

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY QUEENSLAND BRANCH INCORPORATED



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Date: 24 May 2026

Time: approximately 10.00 am (to follow Special General Meeting)

Location: Communify Hall, Love Street, Spring Hill
(sorry no electronic attendance possible from this venue)

Agenda

Attendees are asked to sign the Attendance Register and record proxy votes before the meeting commences.

1. Chairman's Welcome and apologies

2. Minutes of 2025 Annual General Meeting : available [here](#)

3. Business arising from the 2025 Minutes

- **Motion:** That the RSCDS Queensland Branch Inc moves a motion at the next Society Annual General Meeting: "That the subscribing membership of Joint Member no longer be offered".

Proposed: Erin McKenna Seconded: Denise Smith

Result: Erin was to draft an email to other Branches to get support.

Comment: This was not done as Scotland had already started the process of discontinuing joint membership.

- **Motion:** The RSCDS Queensland Branch Inc shall seek a private ruling from the Australian Tax Office (ATO) concerning its Goods and Services Tax (GST) status for the 2023–24 and 2024–25 financial years.

Proposed: Lyn Seconded: Lorraine Merritt Result: Carried

Comment: A ruling was sought. The ATO advised that the Branch was liable for GST in respect of its own activities (but not in respect of the fees that it collected on behalf of Scotland). [This was in addition to GST of the Winter School sub-entity. BAS were lodged and GST assessed. General interest charge was remitted by the ATO. Thanks to BNR Partners for attending to dealings with the ATO on our behalf free of charge.]

4. Reports for 2025-26

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Branch Classes
- Club Reports

5. Election of Management Committee

As required by rule 18(8) of the Constitution, all positions of the management committee are declared vacant. The Constitution requires that the management committee consist of at least five people including the Chair, Voce Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

As required by rule 19(5) of the Constitution, the management committee advises all people nominating for a committee position that the Branch has a current policy of public liability insurance in the amount of \$10 million.

The following nominations have been received. A nomination will not be accepted from the floor for a position in respect of which someone has nominated before the meeting.

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair			
Vice Chair	<i>Paul Smith (2nd pref)</i>	<i>Ken Rouse</i>	<i>Felicity McKenzie</i>
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Committee member	Denise Smith	Ken Rouse	Felicity McKenzie
Optional Position	Paul Smith	Ken Rouse	Judith Howlett
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6. Appointments

Queensland Branch delegates to RSCDS (currently Chair and Secretary)

- That the Queensland Branch delegates to RSCDS be

Moved: Seconded:

Note: we no longer require an Auditor *unless*:

- annual turnover exceeds \$150,000 and
- total assets exceed \$300,000.

7. General Business

RSCDS Queensland Branch Inc fees for 2026/27

Noting the recent increase in class fees, the Management Committee voted to recommend to members that no increase be made to the Queensland Branch fee this year.

- That for the year commencing 1 July 2026, the Branch Single Adult Membership fee shall be \$10 per annum, with other membership subscriptions based pro-rata on this amount.

Moved: Mark Warry Seconded: Lyn Freshwater

- That for the year commencing 1 July 2026, the Branch Joint Membership fee be 200% of the Branch Single Adult Membership.

Moved: Mark Warry Seconded: Lyn Freshwater

RSCDS Scotland – Society Membership fee

At its AGM in November 2025, the RSCDS agreed to increase the basic full annual subscription to £30 from 1 July 2026. Joint membership was set at £52. Other subscription rates will continue to be calculated on a pro-rata basis using the full annual subscription amount.

From October 2026, digital access to the Scottish Country Dancer magazine is included in membership fees. Printed copies will be available for an additional fee.

These fees are collected by the Queensland Branch in \$AU and remitted to Scotland in £GBP. The \$A amount set at our AGM attempts to factor in exchange rates and currency conversion fees.

- That for the year commencing 1 July 2026, the Society Single Adult Membership Fee (paid to RSCDS Qld Branch) shall be \$65 per annum, with other membership subscriptions based pro-rata on this amount.

Moved: Erin McKenna Seconded: Jenny Peters

- That for the year commencing 1 July 2026, the Society Joint Membership fee (paid to RSCDS Qld Branch) be 170% (\$110) of the Single Adult Membership fee.

Moved: Erin McKenna... Seconded: Jenny Peters

- That for the year commencing 1 July 2026, the fee (paid to RSCDS Qld Branch) for *Scottish Country Dancer* magazine (printed and posted by the society) shall be \$14.

Moved: Erin McKenna Seconded: Jenny Peters

Adoption of Code of Conduct

A working group was established to develop a Code of Conduct for our branch members. The Code, which supplements our Constitution, sets out the behaviours which we ask of our members and what happens if there is a breach of the Code.

Link [here](#).

While the Code is something that the Management Committee might have introduced, the Committee determined that everyone should vote on its content initially as the Code will be something that members will be asked to agree to abide by. It is contemplated that further changes will be matters for the Management Committee.

- That the RSCDS Queensland Branch formally adopt the Code of Conduct.

Moved: Mark Combe... Seconded: Cathy McLeod

- That further changes to the Code be addressed by the Management Committee.

Moved: Mark Combe... Seconded: Cathy McLeod

Date for 2027 AGM

Meetings are usually held at the end of May. There are two possible dates for holding the 2027 meeting: 23/5/2027 or 30/5/2027.

- That the next Annual General Meeting be held on __ May 2027

Moved: ... Seconded:

8. Any other business

2027 Ball

The current Management Committee has investigated the possibility of starting our 50th anniversary celebrations (in 2027) with a ball.

We have liaised with [Chris Duncan and Catherine Strutt](#) and they are available to play for us on 6 March (but not at other times during the year that we had considered). They have offered us a discount rate of \$1,500 for the night (usually \$3,000 or more). This does not include the cost of their travel and accommodation.

Chris and Catherine's requirements include, among other things, having a venue with a grand piano. The auditorium at Sommerville House suits their requirements. The one-day venue hire fee is \$3,000. We could use the auditorium for other activities during the day. Other suitable venues are similarly priced.

We cannot self-cater but can use anybody who holds a relevant licence. Sommerville House has suggested some names.

Depending on pricing and attendance, the Branch may make a loss (as with the RSCDS 100-year celebration ball). But there are sufficient funds in our Branch accounts to more than cover costs.

To enable members from outside of Brisbane to attend, the committee would like to encourage Brisbane dancers to host visitors overnight.

Before making final bookings, the current management committee would like to gauge the level of support from members for such an event.

Motion

- That the Branch continue to make arrangements for a Ball as outlined above.

Moved: Lyn Freshwater Seconded: Erin McKenna

Meeting close

Mini social to follow
Programme: [Mini-social](#)