

# Australian Dancing Society

## Benefits of Membership

Have you thought about the benefits of being a member of Australia's number one society? Let us share the benefits with you and how your support assists the development of the dancesport industry.

Let us start with a little of our history. The Society was founded in 1942 by the late Mickey Powell.

Historically it has been at the forefront, a leader in the industry.

We provide services that enhance your business and participants in dancesport and theatrical at all levels.

Your membership assists us to develop the following products:

- ◆ Technical syllabus
- ◆ Medallist syllabus
- ◆ Theatrical syllabus and events.
- ◆ Competition for all levels.

The ADS is a national organisation. It is a not-for-profit company and is limited by guarantee.

The Executive Committee Directors do not receive payment for their time, which is significant. It has two part time contractors (CFO and CEO) who are responsible for the day-to-day management of the company.

### Benefits

- A democratic national structure.
- Official badge – all members will receive the official Society badge on joining.
- A comprehensive medal system of a very high standard. The medal system provides the choice of quality accredited examiners in all states.

The medal system is structured to provide a good return to the studio proprietor.

Members receive a discount of their medal orders.

- A suggested medal syllabus that studios are able to use.
- A syllabus for technical qualification in Standard, Latin, New Vogue, Theatrical and French Jive.

- A national Board of Examiners. This is co-ordinated by Director, Malcolm Batty.
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- Each state has their own Committee of Examiners. These committees meet regularly to discuss the syllabus and the needs of the various States.
- The ADS is an examining body for DanceSport Australia for technical accreditation.
- Public Liability cover. This provides protection to those clients taking part in any of our events throughout Australia.

There are also provisions for Directors' and officers' protection, property, money in transit. This is revised annually.

- The Directors of ADS annually appoint a Company Auditor and Solicitor.
- A constitution that is regularly reviewed to ensure we meet the changing legal requirements.
- Gold Brolga Award – this is awarded at the Charity Dinner. The recipient is recognised for their outstanding contribution to the sport. Nominees are considered for all states.
- Organisers of Australia's premier event, the Australian DanceSport Championship. This event selects Australia's number one representative in all IDSF World Championship events with the exception of Ten Dance.
- National telecast of the Australian Championship over a 20 year period (a world record).
- The ADS has been a partner in delivering two World Championships for Melbourne, the IDSF World Ten Dance Championship in 2004 and the IDSF World Latin Championship, Melbourne 2008.
- Australian Theatrical and Jazz Ballet Championship.
- State branches – State Branches meet the needs and work with the membership in their respective states. They ensure the highest possible service in delivering the society procedures.
- Competition events in all states of Australia. This includes medallist events, Tots to Teens and Masters events.
- Information on all events conducted in your state and the Australian Championship mailed direct to members.
- Website identification. The Society website has just been updated.

- Educational seminars.
- New Vogue Instructional DVD.
- Quarterly meetings.
- Membership is available in the following categories;
  - ◆ Gold – Life members
  - ◆ Silver – Technical qualification level one and higher
  - ◆ Bronze – Level O or unqualified

Existing members, were grandfathered in at silver – whether they held a technical qualification or not - when the classification of membership was introduced.

These are just some of the benefits we provide to the industry.