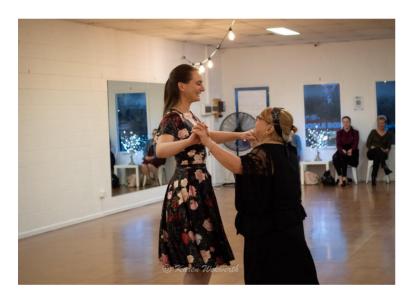
Dance Awards Information

What are 'Dance Awards'?

Dance Awards are a great way to be acknowledged for the effort put into your dancing. To complete an award, you must perform a dance, or dances, in front of an examiner and audience, with your instructor. The examiner will provide you feedback, a score and a trophy, so that you can move onto the next level. Awards are an opportunity to challenge yourself and get to the next level of your dancing.



Ballroom Baby Geelong uses the 'Australian Dancing Society' medal system and we have a set list of dances and steps to complete for each award. Beginners would start at the proficiency level (1 dance) and work their way up. Dancers with previous experience could start at higher levels. Consult our staff for information on which dances and routines would be required.



How do I complete an award?

You will have to learn a number of dances to a certain level, and then perform with your instructor in front of an examiner on one of our award nights. Dates of our awards nights are listed on our website at the start of the year. A call for sign ups will usually come out 6 weeks before the night where you will have to sign up and pay a fee (between \$30 and \$60).

What would I need to wear?

You need to dress up for your award examination. We say, wear something that you might wear to a wedding, including either a dress or slacks, a shirt, blouse, tie or bowtie, etc. You will also need proper dance shoes.

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How do I learn the dances for an award?

<u>Private Lessons</u> - are the best way to learn the dances for your award. Private lessons can be booked on all days of the week with our instructors. You can book a weekly lesson or just a handful of lessons.

<u>Classes</u> - you can also attend our classes to learn the routines needed for some medals. Friday classes cover the routines needed to complete Proficiency, Crystal and Bronze level awards. Sunday classes cover Silver & Gold medals. Monday classes in Torquay cover New Vogue dances of all levels. Every 2-3 weeks we work on a new dance, however you are recommended to also attend private lessons in conjunction with the classes.



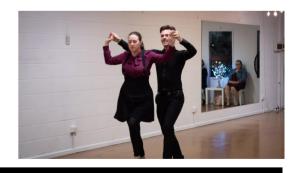


What is the difference between the 'awards night' and the 'ball'?

To complete an award, you must perform at the awards night in front of the examiner. The awards night is held at the studio and is open to spectators. The ball is a separate event, held after the awards night, where we announce results and present the awards. Higher level students may be invited to perform a special presentation dance - however this is not compulsory for the completion of the award.

What do I do first?

Speak to your instructor about wanting to do Dance Awards. We can let you know which level you would start at, what dances you would have to learn, and how to go about that.



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