

Bush Dance Group Report 2025-26

The Bush Dance Group (BDG) has again been able to run a full year of dancing, comprising Monday Evening Bush Dances (July to December 2025 and March to June 2026), Dancing in the Park (December 2025 to February 2026) and a Saturday night dance in May 2026.

Monday Evening Bush Dances were held on 34 evenings. Dancer numbers continue to fluctuate from week to week, with no clear pattern, but also continue to be sufficient to provide an engaging evening of dancing. On advice from the Treasurer we absorbed the increase in hall hire costs for the first half of the financial year before putting our entry prices up for 2026, which led to an overall loss for these evenings of around \$170.

The “open stage” for musicians and callers has continued to attract good numbers with a solid base of musicians, plus 2 or 3 callers most nights.

Dancing in the Park also saw good attendances over the 9 evenings that Stage 88 was available and donations from the dancers covered the hire costs.

We did hold a joint BDG/EOM Christmas picnic and dance in November 2025 (included in the EOM figures), plus one Saturday night dance in May 2026 which made a small profit.

Overall, paid attendances and donations at events saw the BDG make a financial year profit of \$414, although we have \$456 of expenses from the Saturday dance in May that were not paid until the following financial year.

The Bush Capital Band has contributed a further \$66.50 from external, non-MFS engagements by paying the Society a 3.5% contribution from 4 paid gigs during the year.

Mark Simmons
BDG Chair
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