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Victorian Rock'n'Roll Dance Hall of Fame Inductee 2023

The VRRDA established the Victorian Rock'n'Roll Dance Hall of Fame to recognise those special people who have made a notable contribution to Rock'n'Roll dancing over a significant period of time.

Susan Dodson (Rockn' Suzie)

Sue Dodson has been involved in promoting Rock'n'Roll in one form or another for many years. She is a well-respected Rock'n'Roll dance teacher, affectionately known as Rockn' Suzie, who has contributed greatly to the dance community, often holding dances to raise money for charity, and help people in need. Sue has been teaching Rock'n'Roll classes for 20 years, and holding monthly dances for 19 years.

Sue first started dancing at the age of 12, when she was dragged along to dance lessons by her older brother who wanted to go to the local ballroom dancing studio in Pakenham. After learning Ballroom dancing for six months, they started medal classes, and began competing. They had private lessons with teacher Jeff Beck, and his wife, Angie. At one stage, they were having lessons five days a week. Their biggest achievement in Ballroom dancing was winning Modern and Latin C grade competitions in Adelaide.

At the age of 20, when Sue was dancing, she dislocated her knee, and broke her kneecap. She had to have surgery six weeks later and was out of action for a year. She then began teaching some of the classes at the Belle Star Studio in Pakenham, and loved teaching rock and roll classes at the studio.

In January 2003, Sue held her first rock and roll class on her own, in Nar Nar Goon, with 20 people. This marked the start of Sue's Dance Classes. A few years later, she started a class in Berwick, and then Cranbourne. In October 2004, Sue and her dance group held their first dance in Pakenham. From that day onwards, the dance club was known as Rockn' Suzies.

Sue has also held Rock'n'Roll dances for charity for 19 years, including annual Good Friday Appeal dances. Over that time, she has helped raise over \$100,000 for the Royal Children's Hospital. She has certainly made a huge contribution to the Rock'n'Roll community.