

## VRRDA Hall of Fame 2014

### CAROL and KEVIN ROSS

Kevin started dancing in 1990, and Carol began in 1991. **So Kevin and Carol started dancing together in 1991. Their first teacher was Gail Carl of Juke Box Rock.** When Gail eventually moved to Darwin, Carol and Kevin then went to Andy Zammit & Terri Moon for lessons. It was while they were out at Rock House one night, that they watched Rhonda and Jim Pollock dance, and to them, it was like watching the lead dancers in the movie Rock Around the Clock. This inspired them so much. They just loved watching them and wanted to dance just like them. They had **private lessons with Rhonda and Jim Pollock for 3 years** then went to **Steve Octigan** where they spent the **next 5 years.**

**Carol and Kevin first started “teaching” in 1996 with Nikki & Barry Slater** and formed the **Fourmost Dance Company.** When Nicky and Barry decided to follow other pursuits in 1998, Kevin & Carol wanted to continue teaching, and decided to retain the Fourmost name. One of the things they loved about teaching was the opportunity to meet so many fantastic people as students, **creating many demos and skits,** and having their students and themselves perform them at as many dances as would have them. They loved every minute of it.

Carol and Kevin **first entered the VRRDA competitions in 1995,** when they entered the qualifying heats for the 1996 Championships. It was at these championships in 1996, that they achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State Title.

**They entered many dance competitions over the years between 1995 and 2003.** Some of them they won, some they didn't, but they loved the experience. **They began competing at Wintersun** (now Cooly Rocks On), winning or placing in each category they entered over a number of years.

**Carol and Kevin then began judging with the VRRDA.** They felt this was never an easy job as they always wanted to give each & every contestant a trophy just for being out there on the dance floor. They knew from experience that it was not an easy thing to compete, knowing that you were not only being judged by the Judges on the floor, but by everybody else that was in the Hall watching you. They continued judging for several years.

They always encouraged their students to 'have a go' and were like proud parents when one of their own placed in a competition. They were even known to lend out some of their own outfits and shoes to their "competition babies". They also ran their well known Strutters Dance and Competition in the early 2000s, which drew people from far and wide.

**In 2007, Kevin became VRRDA Vice-President** and in the same year, **Carol also joined the VRRDA Committee.** They remained in these positions for 3 years until mid-2010. In February 2011, they made their move to Queensland, to begin an exciting new stage in their lives.

**Some of Carol and Kevin's greatest achievements:**

1. Appearing on 'In Melbourne Tonight' with Chubby Checker
2. Performing with Glenn Shorrock and Doug Parkinson at Jeff's Shed
3. Dancing on stage when Ol'55 performed in the Palladium at Crown Casino
4. Runners-up in the VRRDA State Title in 1996
5. Dancing in many restaurants over the years
6. The greatest achievement that their love of Rock'n'Roll has given them is seeing a person that has never danced before having the best time of their lives, and also gaining many beautiful life-time friends.

**Ladies and gentlemen, the VRRDA is honoured to induct Carol Ross and Kevin Ross into the 2014 Hall of Fame...**

Annette Niven  
VRRDA Committee