

# L.V COUNTRY LINE DANCERS



Honestly, I do not know where to start with 2023. I don't think I can take in all the wonderful things that happened this year. It was so nice to get the classes back up and running in some sort of normality after 2022 still being a little iffy with Covid. It was also nice to have two knees that were working....and touch wood...still working :)

To win the Australian Group of the Year with Rebel Bootscooters and Ramblin' Rose was amazing. Still not sure how we came into sight but I always knew we were the best groups :) Then to win Australian Line Dancer of the year...well I am still shaking my head at that one but was also a great moment.

We have had some fun socials this year and dressed up in our crazy costumes which seems to bring out the inhabitations of students...makes them do crazy things...which in turn...creates great photos.

Travelling to other workshops and socials has started again in full. We had a wonderful group at the VLDA Ball, saw a fun filled weekend at Portarlington, flew up to Sydney for their annual Ball, road trip to Canberra, off to Kinross for a hoot of a weekend, up to Bendigo where we once again witness Joanie Lobb's weird sense of humour, just to name a few. Anyone wishing to join us for weekends away please let us know. I will add dates to our Calendar. The first to think about is Portarlington run by our own association for the long weekend in March. Always a great weekend.

AND... What can I say about our amazing Lifeline Total. We have passed the cheque over to Lifeline and they think we are just the best. I feel that this has become a very special fundraiser to us all and know that the service they give is extremely important to our society. They rely heavily on donations and we can feel once again...that perhaps we have helped save lives. As you will see as you read through our newsletter, is that we are putting together an evening next March 2nd at the Italian Australian Sporting Club in Morwell. Read on for more info, but we are really hoping that we can get lots of support for this. Get your family and friends together for a wonderful night out and this will be a good kick start for next year's fundraiser:)

And last but not least, how nice was it to be able to help our Zimbabwean families again and I cannot believe the amount of goods we received for them. You have made the lives of many people just a little bit easier and have put a smile on their faces. Well, we still have lots of classes / socials / breakups before we get to our final "All Classes Get-together" before we finish this year. Thank you all for making this year so special, you're an amazing group!

**Sunday Gentle Heyfield  
Christmas Social  
November 19th  
Beginners / Improvers / Easy**

Heyfield Memorial Hall \$15  
12 Midday - 4 P.m.  
SUPPER and RAFFIES

Come along for a great afternoon of dancing and FUN  
COFFEE and Tea SUPPLIED  
Please bring a Plate to Share



**Heyfield Hospital Laurina Lodge  
Thursday November 30th  
2 p.m.**

Christmas demo...and singing cause we are SO good;) at Laurina Lodge.  
Our last singalong and dancing with our FAVOURITE RESIDENTS FOR THIS YEAR



*Sunday Newborough Christmas Social  
December 3rd*

Newborough Public Hall \$15

Beginners/Improvers 11.00 a.m. - 1.45 p.m.  
SPIT FLOORS commence at Midday - 1.45 p.m.  
1.45 - 2.15 SUPPER and RAFFIES

Easy Intermediate - Intermediate 2.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Come along for a great afternoon of dancing and FUN  
BOOKINGS are essential / COFFEE and Tea SUPPLIED  
Please bring a Plate to Share



**Thursday Heyfield Breakup  
December 7th  
Railway Hotel Heyfield**

Social dancing from 9.30 a.m. to 12 Midday  
and Christmas BreakUP at The Railway Hotel  
at 12.30

Bookings with Linda essential



**Friday Newborough Breakup  
December 8th  
Moe R.S.L**

Social dancing from 9 a.m. to 12 Midday  
and Christmas BreakUP at The Moe R.S.L  
at 12.30

Bookings with Linda essential

*Wednesday All Classes Combined Newborough  
Christmas Social December 13th  
Our last Floorah together for 2023*

Newborough Public Hall

Mixed levels FUN morning together  
9 a.m to 12 Midday then  
OUR last SUPPER for 2023

Please bring a Plate to Share

BOOKINGS are essential / COFFEE and Tea SUPPLIED







What an amazing year we have had this year and raising another good amount for Gippsland Lifeline was amongst them. Never did I dream that we could raise anywhere near this amount of money but so delighted and proud that we did. This is now our sixth year supporting Lifeline and couldn't think of a more worthwhile cause. Lifeline has become very special to us all and I know we all appreciate the work that they do. There are very few families that have not been affected by Depression/Suicide and we all recognise how debilitating this can be not only to the person suffering but also to their families. The work that they do is truly amazing and very much the thread to those who desperately need help.

All three groups, L.V Country Line Dancers, Rebel Bootscooters and Ramblin' Rose worked all year round building up a good start to kick off our Big Two Day Event.

Our September weekend was amazing and the vibe was so good. We kicked off the Saturday with 55 coming through the door for our Beginner/Improver Social. The day was just so much fun with some crazy dances done. Straight away the feel was, that it was going to be a great weekend.

We then rolled over to the Sunday with 85 coming through the door. Sunday was such a hoot with all the final tallies being announced during the day. We went a little different with our foyer theme being Spooky and boy there were lots of screams coming from that area.

Linda, Sue, Elaine and certainly Gippsland Lifeline would like to thank every single person who has made this year's total possible.

You are all certainly an amazing group.

Framed Cross Stitch \$68.00

(Cross Stitch by Chris Urand / Framed by Marie Smith

Hampers \$453.00

(Donated by Barb Elliott)

Hand Made Bear \$335.00

(Made and Donated by Glenda Caruana)

L.V Country Line Dancers \$5023

Partylites \$117

(Donated by Yvonne Potts)

Private Donations \$1350.00

Quilt / Cup Holders \$455

(Made and donated by Chris Brister)

Ramblin' Rose \$7290.00

Rebel Bootscooters \$2212.00

Saturday Tickets & Raffles \$1310.00

Sunday Tickets & Raffles \$1950.00

Grand Total \$20563.00



**To our amazing line dancing community (who we consider part of the Lifeline Gippsland family)!**

**Every year we think it just couldn't be possible to top the year before, and every year you prove us wrong. Those of you who have been part of this community, this family, for the years that you have supported us will know that I often say that it's only your efforts that leave me struggling for words. Every year that is true. For any newcomers, I'm sure Linda and Sue have made you aware that we receive only 25 per cent of the funding required just to respond to 13 11 14 crisis phone line calls. For the rest of the work we do in the community, which includes community awareness raising, training and supporting people who have lost loved ones to suicide, we don't receive any funding. It is genuinely through the generosity of people like you that we can keep the lights on, keep responding to people in their times of need and make sure that when people are facing their darkest hour, there is someone there to listen at the other end of the phone.**

**Your commitment to people who are struggling through darkness and hard times is unmatched, and we are humbled and honoured to continue to be the incredibly lucky beneficiary of your fundraising efforts.**

**We plan to use your enormous donation to offset the cost of training our crisis support phone volunteers, which is \$4,000 per person.**

**We can break down your incredible contribution as follows:**

- Five people trained equals 72 hours of volunteering per year**
- 72 hours volunteering equals an average of 144 calls answered**
- The five people you have funded for training will answer 720 calls per year**
  - Those five people stay with us, on average, for five years**

**That means the total calls you have helped to fund is a staggering 3,600. That's 3,600 people who, because of you, will not have to go through their struggles alone. Each call may be a life saved.**

**Thank you just doesn't seem enough, but on behalf of the team, and of the people who need our service and receive it because of your hard work and dedication, please know that our appreciation goes beyond what can be expressed in words. I hope that everyone who contributed, in the countless ways that you do throughout the year is incredibly proud of what you have achieved. You are extraordinary.**





# GIPPSLAND LIFELINE PHOTOS



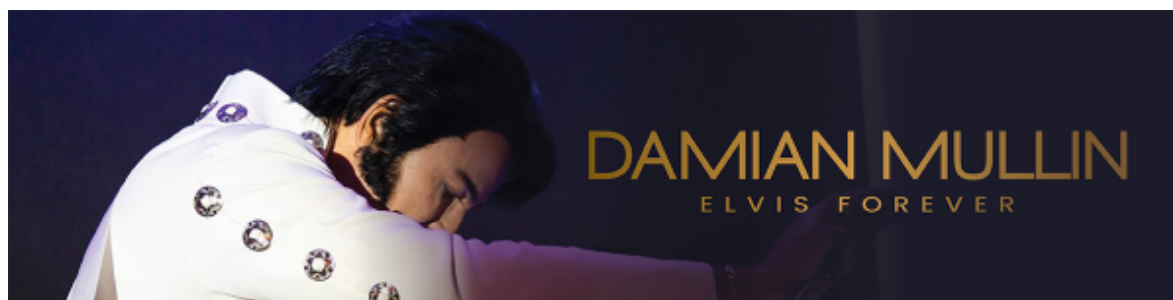


## GIPPSLAND LIFELINE PHOTOS



For lots more photos check out our facebook page





Yes...we have already started planning for our 2024 Gippsland Lifeline Fundraiser. We thought it would be nice to have a night out with our Line Dancers, Partners and Friends and Gippsland Lifeline so we have organised an evening with Damian Mullin. This is somewhat of a big undertaking for us and your support with this would be greatly appreciated. If we can pull it off, it will be a wonderful start to our fundraiser for 2024.

The Italian Australian Sporting Club are sponsoring us with the venue which we are extremely grateful. The date is March 2nd, doors will open at 6.30 p.m. and the seating by 7.30 p.m. We are hoping that we can get our line dancers to organise their tables first (tables of 10) inviting your family and friends along with you. Then once we know how many tickets are left, we can advertise the event after Christmas selling the remaining tickets. Bookings are open and you can reserve your table with Linda :) We are hoping to put together a large raffle so if you know of any business's that would be able to assist us with items/vouchers that would be wonderful. Why not book a table for tea at the Italian Australian Sporting Club and mossy into the Function Room afterwards for some great entertainment with Damian and make it a complete night out.



LATROBE VALLEY LINE DANCERS  
PRESENT

DAMIAN MULLIN  
**ELVIS**  
F O R E V E R  
*Up Close & Personal*

**ITALIAN AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLUB, MORWELL**  
**SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 2024**

DOORS OPEN 6.30 P.M.  
SEATING BY 7.30 P.M

FOR A SPECIAL NIGHT OUT  
BOOK INTO THE  
ITALIAN AUSTRALIAN  
SPORTING CLUB FOR A MEAL  
PRIOR TO THE SHOW  
FROM 5.30 P.M.  
0351 343541

For Bookings  
contact Linda Pink  
0438 275327  
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Tables of 10



AND THEN FINISH OFF IN  
THE FUNCTION ROOM  
FOR A WONDERFUL  
EVENING WITH  
DAMIAN MULLIN



 **Lifeline**  
Gippsland

**ALL PROCEEDS TO LIFELINE GIPPSLAND**





It's been a heartwarming journey supporting Oferya and her incredible work of sending aid to her hometown. She kickstarted this project way back in 2013, and it's been our privilege to join in for 6 years now and lending a hand in every way we can. Over the years they have tried to put into place many projects to help them become a little more self sufficient. We have been able to assist this with the large number of sewing machines/knitting machines, materials and crafts that we were able to send. The amount of items we have collected this year has been our biggest year yet and we know that the items we have gathered are going people who will really appreciate them. Thank you everyone for making this day such a huge success and for being so giving. Once again you should be really proud.



# *Dances Taught*

## **RAW BEGINNERS**

Everyday  
Who's Been Sleepin In My Bed  
Everyday (It's A Getting Closer  
I Do I Do & More & More  
Venus  
Rocket To The Sun  
Welcome To The Wild Wild West  
Stand By Me  
Come A Little Bit Closer  
Raise A Glass  
Heave Away  
Feel The Beat  
I Know I'll Smile Again  
Wild Wild Flowers  
Geronimo Easy  
Sugar Sugar  
Blame It On The Disco  
Riding Shotgun  
Hey Senorita  
Slow Boat  
Woolshed Waltz  
Cheap Cologne  
Love Will Find A Place  
I Need To Be Loved  
Good Strong Woman  
Berlin At 5  
June Cha Cha  
Good Feelings  
Stroll Along Cha Cha  
Oh Girl  
Some Kind Of Wonderful  
Just Close Your Eyes  
When I'm 64  
The Morning After  
All Over The World  
Won't You Dance With Me  
Pink Shoelaces  
Ooh Baby  
Who Needs To Know

## **UPPER / IMPROVERS**

When You're Tipsy  
Love Button  
I'm Pretty  
Chica Boom Boom 2009  
Glass Of Wine  
Lucky Lips  
Baby I'm Burning  
Gonna Take Us Home 2000  
Watermelon Shine  
Keeping You Dancing  
Tonight You're Lucky  
Sexy Mona Lisa  
Love Love  
We Never Knew Love  
Just A Memory 2000  
We're Good To Go  
Here You Come Again  
Amigos In Low Places  
Sweet Caroline 2017  
Sweet Gypsy Rose  
Memory Lane  
When Will I Be Loved  
Come Dance With Me  
Speak To The Sky  
My Gypsy Queen  
Somebody Else's Moon

## **EASY**

Blowin' Smoke  
Oh My Johnny  
Dust To Dust  
One Two Step Away  
Steamboat Queen  
Wave On Wave 2004  
I'm Ready To Fly  
Lost In The Rhythm  
My Next Sad Song  
Drive You Out Of My Mind  
Good Rockin' Daddy  
Float  
Love Letters 1997  
Just A Memory 2000  
Little Heartbreak  
Knees Are Trembling  
Save It For A Sunny Day  
Marry Me



**Our Facebook page contains events coming up and wonderful photos of our socials and good times. If you don't have Facebook, then don't worry. You can still hop on and check it out. On the front of our Website, you can double click on the Facebook Icon This will take you onto my Facebook page, if a pop up comes up with a "Log In or Create New Account" click on the "Not Now" down the bottom. You will now be able to check out our facebook page.**





# *Dances Taught*

## **EASY INTERMEDIATE**

Call It Country  
I Can Feel It  
To Be Blunt  
The Last To Know  
You Will Be Found  
My Broken Heart  
Face The Music  
Wreckage  
Bruises  
Fires  
It's Up To You 2006  
Laws Of Attraction  
If You Believe  
Every Little Detail  
Alibis 1997  
Girls After Your Own Heart  
When You're Drunk  
Drinkaby  
Get In Or Get Out  
Crowded Mind  
Never Gonna Not Dance  
Single Life



## **INTERMEDIATE**

Intermediate  
21 Forever  
Loved  
Until Then, Goodbye  
Wild World  
Telling On My Heart  
Rest Of My Days  
Candle In The Wind  
Invisible Scars  
3 Tequila Floor  
Whistle On The Wind  
Knock Off  
Better Stop  
We Did



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Section**

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to Ellis Bella**

### **TO ALL MY STUDENTS**

### **ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO TRAVEL A DISTANCE**

**If you feel the weather is against you or feel it is too unsafe to travel.. Then please.... don't come to class**

**If the weather is really bad more than likely I will cancel the class. But please..those who have quite a distance to travel...stay home if the weather is bad.**

**As much as we love our dancing your safety is more important...just send me a quick text so I know you**

**are not stranded on the side of the road but**

**please...don't risk your safety**

# **RAW BEGINNERS**

New Raw Beginners Classes will  
be starting up first week of February both in Heyfield and Newborough  
9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Let your friends know what a great time they  
are missing out on:) Look forward to a new crew starting.

**As we make our way back to the dance floor  
please make sure you are aware of our Dance Etiquette.  
These rules are for the safety of all our students and makes  
the dance floor more enjoyable for all.**

## **DANCE FLOOR ETIQUETTE**

**FLOOR ETIQUETTE IS REQUIRED  
FOR THE SAFETY OF DANCERS**

- 01** Don't eat or drink whilst dancing and or carry food/drink across the dance floor.
- 02** Don't use the dance floor as a thoroughfare whilst the dance is in progress. If uncertain, move along the row to the outside edge and leave the dance floor.
- 03** When joining in on a dance already in progress, please don't push in to your "usual spot". Dance in a vacant position on the edge of the dance floor. Alternately, if a dance is in progress and you need to leave the floor, walk along the row to vacate dance floor.
- 04** Please leave the dance floor if you want to chat, take photos, use phone etc.
- 05** If watching a dance, please be mindful of non-obstructing the dance floor and of any dancers that are seated behind you.
- 06** On no account put anything on the floor if it's sticky or slippery, as this can cause harm to a dancer and affect the floor, by deteriorating its surface.

Please be courteous to all dancers.

Victorian Line Dance Association



[www.victorianlinedance.asn.au](http://www.victorianlinedance.asn.au)

## Proposed Diary for 2024.

Changes may occur due to unforeseen circumstances

Some themes still to be decided

<p><b>January</b> Classes resume week commencing 16th January</p> 	<p><b>February</b> <b>2024 Raw Beginners Class Commence</b> <b>Thursday 1st Heyfield</b> <b>Friday 2nd Newborough</b></p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> Newborough Combined Classes</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Stephen Paterson / Heather Barton @ Mitcham</p>	<p><b>March</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Damian Mullin @ The Italian Australian Sporting Club Fundraiser for Gippsland Lifeline</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Newborough Combined Classes Theme: Mad Hatters Tea Party</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Portarlington Weekend</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> Heyfield Beg/Imp/Easy</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> VLDA Good Friday Appeal</p> <p>NO CLASSES FROM THE 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO THE 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</p> 
<p><b>April</b> CLASS RESUMES TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup></p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> Newborough Combined Social</p> <p>20<sup>TH</sup> NSW Ball</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> NO THURSDAY CLASS ANZAC DAY</p>	<p><b>May</b> 5<sup>TH</sup> Newborough Combined Classes</p>	<p><b>June</b> 9<sup>th</sup> Newborough Combined Classes</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> Heyfield Beg/Imp/Easy</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> VLDA Ball</p>
<p><b>July</b> 5<sup>th</sup> Beginners/Improvers Mid Year Ball</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> Newborough Combined Classes</p>	<p><b>August</b> 11<sup>th</sup> Newborough Combined Classes</p> <p>NO CLASSES FROM 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST TO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER</p>	<p><b>September</b> CLASS RESUMES TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup></p> <p>8<sup>TH</sup> Newborough Combined Classes</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> LIFELINE FUNDRAISER</p>
<p><b>October</b> 13<sup>TH</sup> Newborough Combined Classes</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> Bendigo Weekend</p>	<p><b>November</b> 10<sup>th</sup> Newborough Combined Classes</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> Heyfield Beg/Imp/Easy</p>	<p><b>December</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Newborough Combined Classes</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Heyfield Christmas Breakup</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> Beginners/Improvers Christmas Breakup</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Combined Classes Christmas Breakup</p>