

- 14 February # Hi Everyone,
- 28 February I hope you have all had a great start to the New Year and that it continues for the next 12 months.
- 27 March I am very excited to see you all again on Wednesday the 7th February along with Pam returning after the holidays.
- 24 April
- 22 May I have had a great response to the Beginner's free lessons and I am very grateful that our regular male dancers have come along to dance with the new female dancers. A huge 'thank you' to Bill, Glen, Hank, John, Justin and last but not least Les, and not forgetting Margaret.. You are all doing an amazing job and I am very proud of each and every one of you. All the new dancers are loving the classes and in 3 weeks have completed 6 dances to music.
- 19 June
- 17 July
- 14 August
- 28 August # I have listed on the left, the dates that Pam will have a much needed break from her hectic working every day and Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Ballroom. On the nights Pam is away, I will run a "Catch up Workout" beginning with the Beginner's dances, at 7.00 pm then working through to the Intermediate dances followed by the Advanced dances.
- 11 September
- 9 October
- 6 November I am happy to receive requests to play 2 songs for a particular dance should you feel it would help. On these nights the Beginners class is open to anyone that would like to join in at 6.00 pm.
- 4 December

On the above Catch-up nights I am going to go over a dance, **February 14 will be the New Vogue Quickstep**

18 December Wednesday Christmas Break-up

21 December Saturday Christmas Break-up

Club Italia is on the 1st Sunday of every month and is coming up again on the 4th February

I was very excited to kick start the dancing off on Sunday the 7th January and I have heard that the Committee are very happy to proceed ahead for February 4th - Music with Charles and 3rd March - music with Damian & Anne. I will be playing my music again on the 7th July and 6th October.

I am not sure who is playing in between the above dates.

Club Italia was a great night back in the years 1992 until 2009 people were lined up very early before the kitchen was even open, it extended down the floor to the end of the room to get their Lasagna, chips and salad, or a roast and great selection of sweets.

The floor was crowded, it was such a great night, lots of new friendships were formed. All the Italians who were there every Sunday wanted to dance like us and decided to come along to Kavanagh's on a Wednesday night and we all helped them with their lessons. I organized dance weekends away, we had so much fun. There was a few of us who worked in the kitchen once a month on Sundays and were happy to do so, it was hard watching everyone dancing, we just wanted to be up on the dance floor.

Let's get Ballroom dancing back on Sunday nights In Geelong. It is a great chance to bring all the dance schools together, united in our passion to dance.

If we want to dance on Sundays, it is up to all the Geelong dancers to come along and support the Club, to help the new Committee get ballroom dancing back on the agenda on Sunday nights.

Maybe once a month might be enough,
lets all support it and see where it takes us.

I am saddened that another dancer has passed away, and so early in the start of a new year. I am not sure if any of you knew Andrew Robertson (wife Judith). Andrew and Judith danced at Kavanagh's along with Allan & myself, Barb & Dirk, Shelley & Alan, and Julie. We supported each other going for medals, socials, training nights, and competed together for many years. Andrew and I partnered each other in obtaining our teaching degrees. Andrew was 74 yo when he passed away last week.

I think that's all the news from me. I look forward to seeing you all again on the floor with Pam and myself on Wednesday the 7th February, 2024 and looking forward to a magical year of dancing, with so much to be grateful for.

Happy dancing everyone. Stay safe, happy and above all well.



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