

From Region 1, Victoria & District Caller Teachers Association:

Our membership numbers appear to be relatively stable at 21 (should be 23 at the time of the meeting), including callers, cuers, 7 (8) partners and 3 Gold Card members. We are, however, becoming increasingly concerned with recruitment - of new dancers, of course, but also of our future callers and cuers. Currently, all of our callers, with one exception, have one or more clubs, with a similar situation for cuers. We have already had to shorten our summer dance programme by two dances as we did not have enough callers to cover all of the weekly dances from the beginning of June to the end of August.

We will be looking at a few initiatives, including providing increased funding for inexperienced callers/cuers wishing to attend a school; setting up a pool of equipment on loan and available to borrow; and sponsoring special dances (at no charge to dancers attending) for inexperienced callers/cuers to practise with live dancers. If any other area has any suggestions, we would really like to hear from you.

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