

The Wellington Orchid

32 bar strathspey for 3 couples in a triangular set

Bars

- 1 – 8 All set to partner, dance an allemande turn with the right (see note), set, and dance a petronella turn. End with women's backs to the centre and men facing in.
- 9 – 16 Triangular Knot:
9-10 Turn partner right hand half-way into allemande hold, facing anti-clockwise.
11-12 Promenade anti-clockwise one place on.
13-16 All release right hand and women dance into the middle to turn left hand, finishing with men's back to the centre and women facing in order 2,3,1.
- 17 – 28 All dance twelve bars of a left shoulder Celtic reel for three couples:
17-18 Passing by the left shoulder, all change places with partner.
19-20 Centre dancers dance right hands across two places, while their partners dance anti-clockwise around the outside to the next position, finishing women inside, men outside in order 3,1,2.
21-24 Repeat bars 17-20, finishing men inside, women outside in order 1,2,3.
25-28 Repeat bars 17-20, finishing women inside, men outside in order 2,3,1.
- 29 – 32 All turn partners $1\frac{3}{4}$ with the left hand, finishing on the sides in progressed places, facing partner, ready for the next time through or to bow/curtsey. Couples finish in the order 2,3,1, ready to repeat the dance from new positions.

Note:

Allemande turn – dance towards partner, giving right hands, the woman dances under her own arm and curves out to place while the man retires. Hands do not need to be retained very long.

Recommended music: "Elizabeth Hunter's Strathspey" by Peter Elmes' Scottish Country Dance Band.

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This dance was devised to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Wellington Region.