

Geraldine Primary Home and School presents:

# Dancing with the Stars

2017

## Thank you!

The dresses and dancing shoes have been hung up, and the tuxedos put into the back of the wardrobe, but the feel-good factor surrounding the inaugural Dancing with the Stars lingers.

The Geraldine Primary School Home & School Committee were thrilled with the success of the evening, both in terms of a great night's entertainment for our community and for the significant funds raised: \$13,500.

But behind every great event are many committed people, and behind every great auction and raffle are generous community-focused businesses and individuals.

We wish to thank all those involved in the event.

**Dancers:** Firstly, what every Dancing with the Stars extravaganza requires is... dancers. We cannot applaud loudly enough our 6 willing couples who committed to the practice required to transform from everyday parents, teachers and community-minded locals into polished performers in front of a large and loudly enthusiastic audience. Every attendee on the night would attest to their courage and commitment. And so, in order of their individual dances, we would like to thank most wholeheartedly:

Babs and James Cradock

Rochelle and Chris Fisher

Anna and Simon Coleman

Fe and Stu Wilcox

Marissa and James Grant

Lorraine and Rhys Morgan

Thanks also to their families for the time required away from home to reach the high standard attained on the night. It was heart-warming to see the pride displayed by the families attending the dress rehearsal on the Friday prior.

**Dance Teacher/Choreographer:** Our heartfelt thanks to Julie Milne from the Julie Neil Dance Academy for taking on this project with enthusiasm and patience. Our dancers enjoyed their practice sessions with you and the results speak for themselves. No doubt there were some couples in the audience who are inspired to take dancing lessons.

**Co-hosts:** Chelley Leov and Lindsay Nelson. We are indeed fortunate to be able to draw on the generosity and experience of our community comedy and drama stalwarts. The combined energy and sheer comedic force of these

two geniuses really contributed to the success of the night. Who will forget their highly entertaining version of the tango?

**Judges:** Julie Milne, Amanda Rümenapf and Deanna Averill. Thank you to our all-important judges for skilfully, sympathetically and humorously awarding points and commentary to our brave dancers. Your stage presence was immense!

**Auctioneer:** We were most fortunate to benefit from the highly entertaining and scarily effective auctioneering talents of Rod Sands. Was anyone safe from his persuasive powers? It has been a long-standing relationship that has for several years significantly boosted the coffers for our children. Thank you, Rod. Your presence certainly adds to the success of the night.

**Videographer:** Max Paterson. Max competently captured the entertaining 'pre' footage and assisted with the technical set-up on the evening. Max was an assured professional throughout and is sure to have a bright future ahead.

Thanks also to Bronwyn Waldron for creative and technical expertise.

**Helen England:** And most importantly, every ship needs its captain, and in this case it was Helen England to the fore. Helen took on the overall responsibility for working the original concept into an entertaining format and coordinating and supporting all of the dancers and support crew required to bring you the final showcase. Helen attended every group rehearsal and provided positive support at every turn, especially during those middle stages when our dancers wondered what they had let themselves in for. Helen, you were an awesome captain and the result was fantastic. Thanks, too, to Helen's family for coping with her absences while pulling together such a great event.

**Behind the Scenes:** Thank you to all our volunteers who helped pull the whole event together on the night:

**Kitchen:** Sarah, Marie, Meg, Lou, Robyn, Michelle H, Clare C and Marja. Sarah, thank you for stepping up when required and we promise you will be in the audience for 2019!

**Bar:** Aaron, William, Justin and Murray.

**Auction/raffle prizes:** Paula, Julie, Katrina and Jane H.

**Hall Decoration:** Bianca, Jane S, Andrea, Juliet and Hils.

**Hair and Makeup:** Claire B, Bianca and Michelle R.

**Clean up:** A special thanks to all those who admirably turned up the next day to return the hall to its everyday school hall functioning.

**School Office:** Thank you for your ongoing support and assistance with our activities.



**Business Support:**



**Geraldine Primary School  
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wish to thank the following  
businesses for their support**

A significant portion of the funds raised are from the raffles and auctions. We would like to thank most sincerely the following businesses for their contributions which have allowed such a successful fundraising total to contribute to our children's learning. We would also like to show our appreciation for the support shown by local businesses by offering discounted rates for the event. Please show your appreciation and/or support for these businesses.





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## Dancing Results:

Whilst for the audience, all of the contestants were winners. Here are the results from the night:

1<sup>st</sup>: Fe and Stu Wilcox

2<sup>nd</sup>: Anna and Simon Coleman

3<sup>rd</sup>: Rochelle and Chris Fisher

People's Choice: Marissa and James Grant

Look at the fun they're having. Who will sign up for next time?









