

## PROFILES OF NOMINEES for 2022 AGM

### Linda Glavin Nominated for President



I have been dancing in New Zealand since the late 1980's and completed my Teaching Certificate at the Auckland Summer School 2009/2010. I have taught clubs and children's classes weekly. I have also taught Region classes, Day and weekend schools and Branch level classes. I have previously served on the Management Committee as Membership coordinator and Vice-President.

I, along with the Management Committee and the members, plan to develop a road map that details our plans for the ongoing development of Scottish Country Dancing in New Zealand. I believe that following a plan, with specific, achievable goals each year, will enable the NZ Branch to grow stronger.

### Debbie Roxburgh Nominated for Vice-President

I began dancing in Canterbury in the 1970s and went on to complete my Teaching Certificate in 1989. Since then I have been regularly teaching both adults' and children's classes. I have taught widely at region and Branch level, and internationally, and have recently been appointed as an RSCDS examiner.

My aim is to make dancing accessible for people of all ages and in all parts of the country, and I am particularly interested in supporting the ongoing training and development of dance teachers.



I currently represent the NZ Branch on the working group planning for the RSCDS centenary celebrations in 2023.

I am a strong and effective communicator and work well as part of a team. I have previously served on the Management Committee as the Communications and Publicity Coordinator and as the Youth Coordinator.

### Quentin Currall Nominated for Treasurer



I am a Chartered Accountant. I danced at Hibiscus Coast Club 2011-15 and currently teach at Lawrence Club and dance at Ceilidh SCD Club in Dunedin. I am pleased to accept the nomination for a fourth year.

## **Gaylia Powell** Nominated for Secretary



I started Scottish country dancing in 2003 at the Ngaio Scottish Country Dance (SCD) Club in Wellington, after meeting some members at a “Dance Your Socks Off” community ceilidh. I had previously learned ballet as a child, and also ballroom dancing for a time. Early last year, 2020, I moved back to Christchurch where I grew up, and joined the Hoon Hay and Caledonian SCD clubs.

Apart from dancing, my interests are croquet, tramping, cycling, gardening and family. I have two young grandchildren in Christchurch and am also interested in researching family history.

I would bring administrative experience and good organisational skills to the position of New Zealand Branch Secretary. For many years I was a senior advisor in the Mental Health Commission and the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC). When I left Wellington, I had recently been the Region Secretary for the Wellington Croquet Association, and Treasurer for the Ngaio SCD Club. In 2018, I instigated Tuesday afternoon dancing and was the organiser until I moved to Christchurch. This group meets in Johnsonville and attracts dancers from Wellington, the Hutt Valley and Kapiti Coast.

I believe we should all take our turn if we can, to contribute to the organisations that benefit us. Therefore, I look forward to the responsibility of Branch Secretary, should I be elected

## **Jeanette Watson** Nominated for Education and Training Coordinator



I started Scottish Country Dancing aged about 9, as an escape from ballet classes, at Island Bay club and Wellington Juniors. After a break as a teenager, I started dancing again at the Victoria University of Wellington club, then switched back to Island Bay. Iain Boyd, Noeline O’Connor, Romaine Butterfield, Doug Mills, Wendy Jaeger and Mirth Smallwood were all also attending the club at that time – so, lots of great role models for dancing and teaching!

After dancing for 3 years in the UK and Europe, I started getting into some teaching and completed my Full Certificate at the Hamilton Summer School in 1997-98. And I guess I’ve been teaching at club level, and at various classes in the Wellington region and nationally ever since. I’ve attended various dance teacher training courses over those years, run by Wellington Region, NZ Summer School and Australian Teachers Alliance, and taken an interest in learning more about ‘how to teach’ through more generic courses.

### **Andrew Patterson** Nominated for Information Technology Coordinator



I originally volunteered for the role of IT Coordinator with the aims of supporting the Management, relaunching our website and raising the level of service that we give to the Regions, Clubs and Members. While the website has been the most time-consuming, an effective email service and accurate database are both critical to our membership and time devoted to these has been well-spent. Three years on, I have been encouraged by the comments from throughout the Branch and look forward to another year as IT Coordinator. An additional task over the next year will be to stabilise the developments to date, while preparing for a smooth transition in the hope that a new volunteer eventually comes forward with renewed enthusiasm and fresh ideas.

### **Fiona McCutcheon** Nominated for Information Technology Coordinator



I began Scottish Country Dancing in Lower Hutt as a JAM in 1997. I currently dance a couple of times a week within the Wellington Region. As a junior member, I attained all the JAM medal tests. I have attended many JAM camps, Summer Schools, day schools and weekend schools around the country.

I have a bachelor's degree in Information Technology majoring in web-design. I spent several years in an IT support role and more recently in internal software maintenance. I designed and maintained the Lower Hutt club's website. I have an eye for detail and enjoy developing easy to use products. I think I will be a real asset to the Management Committee in IT matters going forward.

### **Sue Lindsay** Nominated for Communication, Publicity and Membership Coordinator

I began Scottish Country Dancing in Blenheim in the 1970's before stopping to raise a family. I returned to dancing in 1998 at the Lincoln Club, in Canterbury. Since then I have been Secretary for the Lincoln Club, and served on the Canterbury Region Committee as a Committee Member, Secretary and Treasurer. I look forward to further developing the Membership and Communication and Publicity Coordinator role.



## **Nicole Trewavas** Nominated for Youth Coordinator



I began dancing in Waikanae, in 1998. A few years later we moved to Palmerston North where I continued dancing at the Manawatu club. As a junior member, I was lucky enough to be able to sit and achieve all the JAM medal tests. This then led to me working towards my RSCDS Teaching Certificate, which I achieved at the Cambridge summer school 2013/2014. I am currently the tutor for the Manawatu Scottish Country Dance Club in Palmerston North and teach classes for both children and adults. I have attended many Summer Schools, day schools and weekend schools around the country as a dancer and I have also had the privilege of teaching at some of them as well.

I am currently on the JAM committee as the Medal Test Coordinator and I am keen to continue my involvement as well as future developments with our junior dancers throughout New Zealand.