

# On the Wallaby Track

## A 32 bar Hornpipe for Three Couples

### **bars**      **description**

**1 - 8**      1<sup>st</sup> man dances "solo rights and lefts":

1<sup>st</sup> man, giving right hands, change places with 1<sup>st</sup> woman

1<sup>st</sup> man, giving left hands, change places with 2<sup>nd</sup> woman

1<sup>st</sup> man, giving right hands, change places with 2<sup>nd</sup> man

1<sup>st</sup> man, giving left hands, turn 1<sup>st</sup> woman half way round

At the end, first couple retain nearer hands joined.

**9 - 12**      1<sup>st</sup> couple dance across the set between 2<sup>nd</sup> couple, separate, and then cast, 1<sup>st</sup> man around 2<sup>nd</sup> woman and 1<sup>st</sup> woman around 2<sup>nd</sup> man, back to the men's side of the dance.

**13 - 16**      2<sup>nd</sup> couple dance across the set between 1<sup>st</sup> couple, separate, and then cast, 2<sup>nd</sup> man around 1<sup>st</sup> woman and 2<sup>nd</sup> woman around 1<sup>st</sup> man, back to the women's side of the dance.

**17 - 24**      1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> couples, joining nearer hands with partner, set and dance right hands across half way round. All change places with partner by dancing a half turn giving right hands, and then all chase one place clockwise. 1<sup>st</sup> couple are now in second place on opposite sides and 2<sup>nd</sup> couple are in first place on own side.

**25 - 32**      1<sup>st</sup> couple lead up one place, crossing over, and cast off one place. 1<sup>st</sup> couple dance down through 3<sup>rd</sup> couple and cast up to second place on own side.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

*This dance is inscribed to Robert Davidson, Chairman of the Sydney Branch, R.S.C.D.S., 1999 & 2000. For an internet biography, Robert referred to "his patchy employment history and wayward nature". "On the wallaby track" is a strine expression which refers to the Australian swagman going from place to place looking for work.*

Suggested Music: Kirk's Hornpipe (*trad.*) as on "Kardinia Kapers", an album of Scottish Dance Music by David South and his Scottish Dance Band (Dal Segno Music, DSMCD-001)

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