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BAY BOOTSCOOTERS BUGLE

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BBS Hawaiian Social – October 2026

CLUB NEWS



Christmas/New Year Break Update– 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 11 January 2027 and for Karen is Saturday 9 January 2027.



Wangi Queen Dance Cruise – Is everyone looking forward to having fun on Sunday 8 November 2026. Theme for the cruise is Summertime. The boat will be picking up from Lemon Tree Passage at 11.45am or Taylors Beach at 12:00pm for a 3-hour cruise. Please be at boarding point 15 minutes before proposed boarding time. The cruise includes a 2-course lunch. Members will receive a ticket for a complimentary drink on arrival (excludes spirits & cocktails). During the cruise there will be a raffle, trivia and lucky numbers.

Christmas Lunch & Social "Red & Silver"– All members are invited to BBS Christmas Lunch to be held at 11:30 am on Sunday 13 December 2026 in the restaurant at Wests, Nelson Bay. Lunch will be followed by the Christmas Social from 1:30pm to 5:00pm. Members subsidised price for both lunch and social will be $25. Lunch includes welcome drink on arrival, mixed festive roast (turkey, pork, ham), roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, apple sauce and crackling, pavlova topped with fresh cream and berries. Options will be available for any dietary requirements. Please put your name on the list at the class entry table. Payment is required by Monday 7 December 2026. We hope to see you all there!

BBS Hawaiian Social – Great to see everyone in their Hawaiian outfits, the colour in the room was amazing. A fun time was had by all especially our excited prize winners on the day! Congratulations to Pat Hawkins for winning Lucky Squares prize of $50.










Club Shirts & Jackets – No new orders will be taken this year, and we will let you when the next orders are available in 2027. 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. 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.

BBS Clacker Fans – Order has been placed and is currently being packed for shipping. Fans to be sold for $10. Members subsidised price will be $8.



LDAA 2026 Dancer of the Year – The LDAA nominated Elizabeth Smith for dancer of the year for her contribution to social media. It is voted on by their committee and will be announced at their social in January 2027.

Bay Bootscooters Website –The website is continually updated with new content so **v**isit www.baybootcooters.com and have a look around!

Membership Forms – All members, who haven't already done so, 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 the class entry table. Printed copies of the form will also be available at the class entry table. Membership forms are also available on BBS website www.baybootscooters.com

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.

Social Outings –

National Capital Bootscooters Spring Ball – This event was held in Canberra on 3 October 2026. Wendy Hughes conducted a very successful workshop with over 100 people, teaching Tango with Tex by Rob Fowler and You Cross My Mind by Niels Poulsen.





NSW Line Dance Spring Ball – Beautifully dressed in shades of pink, BBS members who attended the ball had a fantastic day. Wendy Hughes was one of the guest DJs at the event providing a great selection of dances for us all to enjoy! Betty Drummond, the founder of the Line Dance Foundation in the UK, was also present at the ball. The foundation supports line dancing professionals around the word in times of hardship, illness, injury and loss. During Covid the LDF provided close to £300,00 in support to those affected. Betty also organises the Crystal Boots Awards with all proceeds going to the LDF. The 20th Annual Line Dance Ball will be held on 3 April 2027 at Homebush. Special guests are Maddison Glover and Gordon Elliott. If any members are wishing to attend this event there please put your name down on the list at the class entry table.







Maitland Muster was held at Telarah Bowling Club on 24 & 25 October 2026. Great to see so many BBS members attending this event. Wendy Hughes was the guest DJ for the Saturday social as Karen Thompson was unfortunately unable to attend. We danced our feet off to the wonderful selection of music.









Uralla Halloween Honkytonk was held on 30 & 31 October 2026 and was attended by an eager group of BBS members who made the 3 ½ trek to Uralla. Josh Talbot was DJ, also running a workshop during the day. On Saturday night we were entertained by a live country singer, Nate Marks, who performed a great selection of line dancing songs. Everyone had a fantastic weekend and look forward to more BBS members attending next year. Special thanks to Katie and her helpers from Dance in Line with KT for a fabulous event.





UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

BAY BOOTSCOOTERS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

SUNDAY 13 December 2026 · WESTS, NELSON BAY

Bring your dancing boots — all welcome.



SAVE THE DATES 2027

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2027

SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2027 –

10 – 14 JUNE 2027 – "JUNE LONG WEEKEND"

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 2027

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2027

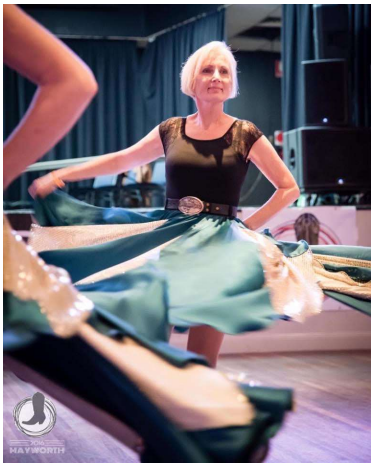
SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2027

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!!

WENDY HUGHES







Wendy Hughes a short story.

First and foremost, I am a nurse and rose up the ranks to become a Clinical Care Manager, however, please do not make me be one! If you know you know!

I started learning ballet and tap when I was 3 years old, my grandmother was a champion ballroom dancer, and she wanted me to follow her into the world of dance. I learnt from Janice Breen who just happened to be a go-go dancer on Bandstand. Janice got us onto Junior Bandstand with Brian Henderson and from there it was all about TV work and musicals. I took my exams and graduated from the RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) in all disciplines with high distinctions. I also gained a Solo Seal Award which is the absolute pinnacle of the RAD vocational syllabus. My grandmother was very proud and was the only 'family member' to be allowed backstage as she was the only one that could tie the ribbons on our point shoes correctly.

Onto Line Dance.

I started line dancing in 1993 and was asked to teach within 6 months, started my own business and in those days, we would have 300 to a class! We did a lot of TV work with Scooter Lee and Kerrie Ann Kennerley to promote it. We also performed at the Sydney Easter Show with over 2,000-line dancers in the main arena, The Man from Snowy River was also a highlight and so many more. I competed in many competitions over the years and became a multi–Australian Champion and coached dancers to obtain this title. I went to the UK in 2018 and 2019 and competed at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool and obtained a World Champion title, and then Covid put an end to travel. Judging all over Australia at all the major competitions and events is another huge part of my life. I am also the president of Australian Line Dancer which hosts the Australian Line Dance Awards each year.

I have been teaching at the Bay for almost 5 years now and just love our club's connection to each other and our wider community, it's what it is all about, feeling that we belong and are here for each other, I enjoy seeing people reach their goals in dance and I have a real passion for it. The Bay Bootscooters continues to get stronger each year and I hope to be around for many more years. I want to thank each and everyone of you for continually showing up to class and giving it your all, you make me smile 😊

I could have written a book…..

Wendy Hughes

President

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Best wishes for your recent birthday!

Robin Marlin, Robyn Stockeld, Sandy McNamara, Julia Wilson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wishing you all a beautiful birthday!

Helen Clare, Kaye Grief, Liz Smith, Margie Reimer, Margo Newton

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BON VOYAGE



Have a wonderful holiday!

- Welcome back Sylvia Van Ommeren, glad to hear you enjoyed your recent trip to Japan.
- We wish Maggie Coggans happy adventures and safe travels as she and her hubby head to Central NSW for a road trip to enjoy unseen places within our own state. Enjoy Maggie, and we look forward hearing about your adventures upon your return in 2 weeks' time.
- Louise McGaughran and her friend are also heading west in NSW on a road trip, also visiting interesting places along the way. We wish you safe travels and great sightseeing in Dubbo and Bourke as you head towards Broken Hill. We look forward to hearing about your adventures as well.



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THINKING OF YOU

Sending warm wishes to the following members

- Karen Thompson has had recent surgery after her fall. BBS wishes you a speedy recovery and are enjoying your flowers.
- Kim Pemberton is also recovering well after her recent hip operation, and we wish her all the best for her upcoming second operation. We look forward to seeing you back in the New Year.
- Wishing Mary Newton's husband a speedy recovery after heart surgery. I am sure you will make a wonderful nurse Mary.

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OUT & ABOUT

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



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DANCES TAUGHT IN OCTOBER

Which did you like?

Alligator Smile (AB)	*Julie Heinrichs- Heisner*
Love Flows (B)	*Maggie Gallagher & Gary O'Reilly*
Jive All Night (B)	*Mark Furnell & Chris Godden*
Heartless (B)	*Gary Lafferty*
The Smile On Your Face (Imp)	*Jose Miguel Belloque Vane & Niels Poulsen*
I Bought The Flowers (Int)	*Ria Vos & Karl-Harry Winson*
It Was Worth It (Int)	*Fred Whitehouse*
Leave The Lamp On (Int)	*Joshua Talbot*
My People (Int)	*Simon Ward*

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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

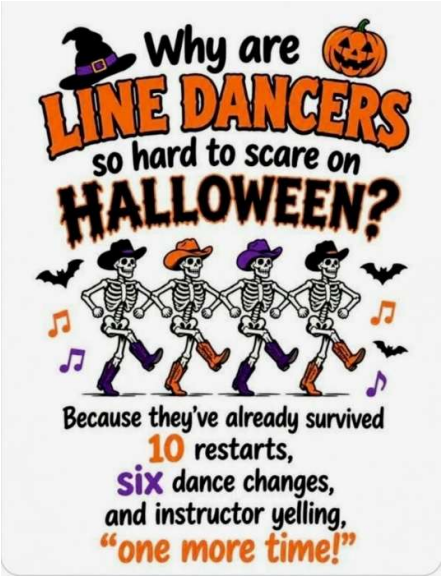
Wendy Hughes – President/Teacher	0417 951 475
Karen Thompson – Teacher	0419 489 508
Sharon Bottrill – Secretary	0408 828 569

CLASSES ARE NOT HELD ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

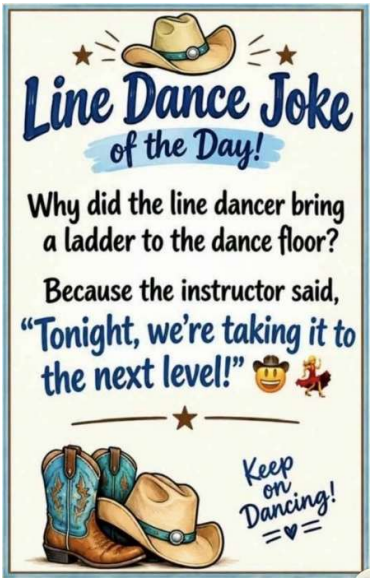
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DANCE JOKES

Happy Halloween!



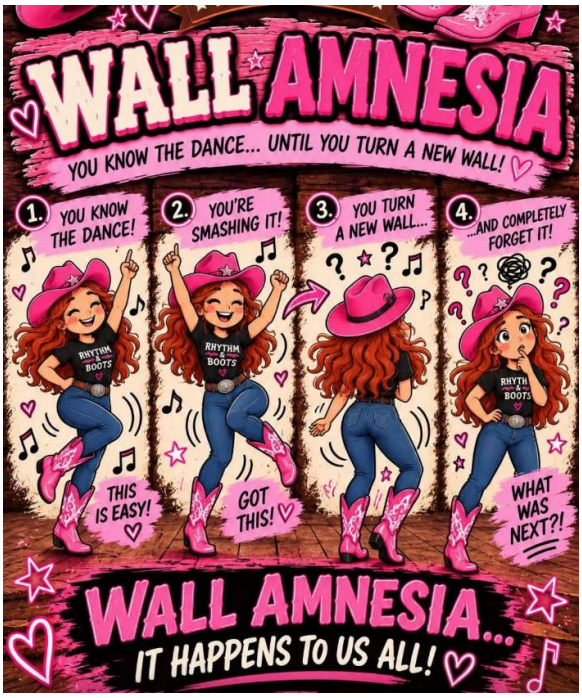
Level Up Wednesdays!



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DANCE QUOTES

Wall amnesia (sometimes called wallnesia) is the universal line-dancing phenomenon where you know the routine perfectly while facing the front, but the moment you turn and face a new wall, your brain completely forgets what comes next. Don't you feel better knowing it's not just you!



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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