

WOOLSHED BALL Oct 2011

The Theme for our latest Ball was the visit of the CSS Shenandoah to Williamstown in 1865. A lot of preparation was done for this theme which started in January this year. A group of dancers practiced over three weeks and then performed at Seaworks in Williamstown which was at a Celebration of the Shenandoah's Visit. We were not paid for the performance but they said they would assist with decorations for our Woolshed Ball in October. Stuart Duff owned the Confederates Flags and he came and put them up for us. Peter Hemphill from the Williamstown Maritime Museum loaned us some of the CSS Shenandoah Exhibition Panels. As well as this help Jill Pollock painted a large sailing ship and this shone from the back of the stage. Jill and Beverley Jeffery made little sailing ships for the table decoration they were 'hits' of the evening.

Blackberry Jam, the Band, played wonderful music which befitted the Theme of the evening so much so many people were singing the seafaring songs while doing The Grand March. The program started with more modern American dances, then from The Lancers we had dances that were most probably danced around 1865, until we finished with popular Australian dances. Michael Treacy was the excellent MC for the evening and the callers were Jane Bullock, Robin Simpson and Coral Eden.

It was lovely to see the grandchildren of some of our dancers gracing the dance floor. Some 80-90% of the dancers present were from the recent Beginner Classes proving that these classes are an effective measure of bringing in dancers to our community. It was a lovely evening of dance but attendance was much reduced, so costs were not covered, so this was the last time we will be using St Brigid's Church Hall. The next Woolshed Ball will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Boronia Road, Boronia Saturday 26th May 2012.

Coral Eden

