



### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017 (Karan Rowe)**

I would like to start by thanking the committee for all the effort and hard work they have put into making 2016/ 17 a successful year for Tango Synergy Inc. Much of our success and growth can be attributed to our spirit of cooperation with tango organizers & schools. A big part of our ethos is to grow the tango community and we are always delighted to work with schools and organizers of events to help to achieve this. The past year saw TS working with teachers and event organizers in any way that was appropriate. Our membership is always uppermost in our minds as we strive to make their tango experience exciting and rewarding.

Our regular Sunday practicas on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month have been very well attended, during the winter months from May we ran them weekly. Some of the schools are encouraging their newbies to come along to our Practica which has resulted in a steady stream of new people passionate about their tango and eager to continue to improve.

We had many special practica days which included a Chacarera workshop with Jacqueline and Anthony. Working with Tango Reo we held a series of workshops with Chucky Romero at the practica and at Bar Cleveland. Chucky also gave an inspiring performance of Malambo at El Sotano.

We organized Canyengue workshops at both BC and practica with Nelson for those interested in this lovely country dance style

The Darling Harbour outdoor milonga held in the summer months is the brainchild of Pavel Wagner and with the help of Nick Young the event has been a great success growing in popularity since its conception 3 years ago. Recently Nick has taken charge and moving forward Tango Synergy will encourage DJ's from our stable to work with Nick to lighten the load. I would like to thank both Paul and Nick for their very valuable contribution to Sydney tango and for working with Tango Synergy in bringing Argentine Tango to the wider community.

The Bar Cleveland milongas, with our rotating stable of home-grown DJs, have become increasingly popular every Wednesday, Apart from frequent attendance by some of our local tango teachers, and a constant stream of international tangueros & tangueras as they pass through this great city of Sydney, we have had visits from international teachers such as Cecilia Gonzalez and Albano, Annibal Montenegro, Fernando Romero, Ernesto Rassi the wandering minstrel sang for us, the renowned international bandoneon player and teacher from Uruguay Nestor Vaz performed for us making it a very special Wednesday Milonga.

In April Tango Synergy supported Karen Garnett with her charity weekend "Tango in the Blue Mountains ".Members of our committee volunteered their time and expertise to help make this a very successful charity event.

From early 2016 TS worked with the Uruguay Club of Sydney to help promote and support the visit of Nestor Vaz during his time here in Sydney.

It was a huge honour to be asked to caretake El Sotano for Amy and Jairo and throughout the past 6 months the committee with member

volunteers have worked hard to provide a very good Milonga on the second Friday of the month. A few months into managing the Milonga it was necessary to find a new venue. It is always a challenge to find appropriate venues and we have spent many hours searching. We have settled on Redfern Town Hall for now and will maintain this venue when possible.

Milonga De La Gente aptly named and held in October in Petersham Town Hall was a collaboration between Sydney Tango and Tango Synergy. Tango Synergy see this event as our major annual event for our members and because of this the night was heavily subsidized for our members. The highlight of the evening proved to be the two orchestras Tango Oz with Maggie Ferguson and the very talented Tangalo. Nestor Vaz the visiting artist from Uruguay worked with Tangalo during the month prior to the event which was very exciting for us all. DJ Frida played her selection to a packed dance floor to complete a successful evening where approximately 250 people attended including many non tango dancers and representatives from the Uruguayan and Argentinian Consulates.

It was Tango Synergies turn to organise BASH this year and as usual it was held on the last weekend of November. This event in the beautiful country town of Bundanoon is becoming a must for the diary.

A very special thank you to Iris Toren for providing the artwork for the BASH web page and promotional materials. Crismen our VP coordinated the weekend and with the help of Committee members and member volunteers it was another great success for TSynergy.

Before closing I would like to quickly thank Julian Wright and Frida Kotlyar, who after many years on the committee are retiring. Julian has been Treasurer for 8 years and Frida began her contribution to the development and education of the music of tango and the encouragement of potential DJ/S in 2007. Frida was also VP on the

committee in 2015. They have both given tremendous energy and time to the organization and it is important to recognize their efforts. Thank you so much to you both.

It takes commitment, energy and imagination to grow this great community association of dancers and I am sure that the new committee elected today will continue on with the same enthusiasm as this year's committee.

Thank you  
Karan Rowe  
President Tango Synergy Inc