



Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

MAC News

(Management and Co-ordinator News)

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PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Romaine Butterfield on having her dance "The Kissing Bridge" published in Book 47. Have you danced it yet? Romaine is becoming an old hand at having her dances published and it would be great if others could follow her lead.

This is my last MAC News. Thanks for reading and promoting it in your Clubs.

SECRETARY

RSCDS AGM:

The RSCDS AGM will be held in Perth, Scotland on 2 November 2013.

If any members expect to be in Scotland at this time and would like to represent the NZ Branch please contact the Branch Secretary.

There is a full programme of Dances and classes around the AGM from 1 to 3 November. See the RSCDS website for full details.

Summer School: Hurry! The registration deadline is 31 August, but late registrations may be accepted.

RSCDS Dance Books 48 and 49

Regions are trialling dances for RSCDS Book 48. The Branch has been sent 5 jigs to evaluate. Region evaluations will be combined into a Branch evaluation and sent to Scotland before the end of the year.

Regions have also been invited to submit one dance for consideration as the Branch Dance. Eight Regions have submitted dances. These will be sent to Regions (minus their own dance) for evaluation. The "best" dance will be submitted to the RSCDS for consideration for inclusion in Book 49.

TREASURER

The end of the Branch Financial year is upon us with the subsequent tight deadlines for the shopkeepers, Region treasurers, Treasurer, Auditor and Secretary – all to bring you the state of play of the Branch's financial affairs for presentation at the AGM at the Waikato Summer School. A busy time for us all with some new to the game and some with much more experience. I invite all members to think about where the Branch is going financially, your thoughts on what information you'd like to see more or less of, and how we can increase our membership – the more members we have, the less each of us will have to pay.

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

Promotion for 2014: Is your club or region planning a membership drive for next year? If you order additional promotional posters and leaflets now they can either be sent to you by the end of the year or collected from Debbie Roxburgh at Summer School.

Email: communication@dancescottish.org.nz to place your order. Remember these items are provided **free of charge**.

Facebook: Have you discovered the Branch Facebook page yet? The page started in mid-July and includes Branch news and posts likely to be of interest to members. We encourage anyone who 'likes' the page to comment, and post about happenings in their area.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dance-Scottish-New-Zealand/175839722594776>

MEMBERSHIP

By now all of your membership renewals and registrations will be complete (or almost!). Let's hope that you have risen to the challenge of recruiting at least one new member per club, and that we have been able to reverse the trend of declining membership!

Hope to see many of you at Summer School or on a dance floor somewhere in 2014.

Membership Renewals - email option

This is the first year that a \$10 discount has been offered for email delivery. This is only offered to people who currently receive hard copy information i.e. Full Members, Young Adult Members, and RSCDS Life Members paying the Branch Service Fee. Family Members including RSCDS Life Family Members do not currently get Branch information sent to them and are therefore not eligible for the email discount.

Please note that email Members will receive the February mail out as hard copy because it includes the New Zealand Dancer magazine.

YOUTH

The Branch has purchased copies of the RSCDS "Jigs and Reels" package for each Region. This package is intended to support the teaching of Scottish Country Dancing in Schools. The package consists of a set of lesson plans for steps, figures and dances accompanied by two CDs of music and a DVD of a set of dancers performing the dances.

Next mail out due:

30th September - Jigs And More

30th October - Kiwi News, Branch Annual Report