

**Monaro Folk Society (MFS)**  
**End of Month Dance Organising Team (EOMDOT)**  
**Annual Estimated Budget for period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**  
**EOMDOT area of responsibility - goals and objectives**

The EOMDOT has historically run dances for MFS members and the general public on the last Saturday of the month, for most months of the year. However, since Covid, timing has been more haphazard due to dwindling dancer numbers. The EOMDOT also organises three high profile dances: the Shearers' Ball, Colonial Ball, and New Year's Eve dance.

**Goals and Objectives:**

**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:**

Dances to live music held at venues around Canberra

Annual Colonial Ball usually, but not exclusively, held at the Albert Hall

Annual Shearers' Ball usually, but not exclusively, held at the Yarralumla Woolshed

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

**Issues, planned initiatives, actions requested from the MFS Committee, etc, for the new budget period.**

Since March 2020, the pandemic and its repercussions have dramatically affected social and cultural activities in Canberra and interstate.

In the FY 2023-24, the EOMDOT is planning to hold six dance events (that may be called dance, ball, caper, fling, frolic etc depending on input from dancers and creative inspiration of EOMDOT members) and the New Year's Eve dance.

Due to Covid concerns and low participation rates, the Colonial Ball will not be held in 2023. Dances will not be restricted to the last weekend of the month, nor to just Saturday evenings, but instead may be held on other weekends (based on a number of considerations including dancers input, and avoiding any other known MFS events, as well ACT events that may attract large audiences, etc), on Saturday or Sunday, and in the afternoon or evening.

Venues and bands will be found based on availability, popularity and amenability.

The Shearers' Ball will not be held at the Yarralumla Woolshed due to the venue cost and current low participation rates, but instead will use a cheaper venue, so for the purposes of this budget it is included as a regular dance event..

As part of the partnership with the Canberra Mandolin Orchestra (CMO), the EOMDOT intends to continue supporting CMO activities, in particular events that may take the shape of a concert-dance where the EOMDOT role may be to help develop the program, publicise the event through MFS and non-MFS channels, and provide support at the event with the proviso that MFS activities will be publicised at the event. The EOMDOT may support also other dance-music organisations, including Bush Traditions, by publicising their events and providing advice and logistic support with the proviso that MFS activities can be publicised at these events.

### **Budget**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Hall hire and Band payments six dance events		\$4800
Miscellanea for dances (hire of the kitchen, if allowed, publicity, incidentals, consumables etc)		\$180
Dance door takings (based on estimated attendance of 20 MFS dancers at \$20 each and 18 non-MFS members at \$25	\$5100	
Special dance (New Year's Eve dance) hall hire and Band		\$1530
Miscellanea for special events (publicity, decorations, non-alcoholic drinks, incidentals etc)		\$300
New Year's Eve dance door takings (based on estimated attendance 30 MFS members at \$25 each and 32 non-MFS members at \$30 each	\$1710	
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6810</b>	<b>\$6810</b>

Submitted by Antonella Salpietro

on behalf of EOMDOT