



# Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

## MAC News

### (Management and Co-ordinator News)

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#### PRESIDENT

All clubs will be well into a new year of dancing and I hope that you have not only retained dancers but have managed to encourage others to join you. I have just returned from a successful Easter Weekend School held by the Canterbury Region. It was great to see dancers with varying abilities show such enthusiasm in both classes and on the dance floor. As a working president, it will be difficult to visit as often as I would like. Please make yourselves known to the other members of the management committee if they are attending a function. We would like to hear your views and opinions about the Society, Branch and Regions.

#### SECRETARY

RSCDS Book 49: The NZ Branch is participating in evaluating dances to be published in RSCDS Book 49.

Regions have been invited to participate and those doing so have been sent copies of the 7 dances to be evaluated by the NZ Branch.

If you want to know more, or if your club wants to be involved, contact your Region Secretary.

International Ceilidh: The RSCDS and Get Scotland Dancing are jointly promoting an International Ceilidh in conjunction with the 2014 Commonwealth Games being held in Glasgow. This event is timed for 21 June and will be a rolling event starting in New Zealand with all participating countries starting at the same local time and using the same programme. At least two New Zealand Regions, Auckland and Canterbury, will be participating.

Secretary 2015: The current Branch Secretary will be stepping down from the role from the end of this year. The Branch needs a new Secretary for 2015.

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the Branch Secretary.

#### CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

##### COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

Commonwealth Ceilidh: 3 new dances have been specially devised for this event. *The Radical Road* – reflecting the worldwide connections established and renewed at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. *The Granite City Reel* – named after the City of Aberdeen and devised to reflect the agility of athletes competing in the Games. *The Clydeside Reel* – devised to reflect the warmth of the welcome and sense of inclusion all visitors and competitors can expect to receive from the City of Glasgow.

Visit <http://getscotlanddancing.org/the-commonwealth-ceilidh> for the instructions and videos for all 3 dances.

Why not find out what is happening in your area and aim to be part of this unique event?

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

Planning for 2014 is underway with Unit 1 by email, Unit 2 partially within the regions and completed at Dunedin Summer School, and Unit 3 at Summer School. The NZ Branch Registration date is now 30<sup>th</sup> June. Interested and need more information? Contact the following:

Unit 1 - Debbie Roxburgh: [Unit1@dancescottish.org.nz](mailto:Unit1@dancescottish.org.nz)

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View **Kiwi News** - April 2014 – for more updated details regarding Teaching courses

#### MEMBERSHIP

Updated RSCDS website: over the last couple of months most of you will have received an email from the RSCDS advising of changes to their website and your membership number. Unfortunately this change means the number on your current membership card differs from the one allocated by Headquarters. When membership renewal occurs in August and new membership cards are issued they will have your new RSCDS membership number. This number will then be yours for life.

If you haven't already done so, please follow the instructions in the email to update your login and password for the RSCDS website and visit "my account" to check that all your details are correct.

Membership cards: by now all members should have received their membership card for the 2013-14 year. If you have not received your card yet please get in touch with your club secretary as your first port of call.

#### YOUTH

Have you been thinking about what you could do to encourage youth dancing, but which might need some financial assistance from the Branch - check out the NEW Statement of Purpose and Terms for the Branch Youth Fund on the website. First applications are invited by **1 June 2014**. Alternatively, feel free to send us donations tagged for Youth Dancing, and you can be sure that they will be put into this special fund.

And if you have ideas for encouraging youth dancing, that don't need financial help but might need a mentor, or a teacher, or a hall, or some Region support, let us know at [youth@dancescottish.org.nz](mailto:youth@dancescottish.org.nz) and we'll do everything we can to help you.

#### Next mail out due:

**30<sup>th</sup> June** - MAC News and Jigs And More

**31<sup>st</sup> July** - Kiwi News