the wardrobe mistress, designing many outfits for club members performances.

"SHE WAS A FUN LADY AND THEY ENJOYED HER COMPANY ALWAYS" Mel Smith

Shirley Hipwell
"Shirl the Girl"
1932-2026



Shirley was a well known and loved line dancer from Lake Macquarie. She was a lady in every sense of the word. She attended many Bay Bootscooters June Long Weekend events and especially loved "Shake this Town".



OUT & ABOUT

18 OCTOBER 2026 – "NSW LINE DANCE SPRING BALL" HAWKSBERY PCYC, STH WINDSOR

A colorful poster for the "Spring Ball 2026". The title is in large, stylized orange and pink letters. Below it, it says "Hosted by the NSW Line Dance Ball Committee". The poster includes details about the date (Sunday 18th October 2026), time (12 noon - 5.00pm), location (Hawkesbury PCYC Indoor Stadium), and ticket prices (\$40.00 per person before 20th September, \$50.00 per person from 21st September). It also mentions "5 hours of non-stop dancing - Full Playlist!" and "Theme: Shades of Pink". A QR code is provided for bookings.

Spring Ball 2026

Hosted by the NSW Line Dance Ball Committee

Join us as we launch our 20th year of Fundraising for the 2027 Ball & Ronald McDonald House Charities, Greater Western Sydney.

5 hours of non-stop dancing - Full Playlist!

Theme: Shades of Pink

Where & When:

- Sunday 18th October 2026
- 12 noon - 5.00pm (Doors open 11.00am)
- Hawkesbury PCYC Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St., South Windsor

Tickets:

- \$40.00 per person - Before 20th September: When booked via an Instructor
- \$50.00 per person - From 21st September: General public sales

Bookings are essential!
Make sure you book via an instructor prior to the 20th September to secure your \$40.00 ticket.

Payment is required at time of booking your tickets

Bookings at
www.nswlinedanceball.com/events-list

BYO Food/Drinks (No alcohol)
Cafe on site

SCAN HERE

24-25 OCTOBER 2026 – “MAITLAND MUSTER” TELARAH BOWLING CLUB,
TELARAH

SATURDAY DJ – KAREN THOMPSON



6 DECEMBER 2026 – “XMAS SOCIAL” TERALBA HALL, TERALBA
DJ – WENDY HUGHES





CLASS TIMES

AUDITORIUM, WESTS, NELSON BAY

All levels.

ALL CLASSES \$10 PER MEMBER

MONDAY

Teacher: Wendy Hughes

Dance Level: Beginner/Improver

Class Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Dance Level: Intermediate Improver rather than intermediate

Class Time: 4:30pm – 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Teacher: Wendy Hughes

Dance Level: All Levels

Class Time: 2.00pm – 4:30pm

SATURDAY

Teacher: Karen Thompson

Dance Level: Absolute Beginner

Class Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm

ENQUIRIES

Wendy Hughes – President/Teacher

0417 951 475

Karen Thompson – Teacher

0419 489 508

Sharon Bottrill – Secretary

0408 828 569

CLASSES ARE NOT HELD ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS



DANCES TAUGHT IN SEPTEMBER

Which did you like?

Turn This Town

Kiss My Glass

Saving the Honky Tonks

Boots on Fire

Gin & Tonic

Tango with Tex

Dry Spell

Rum & Coke

I Bought the Flowers

Kane Boots

Maddison Glover & Jo Thompson Szymanski

Karl-Harry Winson

Rob Fowler

Roy Verdonk & Ivonne Verhagen

Kate Sala & Robbie McGowan Hickie

Rob Fowler

Gary O'Reilly

Mark Furnell & Chris Godden

Ria Vos & Karl-Harry Winson

Andrew Hayes

Revision

4x4xU

Kevin Formosa

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DANCE QUOTES

So true...



5 THINGS

I WISH I'D KNOWN

WHEN I STARTED LINE DANCING

1

YOU WILL FORGET THE STEPS

Everyone does! It's all part of the fun and it gets easier with practice.



2

DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS

Everyone learns at a different pace. It's not about being perfect, it's about enjoying it.



3

DANCE THE WHOLE DANCE

Even if you make a mistake, keep going! No one is watching as much as you think.



4

TRY DANCES THAT SCARE YOU A LITTLE

This is how you improve and build confidence. You might surprise yourself!



5

THE PEOPLE YOU MEET

Will become one of the best parts of it. Line dancing is more than just steps... it's a fantastic community and lifelong friendships.



What's something you wish you'd known?



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2026-2027 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT – Wendy Hughes **VICE PRESIDENT** – Suzie Holliday
TREASURER – Di Tomlins **SECRETARY** – Sharon Bottrill
Committee – Lyn McCann, Liz Smith, Debra Keane, Linda Gale

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ALL WELCOME — SPREAD THE WORD