



**30<sup>th</sup> ACA National Clogging Convention**

**11 – 13 September 2026**

**(with Trail-In Dance on 10 September 2026)**

**Burnie Arts Centre**

**77-79 Wilmot Street**

**Burnie, Tasmania**

# Guest Instructor

## Andy Howard

Director, American Racket Cloggers

Andy Howard is a sixth generation Floridian currently living in Atlanta (since 2016). He earned a Masters of Arts in American Dance Studies from Florida State University, authoring a thesis on the history and social origins of American Team Clogging. He also earned a Masters of Arts in International Business from the University of Florida.

Andy founded and leads the 501(c)3 performance and teaching organization, American Racket (@AmericanRacket), dedicated to outreach and education on the subjects of clogging, North American

community dance, and oldtime string music. Andy has led performance tours of American Racket throughout the U.S. and in South Korea, Italy, Brazil, Canada and Costa Rica. The **Sautee Stomp Clogging Weekend** (<http://sauteestomp.square.site>) is a program of American Racket occurring on the last weekend in September outside of Helen, Georgia. In 2023, American Racket started presenting oldtime music workshops and concerts throughout the year in addition to clogging.

Andy is also a fiddler and a member of The Sugar Gliders (@TheSugarGlidersOT) oldtime string and dance band, based in Atlanta. He teaches fiddle and oldtime repertoire for string instruments at the Frank Hamilton School in Decatur, Georgia, and at regional festivals.

His professional career focuses on non-profit administration for companies including Orlando Opera Company, Orlando Repertory Theatre, the University of Florida College of the Arts, the University of Florida Department of Recreational Sports and (currently) the Georgia Tech Research Corporation in Atlanta.

He has taught credit-earning dance courses in tap, clogging and world dance at Florida State University and Santa Fe College, worked as an entertainer at Walt Disney World Resort and was a weekly instructor for the University of Florida's Dance for Life program which involves researching the impact of movement and dance on people with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers.

He holds a Group Exercise certification from the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America (AFAA). He was inducted into the All American Clogging Team in 2002, the Clogging Team of the Decade in 2010, and the Florida Clogging Hall of Fame in 2015.



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The National Clogging Convention returns to Burnie in 2026.

If you were here in 2018, then EAT DRINK CLOG REPEAT!

We hope you will be able to join us again, or for the first time, and enjoy all that Tasmania – and especially the north-west – has to offer.

### Location

**Burnie** is a small city on the north-west coast of Tasmania. Being an island state, access is by air or sea only. You can bring your own car, or even a caravan, on the Spirit of Tasmania ferry.

### By Sea

The **Spirit of Tasmania** ferry leaves from Geelong, Victoria and arrives into Devonport, Tasmania. The 30<sup>th</sup> ACA National Clogging Convention will be in their system as a Special Event, and from October 2025 this will give us an Exclusive Member's Only Booking Page on their website for those interested to book, pay and manage their own reservations. The best available fare and price will be offered at the time of booking, and in most instances this will be up to 5% off their discounted Spirit Passenger Fares. We will provide updates as they become available.

### By Air

Burnie-Wynyard Airport – approximately 20 minutes' drive to the venue

Devonport Airport – approximately 45 minutes' drive to the venue

Launceston Airport – approximately 1 hour 40 minutes' drive to the venue

Hobart Airport – approximately 3 hours 40 minutes' drive to the venue

### Guest Instructor

We are excited to have US instructor **Andy Howard** join us from Atlanta, Georgia. See Andy's details on previous page.

### Venue

Burnie Arts Centre, Wilmot Street, Burnie. It's the same venue as the 2018 convention but sporting a new look after some very recent renovations.

It's right in the middle of town so if you are staying in one of the city hotels or motels, you'll be able to walk to the venue. If you do bring a vehicle to the venue, please be aware that pay parking provisions apply until 5pm on Friday and 2pm on Saturday.

### Important Dates

- **ACA Member Early Worm Special** registration deadline – **14 September 2025**
- **ACA Member Early Bird Special** registration deadline – **31 December 2025**
- **Cuer/Instructor** registration deadline – **30 June 2026**
- **Dancer** registration deadline – **31 July 2026**

## Registration Price

ACA Member Early Worm Special (available to 14 September 2025) - includes a FREE embroidered patch	<b>\$100</b>
ACA Member Early Bird Special (available to 31 December 2025)	<b>\$120</b>
ACA Member (1 January 2026 onwards)	<b>\$140</b>
Non-Member (anytime)	<b>\$150</b>
Junior <18 years at time of convention (anytime)	<b>\$60</b>
Non-Dancers / Spectators – must be registered to attend	<b>FREE</b>

## Ticket Inclusions

Your ticket includes –

- ✓ Social Dance Sessions & Suppers - Friday night, Saturday night
- ✓ Workshops & Seminars – Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning

Details of the various food options that will be available – on-site catering, nearby restaurants and cafes, food vans etc – will be advised closer to the time.

## Cueing and Instructing

You DO NOT need to complete a separate form to request to cue or teach a workshop. Simply tick the boxes on the general registration form – but please note the earlier registration deadline! The programming committee will determine your eligibility from the records held in the ACA database, and will contact you to clarify any details, confirm your availability, and remind you of the dates for submission of cue sheets and music. Programming is at the discretion of the convention committee.

## Trail-in Dance

A Trail-in dance will be held at the convention venue in the evening on Thursday 10 September. Exact times will be advised closer to the time. There will be a simple colour theme of **Purple** to highlight our logo. This is an opportunity for newer cuers in the clogging community to take the stage. Club Leaders – please encourage your club members to have a go! **\$10** entry fee includes supper. Please select on your registration form.

## Meetings

A **Leaders Forum** and the Association's **Annual General Meeting** will be held at the convention venue on Friday 11 September – timing details to be made available later.

## Banner Parade

The banner parade is part of the official opening of the convention on Friday evening, so don't forget your club banner. More information will be provided to Club Leaders at a later date.

## After Party

There will be an After Party on Saturday night, at the conclusion of dancing. If you have suitable act – fun skit, song, or other performance – please email [info.aca30th@gmail.com](mailto:info.aca30th@gmail.com) and let us know.

## Your Personal Safety

The ACA holds Public Liability Insurance, however, please understand that you are accepting responsibility for your own safety and security by registering to attend this convention. First Aid officers will be present at the venue during dance sessions.

## Your Shoes and Taps

You will be required to present your shoes for tap checking and/or taping prior to dancing. Pre-taping of your taps will assist in minimising delays.

## Booth Space

If you or someone you know would like to sell / display goods or provide a service (e.g. foot massage), please email [info.aca30th@gmail.com](mailto:info.aca30th@gmail.com) for further details.

## Merchandise

Embroidered towel - **\$17**

Embroidered patch - **\$13**

Both will be available for sale at the convention booth at Ballarat, and at Burnie.

**Take advantage of the Early Worm Special and receive a FREE embroidered patch.**

For a bit of fun, we encourage you to 'design your own merchandise' using the patch, and there will a competition for same at Burnie. More details to come!

## Syllabus

A Convention Syllabus will be available for purchase – hardcopy version \$20 or USB version \$10. Please order on your registration form.

## Videos

Workshop videos will be made available on the ACA website or YouTube channel in a timely manner after the conclusion of the convention. Other formats may be considered, and if so, order forms will be available at the convention.

## Accommodation

There is a variety of accommodation in Burnie, many establishments within walking distance of the venue. Some options are listed on a separate page showing the distance from the venue and any special deals being offered to convention delegates.

If you have your own transport, you might like to consider other beautiful towns along the north-west coast such as Penguin, Somerset or Wynyard – all within a short drive of the venue.

**If you have questions about the convention, you can contact:**

Registrations – Sharon Hockley 0409 127 406 – [rego.aca30th@gmail.com](mailto:rego.aca30th@gmail.com)

Programming – Chris Anderson 0447 868 491 – [prog.aca30th@gmail.com](mailto:prog.aca30th@gmail.com)

Secretary – Colleen Osborne 0419 019 395 – [info.aca30th@gmail.com](mailto:info.aca30th@gmail.com)

Convenor – Jan Collins 0415 922 433 – [tas@cloggingaustralia.com](mailto:tas@cloggingaustralia.com)

## SOME ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS FOR BURNIE

<p>Ikon Hotel                  22 Mount Street, Burnie  <a href="https://ikonhotel.com.au/">https://ikonhotel.com.au/</a>                  T: 03 6432 4566</p>	260m	request group rates
<p>Beachfront Voyager Inn                  9 North Terrace, Burnie  <a href="https://www.beachfrontvoyager.com.au/">https://www.beachfrontvoyager.com.au/</a>                  T: 03 6431 4866</p>	550m	request group rates
<p>One North Terrace                  1 North Terrace, Burnie  <a href="https://www.onenorthterrace.com.au/">https://www.onenorthterrace.com.au/</a>                  T: 03 6449 8111</p>	800m	executive rates
<p>Burnie Central Townhouse Hotel                  139 Wilson Street, Burnie  <a href="https://www.townhousehotelburnie.com.au/">https://www.townhousehotelburnie.com.au/</a>                  T: 03 6431 4455</p>	850m	rates are subject to change due to renovations
<p>Burnie Ocean View Motel &amp; Holiday Caravan Park                  253 Bass Highway, Ocean Vista, Burnie  <a href="https://www.burniebeachaccommodation.com.au/">https://www.burniebeachaccommodation.com.au/</a>                  T: 03 6431 1925</p>	3.5km	motel rooms, cabins, and van sites
<p>Somerset Beachside Cabin and Caravan Park                  113 Bass Highway, Somerset  <a href="https://www.somersetbeachside.com.au/">https://www.somersetbeachside.com.au/</a>                  T: 03 6435 2322</p>	5km	cabins and van sites

If booking accommodation through Airbnb etc, please feel free to contact Michelle Goodall on 0431 705 735 to check the locality and access, or to confirm the distance from the proposed accommodation to the convention venue.