



ARDA CONFERENCE

Special Guest

RANDY & MARIE
PRESKITT
EVERETT, WA .. USA

April 12th - 14th 2027

WEBBCONA BOWLS CLUB

996 Grevillea Road, Wendouree, Ballarat . Victoria

Next door to "The Ballarat Minerdome" venue for the 67th ANSDC

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

**For Cuers, Callers and Dancers &
EVENING DANCES**

(Monday, Preskitt Special Tuesday,)

*The evening dance ticket is included in your
Conference Registration or just come along for the dance at a
cost of \$5.00 per dancer per night*

EXTRA EVENING SOCIAL (Wednesday)

More details coming soon

CONFERENCE COST: \$75 ARDA MEMBERS OR \$105 NON-MEMBERS

ARDA Members = register by the 1/5/2026 and pay only \$65.00

**Precedes the
67th Australian National Square Dance Convention.
15th – 19TH April 2027 Ballarat ..Vic**

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RANDY & MARIE PRESKITT EVERETT, WA.. USA

Randy & Marie started dancing at a very young age in the late 1960's. They both enjoyed many years of dancing & competing at the Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival.

Randy started calling as a teen in 1971 and got his first club as a caller and cuer in 1977.

Randy and Marie met in 1978 at the Penticton Square Dance Jamboree in British Columbia and were married in 1979.

They have been dancing together ever since.

Randy and Marie are members of Roundalab, ICBDA & DRDC.

They were on the ICBDA Board of Directors for 6 years and chairman of the ICBDA Hall of Fame for 6 years.

They were also Vice Chairman of Rounds for the 2012 National Square Dance Convention as well as evening program chair couple for ICBDA.

Randy and Marie have 2 round dance clubs in Lynnwood, Washington:

The Monday Bunch which is a Carousel club dancing phase 5 & 6 and the Happy Rounders dancing phase 3 & 4.

They are also the cuers for Eastside Plus, Dancing Shadows and The Freewheelers. To date the Preskitt's have choreographed over 100 dances including ICBDA Hall Of Fame dances "Laurann" and "Beat of Your Heart".

They received the Golden Torch award from ICBDA in 2020.

Randy retired in July 2014 after 36 years with the Boeing Company and Marie retired from Macy's in March of 2015 after 27 years.

They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren

DID YOU KNOW

The Australian Round Dance Association (ARDA) is a national organisation dedicated to education and the advancement of Round Dancing.

Since 2012, ARDA has hosted Conferences across Australia, beginning with the inaugural event in Hobart. These Conferences are typically scheduled just prior to a National Square Dance Convention, allowing members to maximise their time in the host location.

Where possible, ARDA invites international cuers to enhance the learning experience. In 2027, we are proud to feature our International Cuer/Teaching Couple, Randy & Marie Preskitt. The Conference is designed to provide valuable time for education for both dancers and cuers—opportunities that are often limited during National Conventions. The emphasis is firmly on learning, teaching, and skill development for all participants.

For non-members, the Conference registration fee includes one year's ARDA membership. By renewing annually, attendees can continue to enjoy the benefits of membership and participation in future Conferences.

ARDA is also pleased to support State Associations by offering financial incentives for current ARDA members attending Round Dance Festivals or teaching weekends.

Incorporation of ARDA provides an added level of protection and security for its members.

BASIC PROGRAMME:

Monday :

Join us for a fantastic day filled with connection, learning, and fun! Start with a Meet and Greet, followed by engaging education and dance sessions. Enjoy morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea provided throughout the day.

In the evening, keep the energy going at our lively Dance Party—open to all cuers, with everyone welcome to join in the fun!

Tuesday:

Enjoy a full day of education and dance sessions, with morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea all included.

Then, don't miss a special evening dance party tonight, featuring our guest instructors Randy & Marie!

Wednesday:

Enjoy a full day of dance, learning, and connection!

Join us for a series of education and dance sessions **with** morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea **all included**.

The day concludes with an **Evening Social**, open to everyone — a perfect time for those who wish to simply enjoy a relaxed social event.

Meet and mingle with fellow **dancers, cuers, and maybe even callers** in a friendly atmosphere — **free from MCs or the pressure of a formal dance program**.

It's all about sharing good company, good food, and great dancing!

This will be a separate event to the Conference. More details and costing will be available shortly.

Do You have suggestions for topics that can be discussed at these conferences? Topics that would be beneficial to one and all? Please let us know. We would like to hear from you

Here are some strong, practical topic ideas that would benefit both dancers *and* cuers, while encouraging engagement and skill growth across all levels:

For Dancers

- Musicality & phrasing – understanding the music beyond the steps
 - Technique fundamentals – frame, timing, footwork, and styling
 - Floorcraft & etiquette in crowded dance environments
 - Confidence building for newer dancers
 - Adapting to different cuing styles and teaching methods
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For Cuers

- Effective teaching techniques for mixed-ability groups
 - Voice control, clarity, and microphone skills
 - Cueing timing and musical interpretation
 - Programming a dance session for flow and enjoyment
 - Working with beginners vs experienced dancers
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For Both Dancers & Cuers

- Improving communication between cuer and dancers
 - Building a positive and inclusive dance community
 - Understanding rhythm differences and transitions between phases
 - Troubleshooting common challenges on the dance floor
 - Keeping Round Dancing attractive to new generations
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Future-Focused Topics

- Growing clubs and attracting new members
 - Promoting Round Dancing in the digital age
 - Retention strategies – keeping dancers engaged long-term
 - Leadership development within clubs and associations
 - The evolving role of Round Dancing within modern dance communities
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Interactive & Discussion-Based Ideas

- Open forum Q&A with guest cuers (like Randy & Marie Preskitt)
- “Ask the Experts” troubleshooting sessions
- Panel discussions with experienced cuers and dancers
- Workshops where dancers and cuers switch perspectives

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ATTENDEES NAME/S:			
ADDRESS			
	STATE	POST CODE	
CONTACT EMAIL			
CONTACT PHONE No.			
TICKET INFORMATION	Number ATTENDING	COST OF TICKET	AMOUNT PAYING
Financial ARDA members payment received by 1 st May 2026		\$ 65.00	
Financial ARDA members payment received after 1 ST May 2026		\$ 75.00	
Full Conference NON Financial ARDA members		\$ 105.00	
TOTAL PAID			

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE either VIA DIRECT DEPOSIT or VIA POS SQUARE Commonwealth Bank BSB 063 209 Account Number 00900599 please add your surname and state as reference or contact our Secretary and make payment via POINT OF SALE "SQUARE". Thank you.

CANCELLATION: Per Delegate cancellation fee \$ 10.00 AUD

If payment is made via direct deposit or with Square please forward a copy of your completed Registration Form and a copy of your direct deposit/square receipt to arda.secretary@gmail.com or snail them to ARDA Secretary, PO Box 248, Buderim Qld 4556.

Are you interested in cueing at the Dance Parties?	Yes		No	
Would you like private feedback on your cueing	Yes		No	
Do you have special dietary Requirements	Yes		No	
As lunches and snacks are provided we need to know those requirements please.				
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