

Set In Their Ways Annual Report of Activities 2025- 2026

Set In Their Ways continue to participate in and promote Irish Set dancing in and around the Canberra region as part of the Monaro Folk Society.

Weekly practice sessions are held on Monday nights at the North Canberra Baptist Church (NCBC) hall. These have been successfully run throughout the current financial year. A minor loss of *ca.* \$48 occurred as a shortfall between hall hire costs and subscriptions raised. This primarily occurred because a couple of practices were cancelled due low numbers of dancers being available on a particular evening after booking the hall dates the previous month. This is part due to the current arrangements negotiated between the MFS and NCBC for booking and paying for hall hire. Previously SITW prepaid for a term at a time and were given credits for nights not used.

The group performed displays and ran workshops at the following events: Yass Celtic and Irish Music Festival, Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival, Cobargo Folk Festival, Seachtain de Chultúr na h'Éireann held by the Canberra branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. Our application to perform at the National Folk Festival was unsuccessful this year. Paul and Leslie Carr also organised, called and taught at the inaugural Irish Set Dancing program at Melbourne Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann's annual retreat in Queenscliffe, Victoria.

The group thanks the MFS for ongoing encouragement and support.