

Maypole Dancing

Originally, May Day was a holiday of ancient tradition in England to celebrate the arrival of spring. It was celebrated with joyous dancing around a garlanded pole, called a Maypole, from which streamers hung. Each dancer held the end of a streamer, and as they danced, the ribbons become entwined creating one of the several, traditional and colourful, patterns.

In Australia, in the first decades of the 20th century, Maypole dancing was incorporated in a some school's curriculum, as it was deemed to be a suitably, "lady-like" exercise for schoolgirls. The Maypole dance was a spectacular item performed on any special school occasion. It required precision "drilling", and many rehearsals to prevent any mistake in routine.

- F6/1. 1890 - A Maypole dance □
- F6/2. 1922 September - Moorabbin State School, girl's Maypole dance □
- F6/3. 1922 September - As Above □
- F6/4. 1922 September - As above □
- F6/5. 1922 September - As above □