

## PROFILES OF NOMINEES for 2023 AGM



**Linda Glavin** Nominated for President

I first started Scottish Country dancing during my school years in Glasgow. After moving to New Zealand, I started dancing again after watching a demonstration by Southern Cross Club one Friday night in Dunedin's town centre. I went on to dance at both Southern Cross and Ceilidh clubs. We moved to Christchurch where I danced at Christchurch, Caledonian, and Hoon Hay clubs. I completed my teaching certificate at the Auckland Summer School 2009/2010. After gaining my teaching certificate I continued to share the teaching of the club's weekly adult class. Both Frances Williamson and I began a children's class, and this continued up until Covid-19 came along. I moved to Blenheim a few years ago and I am currently teaching an adult and a children's class weekly. I have also taught at Weekend and Region schools and at Branch level.

My hope is for the New Zealand Branch to continue the aims and objectives that Miss Milligan and Mrs Stewart set down. Next year the Society celebrates 100 years since Miss Milligan and Mrs Stewart formed the Society, and the aims and objectives were introduced. While our ways of thinking change as we grow, I believe the meaning behind the aims and objectives can still be applied today.

I have previously served on the Management Committee as Membership Co-ordinator and Vice-President.

### **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 serve as an RSCDS examiner.

As the RSCDS celebrates its centenary year in 2023, I am committed to upholding the aims and traditions of the RSCDS whilst working to keep dancing relevant to NZ members. 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 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.



### **Joy Dick** Nominated for Secretary



I took up dancing in 2010 at Kelburn club in Wellington, while completing qualifications for a late career change. I was pleasantly surprised at how much fun it was, as well as at how friendly and helpful everyone was! Later that year I moved to Palmerston North having secured a job in said new career, and was happy to find there were two SCD clubs available. Even more happily, after a time I found I was able to join both! In 2011, I was elected secretary of the Ashhurst club and in 2015, secretary for the Rangitikei Region committee. I have continued to be elected to both positions ever since, but will relinquish the post of region secretary at the end of 2022.

In both roles I have played a significant part in organising special events e.g., day schools, balls, social events, requiring good communication skills and administrative ability. My working life was mostly in the wine industry in varied roles (research technician, university lecturer, senior viticulturist for a large Australian company) and lastly in a library role at a CRI, all of which required organisational ability, effective communication with a range of different people, team work, serving on committees and computer literacy – all requirements for the NZ Branch secretary position!

And finally, I thoroughly appreciate all the benefits we dancers get from the existence of the RSCDS and NZ Branch (e.g., qualified tutors, book of dances, music, standards), so I am only too happy to play a small part in the smooth running of Scottish country dancing in NZ by acting as 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, Noline 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 also now run two courses of night school classes a year through our local Community Education Centre.

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



Having enjoyed a lifetime of Scottish country dancing, I welcome the opportunity to give something back to the RSCDS through the Management of NZ Branch. As Information Technology Coordinator, I aim to provide our members with a prompt, reliable and informative service in which the Branch website plays a major role, but which extends to any activity where Management or members would welcome some technical support. I will also continue to advocate a more efficient and less expensive approach to the management of NZ Branch, while still fulfilling our obligations to the membership. If elected, this will definitely be my final year, so I will probably seek a volunteer who would be willing to have some involvement during 2023 in the prospect of standing for nomination in 2024.

**Su Marshall** Nominated for Communication, Publicity and Membership Coordinator

Kia ora SCD Whanau!

I am a dancer – have been since I started ballet over 50 years ago. Since then I’ve dabbled in all types of dance – European national dances (Irish, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Hungarian, French – ALL over Europe and including Scottish), disco, modern, jazz, salsa, square, line, rock’n’roll, ballroom ... and then my hubby and I came to SCD in 2015. And we love it.

In my work I am a Fundraiser and have been, for a wide variety of not-for-profits, for almost 20 years. I love this too. And my job involves communicating with people – I’m one of those people who writes appeal letters and newsletters; Facebook posts and sponsorship proposals; information brochures and marketing emails.

As a working Mum I have learned to be supremely organised and practical. And keep a sense of humour.

I believe I would be a valuable addition to the NZ Branch committee because I bring a wealth of comms experience; I love using language to inspire and encourage people; I have a passion for dancing in general – SCD in particular; and I have an imaginative approach to life and problem solving.



Kia pai to ra | Have a good day

**Nicole Trewavas** Nominated for Youth Coordinator



I began dancing in Waikanae, in 1998. A few years later we moved to Palmerston North where I have 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 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. 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 keen to continue my involvement on the management committee, to continue working on and encourage future developments with our junior dancers throughout New Zealand, especially with many JAM groups currently in recess due to the last couple of years with covid.

### **Nominations for Management Committee 2023**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
President	Linda Glavin	Pam McDonald	Lynda Aitchison
Vice-President	Debbie Roxburgh	Elaine Laidlaw	Isabel Jackson
Secretary	Joy Dick	Mary Hawkes	Gae Stephenson
Treasurer	<i>No nominee</i>		
Education & Training Coordinator	Jeanette Watson	Ann Oliver	Michele Miller
IT Coordinator	Andrew Patterson	Ruary Laidlaw	Glenna James
Publicity, Communications & Membership Coordinator	Su Marshall	Alice Shankie	David Williamson
Youth Coordinator	Nicole Trewavas	Veronica Cullen	Helen Allan