

Monaro Folk Society – End of Month Dance Organising Team (EOMDOT)

Report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

EOMDOT area of responsibility

The EOMDOT runs dances for MFS members and the general public usually, but not exclusively, on the last Saturday of the month, for most months of the year. 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 suitable venues in Canberra

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 - Committee member

Mark Simmons - Committee member

Matthew Gibbins - Committee member

Outcome of activities

In the financial year 2024-25, EOMDOT two special dances i.e. the New Year's Eve dance (attendance 84 people, excluding non-paying attendees) and the Shearers' Ball (attendance 32 people excluding non-paying attendees), which was held at the Kingston Baptist Church Hall instead of the Woolshed. The Bush Dance Group and EOMDOT jointly held the Christmas Picnic and Dance (attendance 25 people, possibly due to poor weather). In addition, the EOMDOT held two social dances (average attendance 37 people).

The EOMDOT publicised these events very widely and an interview was conducted by ABC Canberra Radio on the Christmas Carol Ball.

Takings: \$4285.91

Expenditure: \$4084.50

Surplus: \$201.41

Promotional efforts have eventuated in increased attendance at EOMDOT events but not to the extent that would have been feasible and viable to hold a Colonial Ball in 2024.

On behalf of EOMDOT

Antonella Salpietro

EOMDOT Convener