

## FROM PORT MACQUARIE



Indian



Greek



German



Ukrainian

### "My Introduction to Folk Dancing"

Back in 2010 I was very keen on Clogging. One day one of the cloggers said to me that a woman in Port Macquarie was teaching Scottish Country Dancing. My ears pricked up as I had done performance Scottish dancing in Sydney. I pursued the information and found Jim and Christine Battison. Christine was actually teaching "The Dashing White Sergeant" to the CWA ladies who were studying Scotland that year. So, I went to Christine's Monday morning class and now, 14 years later I am still dancing and enjoying every moment of it.

Our beginners classes have been very constant throughout the years, with a few of the ladies moving up into the "Performance Group". We perform 3 or 4 times a year at various venues, our main performances are our annual lunchtime concert at the Port Macquarie Glasshouse and the annual end of year concert for the U3A, of which we are all members. Both these concerts are always very well attended. Over the years we have designed and sewn together (or should I say

Christine and some of the "sewing" ladies have - I am OK at the hand sewing bit!) many costumes from various countries.

We have attended Andre's workshops in Bowral and Sydney and loved learning new dances which we still dance regularly today, and meeting new friends.

Monday mornings are a lot of fun and this term we even have a MAN join us, who is not at all put off by all the ladies. We look forward to Thursday afternoons as well when we practice our performance dances and then enjoy a cuppa and something delicious that Christine has produced from her kitchen.

I really am enjoying my folk dancing and just love listening to the music from all around the world.

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*Many busy fingers have been working hard in Port Macquarie  
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