



**Leaders Notes: Australian Performing Rights Association and Australian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society Licences.**

**“What is an APRA licence, and as a Leader of an operating club do I need it?”**

APRA (Australian Performing Rights Association) /AMCOS (Australian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society) is a not for profit organisation which collects and distributes copyright royalties for composers, lyricists, and music publishers. Composers join APRA which collects licence fees on their behalf and distributes them as royalties.

To play music in your classes, a licence for both the song (i.e. the composition) and the recording, is required. Simply, yes, if you play music in your class/es you need a licence. The Australian Clogging Association has an arrangement whereby a “Blanket cover” is taken out annually with APRA, in association with the Australian Callers Federation. Leaders who have indicated an interest in taking out this cover are sent an invoice in the first half of the calendar year for approximately \$65.00. (as was the case in 2013). This money is then forwarded by the ACA Treasurer, in bulk, to a representative of the Australian Callers Federation who takes out the policy with APRA.

**An alternative** is for the individual Leader to take out an **individual licence** with APRA, the cost of which is determined by the number of days per week on which classes are held, commencing with approx. \$65.00 for the first day plus \$32. for each and every consecutive day of operation during the year.

Any leaders who wish to take up the “blanket cover” offer please contact the Secretary and state your intention of being added to the current list. After receipt of your payment you will be issued with a Membership card explaining what action to take should you be approached regarding this Licence. For further information please contact the Secretary on 1300 780 017 or [secretary@cloggingaustralia.com](mailto:secretary@cloggingaustralia.com) Remember, as a Leader of an operating club the onus of responsibility lies with you.

