

# **Monaro Folk Society – End of Month Dance Organising Team (EOMDOT) Report for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**

## **EOMDOT area of responsibility - goals and objectives**

The EOMDOT runs dances for MFS members and the general public on the last Saturday of the month, for most months of the year, between February and October inclusive. The EOMDOT also organises three MFS high profile dances: the Shearers' Ball, Colonial Ball, and New Year's Eve dance.

### **The EOMDOT's objectives are:**

- to build competency in the performance of Australian traditional dance, dance calling and music
- to promote in the community an interest in and appreciation of Australian traditional dance styles and music
- to contribute to increase attendance and overall MFS membership
- to develop strategies in collaboration with the MFS Committee and other MFS subgroups to ensure that ALL MFS activities are successful.

### **Description of activity:**

Monthly dances to live music held at the Canberra Baptist Church Hall

Annual Colonial Ball usually held at the Albert Hall

Annual Shearers' Ball and New Year's Eve dance usually held at the Yarralumla Woolshed.

## **The office bearers and membership of EOMDOT**

Antonella Salpietro - Convener and primary contact

Rita Turnbull

Mark Simmons

Matthew Gibbins

## **Outcome of activities**

In the financial year 2020-21, EOMDOT organised two Colonial Ball workshops:

Takings \$335.00

Expenditure \$160.00

Surplus \$175.00

Since March 2020, the pandemic and its repercussions have dramatically affected social and cultural activities in Canberra and interstate. The EOMDOT decided to cancel the end of month dances planned from July 2020 to the end of June 2021, including the 2020 Colonial Ball 2020, 2020 New Year's Eve dance, and 2021 Shearers' Ball.

On behalf of EOMDOT

Antonella Salpietro

EOMDOT Convener