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Address by the Custodial Officer

Dear Member,

With the escalation of costs over the last couple of years the important issue of membership fees will need to be addressed at our next general meeting.

In the previous 5 years there has been no change to the fees. This year, it is a different story. We are finding that our costs for running the association are outstripping the amount of income we collect from membership. During the last 3 years costs have been absorbed as much as possible to hold off any increase in fees, it has been a constant struggle as the LDAA pays for all the GST requirements.

Achievements over the last 3 years include:

- Mass advertising for line dancing at Tamworth and other major functions
- The stabilisation of APRA Blanket licences
- The on going benefits of the most economical insurance for line dance instructors in Australia
- A fully interactive web site
- The coordination of the "Man from Snowy River" and this year
- The running of the Tamworth Championships
- The stabilisation of PPCA Blanket licences

Looking at the table below it sets out our BASIC allowance for the organisation to run. On dividing this by our current professional membership of 213 we have no choice but to raise the fees to \$70.00.

Currently the **newsletter** and **membership packs** have been one of the main items that have suffered over the last 12 months. I certainly don't want this to continue. **Committee conference calls have ceased**. I was hoping that some of the cost may have been addressed by the Tamworth Championships, however, this didn't eventuate.

Suggestions have also been given about holding functions to help support the organisation however that was considered to be a short term fix.

Postage	\$1,835.00
Land Line Telephone	\$2,315.00
Mobile Telephone	\$1,200.00
Telephone Conferencing	Daisy Chain
Internet + Mbox	\$560.00
*LDAA Office & answering phone calls	\$5,200.00
Accountant	\$500.00
Printing	\$1,873.00
Secretarial – Minutes, etc	\$671.00
Toner Cartridge, Sundries Etc	\$330.00
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*At the last AGM it was agreed to pay a token fee of \$100.00 per week for the manning of the telephones and the effort in collecting information and mailing out items through the LDAA office.

In closing I would welcome any suggestions that anyone would have in raising funds for the next 12 months.

Yours faithfully

David Bowers