

**Margot** Loutitt started ballroom dancing with her husband Allan in the early 1990s. They started at Kavanagh Dance Academy and completed Bronze, Silver, and, Gold in Modern, Latin American, and New Vogue styles.

She has been working as a Music Host at the Ballroom since 2014.

She has participated in a number of fund raising events for charities, including His Nibs Beau Debutant Ball in 1995. From 2006 onwards she organised and ran a number of big charity events, and very large dances at Newcomb Secondary College and White Eagle House

Margot started competing in the Australian Dancesport competition in 2000 with David Kelly. Beginning in E grade, they were soon promoted to C grade winning many events, including a Championship.

From 2002 she danced with Silvano, starting in the Masters 1 C Grade. Together they achieved significant success, including 3rd at the Australian Dancesport Championships in New Vogue style. They went on to win the Masters 1 B grade in Modern and New Vogue, and were immediately promoted to A grade entering the Masters 1 Open New Vogue championship where they achieved 2nd place

In 2004 Margot teamed with Leigh Horsely where they trained at Melbourne's Star Ballroom to compete in the Australian Championships, before illness ruined their chance to compete.

Margot returned to Ballroom Dancing Competition in 2006. She danced with Geoff Vine until 2008. They trained at The Star Ballroom in Melbourne. Their biggest achievement included Masters 1 (35-50) A Grade Modern & New Vogue (2 events), Masters 1 (35-50) Open Modern & New Vogue, Masters 2 (50+ ) A Grade - Modern & New Vogue Masters 2 (50 +) Open - Modern & New Vogue, totalling 8 events X 4 heats each event X 5 dances = 160 dances, qualifying and dancing in 8 finals adding another 40 dances a total of 200 dances for the day.

In 2011 she began dancing with Joe Lebbos. They entered competition dancing in 2012, and danced in two competitions achieving 3rd in New Vogue at both competitions. This was to be Margot's final dance in competition.



Margot at the Ballroom in 2022



Margot & Silvano competing 2002

*Photo courtesy Ballroom Rhythms*

afternoon/night dance at the Altona Sports Club.

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In 2005 Margot began studying her first Teaching Degree - Level 0 in Modern, New Vogue & Latin styles. By 2006 she had completed her 2nd Teaching Degree - Level 1 Modern.

U-Candance Ballroom opened at the Italian Club in Moolap, in October 2006, moving to the VRI Ballroom, La Trobe Tce, Geelong in 2007. U-Candance is currently operating at the Geelong Ballroom in Hamlyn Heights after relocating there at the start of 2022.

U-Candance currently runs on Wednesday nights at the Ballroom. Beginners class starts from 6pm. From 6:30pm Pammy runs intermediate/advanced/technique class, and from 8pm Margot runs the social dance class until 9:30pm.

She also runs the Sunday