



Take The Next Step

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From the Top

Hi Guys,

Welcome back to dancing for 2012 - Let's make this year a great one!

The big deal this month is our Living Social offer for new students. Hopefully this will bring in lots of new people ready to discover how great dancing is! For existing students who have completed the 3 courses in a style (all 6wks of Mechanics, Pressure, and Timing & Harmony) it would be great to have you attend lessons (free) during this upcoming course block. Your participation will help improve the social atmosphere and also provide much needed Leads and assistance for the unpartnered ladies.

Other key points this month below:

- **Hello Vic Park!** - Lessons recommence January 13th at our new venue: the Vic Park Bowling Club. The evening starts at 6:30pm with the FREE introduction to 4Beat Blues, followed at 7:00pm with the 4Beat Blues Structured Course, and then 8:00-11:00pm for Dance and Lesson Practice with DJ Daddy Cat ☺. The dance is completely FREE (although contributions towards the venue hire are much appreciated) and provides a great opportunity for all students to practice (particularly lift-work) and socialise regardless of which lesson(s) they attend. We will be mixing the music up at this venue, while providing a great mix of the classics, to provide some variety. This Friday we start with 'Blues Rock' (think George Thorogood, Chris Isaak etc.). I hope to see you there!
- **Lessons 2012** - The regular course schedule in 2012 will include a 7th 'Focus' week in each block, to highlight key skills and revise major figures for each block. For those interested in what we will cover, you can inspect the Focus week content notes in class. Other changes to lessons in 2012:
 - **Course Content & Progression** - Courses in 2012 will be restricted to Tier 1 & 2 (Basics & Progression) content. Those students wishing to progress to more advanced content will need to complete all three courses (Mechanics, Pressure, Timing & Harmony) in their chosen style before-hand. While Tier 3 content may occasionally be displayed in class this shall be to demonstrate principles and progression of the dance only. Please do not ask for this content to be taught in or after course lesson time, as refusal may offend.
 - **Dance Development Workshops** - To further essential skills development a selection of workshops (2.5hrs of jam-packed content for only \$30!) are offered in 2012 - Bookings are essential; 50% refundable deposit. (www.coolcatsrocknroll.com/documents/CC's%20Calendar%202012.pdf).
 - **Advanced Content & Training** - Those dancers wishing to continue their improvement will be able to participate in a dedicated Tier 2+ /3 lesson (Thursdays, Gosnells 8:30-9:30pm) and/or advanced General Class (Thursdays, Gosnells 7:30-8:30pm) focusing on skills training and practice, rather than content (although content will always be explored and utilised as a vehicle for such development). Cool Cats assistants and committee members can also access a **FREE** training session (Thursdays, Gosnells 6:30-7:30pm). Bookings will be essential, as there is room for a maximum of 3 couples in each hour.
 - **Lesson Prices** - All single (1-hr) lessons in 2012 shall be \$13. Sunday Super Session \$25. Cool Cats members will be able to access the Sunday Super Session (any/all classes on Sunday) or double lesson (2-hr on Thursday) for \$20. Cool Cats members will also receive a \$5 discount on private lessons and workshops.

- **Cool Cats Membership** - Memberships are being simplified in 2012 to the base rate of \$25/yr. This will provide the standard lesson price discounts, event discounts, access to the 'distinctive' Cool Cats gear range, plus whatever special offers our business affiliates may wish to present during the year. Membership for 2012 is now available.
- **Cool Cats Festival 2012** - Yes, we will be running this again ☺ The scheduled date(s) are December 8/9th, the band is already lined up, and it will most likely be held once more at Vic Park Bowling Club. Those people who would like to help make this year's Festival bigger and better, please talk to me about participating with the organising Committee.
- **Cool Cats Facebook Page** - In addition to the Cool Cats Facebook group, we now have the Cool Cats Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/CoolCatsRnR>). This is mostly for a variety of website and promotional reasons, but it will allow for useful elements like the 'Like' list to all our favourite Musicians and Venues, and the new 'Dance Partners' photo album. The 'Dance Partners' photo album is a tool that I hope we can develop to help those serious dancers looking for a like-minded partner to train with. Thanks to everybody who has already liked the page and allowed us to register the URL name!

Finally, our email list has been updated during the lesson break to remain current. If you are still receiving these updates but would prefer not to, please let me know so that I can make sure this information goes to those who want it.

Thanks for reading guys; it is the best way for me to get a lot of important information out. See you on the dance floor!

Nathan.



Cool Events

For those of you on [Facebook](#) and who are members of the Cool Cats group, keep an eye out for notifications approximately two weeks in advance of events, including any activities that may have missed this update and general dance opportunities. Gradually these notifications shall be shifting to the Cool Cats Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/CoolCatsRnR>. Also keep an eye on Perth Rockabilly: <http://www.facebook.com/PerthRockabilly>.

Vic Park Bowling Club Dance: Blues Rock - January 13th

Friday 8pm - The Vic Park Bowling Club, 18 Kent Street East Victoria Park

Music by DJ Daddy Cat (yeah that's me ☺)

FREE Social Dance & Lessons Practice

A gold coin contribution towards the venue hire is appreciated!

Black Friday Musical Massacre @ DeVilles - January 13th

Friday -9pm - Further details: <http://www.devillespad.com/diary/>

Music by Lucky Seven

A sinful speakeasy of forbidden sounds of 40s, 50s, & 60s burlesque.

Summer Swing SmackDown! @ State Theatre Centre - January 14th

Saturday 7pm - 4 Bands: Harry Deluxe, Darling Buds of May, Lucky Seven, Libby Hammer

Tickets \$50 through [Bocs](#).

Lucky Seven @ The Mustang Bar - January 16th

Monday -8:30pm - Special musical guests from Adelaide! Swing, Jump Blues, & Rockabilly...

What a great way to kick off the first Rockabilly course for the year!

FREE Intro Rockabilly @ 6:30pm

Rockabilly Course (\$13) @ 7:00pm

Australia Day: The Rough Housers @ Ashfield Reserve - January 26th

Thursday 7-8pm - Ashfield Reserve, Bassendean

VJs Christmas Dance @ Belmont Rec Centre - January 28th

Saturday 7:30pm @ Belmont S&RC (Cnr Abernethy & Keane Sts). Music by One Way Street.

Entry \$15 - No BYO, light supper included.

Enquiries: Vince 0411 743 417 or Judy 0412 182 400

VJs NYE Dance - December 31st

Saturday 7:30pm @ Belmont S&RC (Cnr Abernethy & Keane Sts). Music by Zodiacs & DJ Brian.

Tickets \$40 - door prizes; supper provided.

Enquiries: Vince 0411 743 417 or Judy 0412 182 400

Swing fans may also want to find out what Harry Deluxe is up to, with her e-news update: <http://harrydeluxe.com.au/CampaignProcess.aspx?A=View&VID=9133898&KID=159118>

For everything else please check out:

Perth Rocks



Class Info

Cool Cats will be running lessons at the following times:

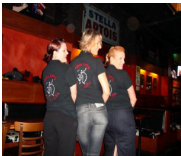
- Monday @ The Mustang Bar (Lake Street, Northbridge)
 - 6:30 - 7pm **FREE** Intro Rockabilly
 - 7 - 8pm Rockabilly Course
 - 8pm+ Stay and practice to the band!
- Thursday @ Gosnells - Bookings Essential
 - 6:30 - 7:30pm Assistants/Committee Training (**FREE**)
 - 7:30 - 8:30pm General Class - Skills
 - 8:30 - 9:30pm Tier 2+/3
- Friday @ Vic Park Bowling Club - (18 Kent St, East Victoria Park)
 - 6:30 - 7pm **FREE** Intro 4Beat Blues
 - 7 - 8pm 4Beat Blues Course
 - 8pm+ Stay and practice with a variety of music!
- Sunday @ Como Primary School Hall (Coode Street, Como)
 - 1 - 2pm Swing/Lindy Course
 - 2 - 3pm Kick-Step Rock 'n' Roll Course
 - 3 - 4pm General Class
 - 4 - 5pm Aerials

All lessons \$13 casual or \$65 for the 6wk course. All lessons Sunday for only \$25!

Cool Cats Members: \$20 for the Sunday Super Session (any and all lessons Sunday) or Thursday night double lesson (7:30-9:30pm).

Please check our other discounts and packages available:

<http://www.coolcatsrocknroll.com/classes.asp>



Who's Cool?

While we know all of you are truly Cool Cats, we'd like to highlight some über-Cool moments, people, or occurrences that have come to our attention during the month ☺. If we missed your special moment, or you know of other Cool Cats who deserve some recognition, please let us know! On the radar this month:

- All the participants at the Cool Cats Festival 2011! For all the photos, check out our Facebook Page -

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.285707541471980.68542.244028612306540&type=3>

Do you want more photos? Then send them in for next month's update! (coolcats@coolcatsrocknroll.com) Do you have a Cool video? Send it in for us to put up on [Facebook](#) (marked "Attention Jamie!" or "Attention Stef!").

Remember to check out the Cool Cats You Tube channel for new videos, both from Cool Cats and the best we find from the web! <http://www.youtube.com/user/CoolCatsRnR>



It's great to see a smile during a lift 😊



Lots of great merchandise and activities on offer!



My first dance of the day - thanks Dirk!



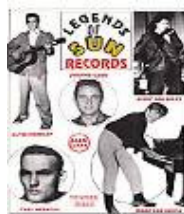
Take The Next Step

For many people, taking the next step in their dance journey is simply a case of developing their knowledge and skills through our classes. However, for those who wish to push their dancing further, there are a number of ways that Cool Cats can help you encourage and challenge yourself to achieve a higher standard of dancing.

At any time also feel free to talk to us about: **Triples - Competition - Private Lessons - Workshops - Community - Aerials - Demonstration**

Volunteering/Assisting - Class assistants are a great help (particularly leads). If you have completed your full set of three courses (Mechanics, Pressure, Timing and Harmony) in a given dance style, and demonstrate competence in the core footwork and structure, you are eligible to be a class assistant. Class assistants participate in the class for free, provided they are willing to dance with other students as requested.

Membership - There's a lot you can benefit from by being a Cool Cats member. Cheaper lessons for a start...



Other Stuff

Committee 2012 - We now have a great committee working for Cool Cats. However, if you think you have something that you can offer - or would just like to be involved - we would love to have you on the team!

Dance Partnerships - If you would like to be involved in a 'partnership register' using our 'Dance Partners' photo album, please contact me. This service will be provided for serious dancers and tightly controlled and monitored. This is not a defacto dating service...

Variety & Social Night - Friday @ Vic Park Bowling Club is our new venue to give Cool Cats more opportunity to practice their dancing and hang out with other Cool Cats. The venue is fully licensed (no BYO) and meals are available to purchase from their kitchen. This can be great night out for everyone, if there's enough support and we can make it work. It will also be a great chance to dance to some different music - these dance styles do not have to be done just to music >50s old!

Suggestions and Feedback



CCs welcomes your input! However, please note that we have clear teaching and development goals and will not respond to comments on the fundamental structure of our classes. We do want hear about things like:

- Better ways we might be able to communicate with you, inside and outside of classes - like [Facebook](#).
- Information and materials you might like available, either directly or through our website.
- Demonstration opportunities, formats, and development.
- Interest groups and marketing suggestions.
- Good dance venues - either as potential teaching locations or for socialising.

With your help, we can continue to make the Cool Cats experience more fun and rewarding for all!

If you do not wish to receive this email, please let us know and we will remove you from the distribution list. This email is intended to keep you informed of our class activities and also what other Cool Cats are doing - but if there's already too much in your inbox we don't want to fill it up any further. We hate spam as much as everybody else!