

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM 23 AUGUST 2022**

**Hello everybody and welcome to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Nirkoda Israeli Folk Dance Club – thankfully in person after the last two years on on Zoom.**

**In reviewing the year that has just passed, we need to remember that we have only been dancing in person for the last 6 months of this financial year. In the years 2020 and 2021 we only danced in person for 7 of the possible 24 months with the last half of 2021 being back-to-back lockdowns. We, like the community in general have learnt to integrate the occasional individual absences as people test positive, isolate for a week and return without much fanfare. We're taking this new normal in our stride and just getting on with the joy of dancing together.**

**Jack, our treasurer, will shortly present the Club's Financial Report but I'd like to take this opportunity before he does to thank all of our members for continuing to support the Club through the past two years when their membership did not give them the benefits they were entitled to - reduced class prices, discounted workshops and classes in person in a hall as opposed to the only option of zoom classes which were as difficult to run as they were to participate in. And of course very many of you felt unable to participate at all. The Committee are very grateful that you stuck with it and and in recognition of that we'd like to offer all our members three free sessions as a thank you for your support. At the end of this meeting, your card with your name printed on it will be available to collect from this box. You can use the card whenever you want but we'd appreciate you using all your freebies by the end of the year.**

**For those members who've been a bit slow to renew, you'll have until the end of August to take advantage of this offer.**

**I want to thank all our members who participate in the door roster on a Tuesday night. We would be very happy to welcome anyone new who'd like to join them. The night of your roster you get to dance for free.**

**I ended my report in 2021 with the hope that we'd be dancing together by this time next year so I'm really delighted that that was one hope that has come true.**