



Welcome! Great to have you on board for our **Victorian-era Dance School and House Party**. Here are some ingredients for a fun week:

- **Pack** a torch, at least 2 period outfits (one day, one evening—minimum men long pants, shirt & waistcoat, for lady long skirt or dress & high neck blouse), at least 2 pairs of shoes (smooth soled dance shoes & sturdy nonslip outdoor shoes), a coat of period nature and a towel for swimming (bed linen, pillows and bath towels are provided).
- **Get to bed early** after dancing at Jafa on Sunday 12 April!
- **Be prepared to forgo TV and not use computers in common areas**—we'll all be returning to the real world soon enough!
- **Be prepared to help each other** (we'll make group food and travel plans nearer to date) and to host John&Aylwen in your dinner groups.
- **Join in on plenary sessions** (9am, 1:20pm and 7pm)—it helps organising, socialising and *esprit de coup*.
- **Make free use of any games** provided but please return them to place after use
- **Feel free to prepare** parlour games or other entertainment contributions for the evening balls.
- **Keep conversations** after 10:30pm quiet in consideration of those trying to sleep.
- **If you want to read up on dances being enjoyed** you may wish to purchase some of John's *Historic Dance* books (will mostly be drawing on Volumes VI and VII during Jafa and VIII, IX and X at Yarrangobilly). Ask about and pre-order new edition coming out this summer.
- **If you have at any time any questions, problems or special needs** please contact John or Aylwen on 0409 817623 or garden@earthlydelights.com.au.

On MONDAY 13 April

9:30-10:00am pick up passengers and gear, and head south from Canberra on Monaro Hwy to Cooma (1¼ hrs).
 11:15-12:00 all meet for brunch at healthy [Lott café and foodstore](#) (on right in main street, 177-179 Sharp St) then 12:00-12:30 fill up on food at nearby Woolworths and petrol at station (there's neither at our destination).
 12:30 drive out of Cooma and after 8 km turn right onto Snowy Mountain highway, and after 114 km turn left onto gravel road 5km down to Yarrangobilly Visitors Centre and Caves House (1½ hours).
 2:00 arrive at Yarrangobilly and drive up track to park behind the house. Find agreed room and make yourself at home. Walk down to the Visitors Centre to purchase \$3 per-night-per-car park (i.e. \$12) entrance fee and a 1 or 2 cave ticket which includes the cave we'll notify as our plenary outing (possibly this year Jersey).
 3:00-6:00 casual welcome, outdoor games and rolling barbeque in the nearby 'kangaroo' barbeque ground.
7:00-10:00pm Ball in the Blue Room (period evening dress) featuring dances from years between JA's death in 1817 and Victoria's inauguration in 1837 (Volumes VII & VIII), followed by 10:00-10:30pm supper.

On TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 14-16 April

9:00-12:30 Morning dance session in Function room (period day dress)—on Tuesday dance from 1837-1850 (Volume VIII), Wednesday dance from 1850-1875 (Volume IX) and Thursday dance from 1875-1900.

LUNCH

1:20 Meeting on main verandah (period day dress) before heading off for activities which on Tuesday will include a (possibly Jersey) cave tour (photos), Wednesday swimming in Thermal pool (Victorian bathing costumes welcome!) and Thursday excursion to the historic homesteads and scenic waterholes 45mins away (photos)—and in between may include bush or river walks, games, sewing, napping, or activity of choice.

DINNER

7:00-10:00pm Ball in the Blue Room (period evening dress), including parlour games and special entertainments (finalé Cake-Walk on Thursday), followed by 10:00-10:30pm supper hosted by different group.

FRIDAY 17 April

Pack up, empty bins, untuck linen and clean up all areas and utensils used or we'll have a penalty bill!

10am all meet on verandah to report and trade lost property, to farewell rangers and each other and to head home with your new skills, new dances, new friends and fabulous memories.

