

## **Burra Squares – Club History**

Burra Squares, Eltham was first opened in 1977, by Brian & Jean Worsnop.

The name "Burra Squares" comes from the word Kookaburra. This is part of the emblem of the Eltham Council.

The club was first situated at Lorraine Street, Briar Hill, then at Fisherman's club in Para Road. Other changes of halls were to Margaret Street and Sea Scout hall. In those days there were only 7 dancers, and a broom was the eighth dancer. A great deal of fun was had during these times. The fire had to be lit in the hall to keep the dancers warm. The Club eventually ended up at our present hall in Eltham at the Uniting church on corner of Main Road & John Street. Brian called at the club till the latter part of 1998 - 22 years, until he decide to close the club.

In 1999 Neil Wynn and wife Jean, were asked if they would take over the club, as the dancers did not want the club to close. He agreed to call at the club until they found another caller to carry on running it. Well, 11 years on and Neil & Jean still running the club.

Both Brian & Neil have enjoyed attending and calling at the conventions, both State & National. Some of the original dancers are still dancing there. Some, of course, have retired from dancing all together. (Age has caught up with them, as it does with us all.)

We pride ourselves on having a very friendly club, and a good social event calendar. Our dancers are always willing to help and join in on the fun nights. Visitors are always made very welcome.

Neil & Jean Wynn.

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