

Welcome to the wonderful world of Scottish country dancing



This information is for new dancers attending beginner classes at Love Street. You're sure to have some questions and may not get time to ask them in class. So, we've tried to answer some of them for you.

Can I pay by direct debit?

Yes. We welcome direct debit payments. Our bank account details are BSB 034-002 Account 413904. Class fees are currently \$12 per night or \$10 if you are a member of the RSCDS (membership discussed below). Make sure to include your name and the class date in the payment details.

Is there parking available?

If you're fortunate enough to get one, there are a few off-street places that are free of charge.

There's usually plenty of street parking that is metered until 7.00 pm. However, there are some spaces that are free after 5.30pm including up near the St Paul's Terrace end of the street. First in, first served for these!

How long will it take me to learn Scottish Country dancing?

It depends what your goal is. Learning Scottish country dancing is a journey which different people travel at different speeds and on different routes. You can become comfortable with basic steps and formations in as little as 8 – 10 weeks. Becoming proficient can take 6 -12 months with mastery taking several years of dedicated practice.

Are all dancers in the Beginner's class actually beginners?

You'll find that not everyone at a beginner class is a beginner. Don't let that put you off. More experienced dancers come along to encourage new dancers and help them learn faster by example.

When can I dance in the Intermediate class?

When you understand the basic steps and formations and are comfortable dancing in the beginner class, you're welcome to dance with the intermediate class. There is no further charge for that class. That is, it's the one price for the night regardless of how long you stay.

What is the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society or RSCDS?

The RSCDS was established in Scotland over 100 years ago to keep the traditions of Scottish Country dance and music alive. There are over 160 branches around the world. The Queensland Branch conducts classes at Love Street, Spring Hill and at Flower Street, Northgate as well as other dancing events during the year.

Can I become an RSCDS member?

Yes. We always welcome new members. Under our licence agreement with the RSCDS, you must be a member of the RSCDS as well as a Branch. [You will see that most of the fee you pay to your Branch is levied on behalf of the RSCDS and paid to Scotland.]

As a member, you'll be entitled to a small discount on RSCDS class fees and RSCDS dance events. Most importantly, you'll be helping the RSCDS in its aim of continuing and expanding Scottish country dancing.

Do you recommend any particular dance footwear?

You don't need special dance shoes, flat comfortable shoes are fine. However, as you become more experienced you may find that dance shoes are lighter and allow you to move more freely. Speak to other dancers, they'll guide you in your choice.

You may find suitable shoes at Bloch (www.bloch.com.au), James Senior (www.jamessenior.co.uk) or Thistle Shoes (www.thistleshoes.com.) James Senior and Thistle are based in the UK so sizing may be difficult. You may have to send them an outline of your foot size.

Where can I find more information about Scottish country dancing?

Visit our website. Or email secretary@rscdsqld.org.au


