

## Chemistry Sets – Club History

About 2-3 months before we opened a club we both (Ralph & Lyn Weise) sat down and said, “we need a name for the club”. We both decided to look around and see what was available for hall hire. At the time the hall we decided on was at 50 Station Rd, Deer Park, right next door to Orica (then known as ICI Chemicals). Hence the name Chemistry Sets was devised.

We opened our club on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1997 for learners & ran fortnightly for the first year. After the Christmas 1997 break, we decided to run weekly.

From the start, Rosanne, our daughter was keen to learn square dancing. Adrian, on the other hand, was not interested and didn't start learning until sometime in 1998. Both started learning rounds in 1999 with Pat Saunder. Adrian has since learned to cue rounds and teaches a half an hour before club.

We have seen several people come and go over the 12 years we have operated, Eric (dec) and Coralie Garvey have been dancing with us since day one and received their life membership at our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We operate as a fun club and square dance attire is optional.

*As reported in “Squares Around Victoria” 2010*