

# SQUARE DANCING

**Lorna Hinck** started it up in '65 in her home, then their shearing shed, then the Rec Centre from '80, then in the Hyden Hall. She had done some dancing in the Junior Farmers and liked it and had one record, but that was limited in scope. They had a portable record player that played in Hyden via the local unregulated power supply. This caused difficulty with speed-up as the night went on and the local load dropped away! The Quairading Club came with a variable speed machine, a better unit, so they got one too. They tapped into a source of dance records and magazines in the US, and some ladies copied the fashions of petticoats and flared frocks for special occasions.

They used to say it was for dancers from 8 to 80 including children. It was a dry, family activity, an alternative to the cabarets becoming popular then. Weekly dances held in Hyden meant at least four sets of 8 people at a time, 32 dancers in all, creating a large participating crowd. The club also travelled to give demonstration dances for other district groups nearby that were interested.

Charlie Munday was a great caller, said to be one of the best in WA, but they also imported interstate callers put up at the Hincks. People came from all over the South West for the annual dance festivals: from as far as Kalgoorlie, Bunbury and Esperance. Mick Unstead even came back from dozer work in the Yilgarn. They would dance on the Saturday afternoon, again in the evening, then again in Sunday morning, and the visitors would then go home. The Hyden group went on to the late '80s, then continued at King Rocks as a smaller group till recently. Lorna and John Hinck phased out about when Charlie Munday retired from calling when they had health limitations.



1978 July, weekly dance



1979, December, annual event, Sydney caller...Lorna Hinck, Lanie Munday, Charlie Munday





1981, September, George Green President, Charlie Munday, caller & the cake. And dancers of all ages.

Charlie, I/S caller, & George



Jenny Billingham, George, I/S caller, Charlie, Ron Paine

The workers: Pam Williamson, L Green

Black & White Dress-up night

**Square dancers at Dryandra**

**The Lions Dryandra Village was chosen for the venue for a Square dancers weekend recently.**

Hyden Country Squares together with dancers from Perth and Mandurah travelled to Narrogin to enjoy a weekend of dancing and sight seeing.

On the Saturday night 30 people enjoyed square dancing in the hall at Dryandra Village.

During the weekend the visitors walked around the trails and enjoyed seeing the unique flora and fauna in the Dryandra woodland.

On Sunday they went to the Centenary Park in Narrogin to watch the kite flying demonstrations.