

PROFILES OF NOMINEES for 2024 AGM

Debbie Roxburgh Nominated for 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.

I have been a member of the RSCDS and New Zealand Branch since I began dancing and 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. I currently hold the position of Vice-President.

Lesley Nicol Nominated for Vice-President



I began dancing at Milford Club aged about 11. Luckily for me there was a great group of similar-aged teenagers and we travelled widely around NZ to dances, weekend and summer schools. On travelling to the UK, I attended my first St Andrews Summer School in 1979. I met my husband at a class in London and completed my Full Certificate in 1988.

I've held positions on Club and Region Committees. I was the NZ Branch Treasurer for 4 years till 2013 when my husband's job relocated us to Cincinnati, then to the UK.

I believe in the aims of the RSCDS and would support and foster those through NZ clubs and regions if I am elected as Vice President.

I am currently Treasurer of the NZ Branch.

Ed Duggan Nominated for Treasurer

I began dancing at Island Bay Club in 1987. Due to relocating and starting a new career mid-life, I lost touch with the joy of Scottish country dancing. It was great to reconnect with old and new friends in 2019 and frustrating to have interrupted seasons in the following couple of years. Serving as the Branch Treasurer is a great opportunity to use my professional skills in service of the New Zealand Branch. I have been an accountant for a wide range of organisations, mostly non-profit and a good number volunteer. My interpersonal skills are strong which is an asset working with volunteers.



I am looking forward to using my strategic planning skills to ensure that future generations will also have the joy and health benefits of Scottish Country Dancing.

Joy Dick Nominated for Secretary



I began dancing in 2010 at Kelburn club, moved to Palmerston North later that year, and happily found I could join two clubs! In 2011, I was elected secretary of the Ashhurst club and in 2015, secretary for the Rangitikei Region. I relinquished the latter role at the end of 2022. I have been NZ Branch secretary since the 2023 AGM and have learnt a great deal about the Society and NZ Branch. I am keen to put that experience to use. As someone said to me on the dance floor, I am now at least half-trained, so it is now time to make use of it!

I thoroughly appreciate all the benefits we dancers get from the existence of the RSCDS and NZ Branch (e.g., qualified tutors, dance books, music). I am only too happy to play a small part in the smooth running of Scottish country dancing in NZ.

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 working and dancing for 3 years in the UK and Europe, I started getting into some teaching and completed my Full Teaching Certificate at the Hamilton Summer School in 1997-98. I have 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 have 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.

In my current time as E&T Coordinator from January 2022, I have run the Book 53 submissions process, revived the Teachers' Register, organised the NZ Branch videos of our Book 53 dances, and am planning a Teachers Workshop for 2024.

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.

Nominations for RSCDS NZ Branch Management Committee for 2024

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Secunder
President	Debbie Roxburgh	Elaine Laidlaw	Isabel Jackson
Vice-President	Lesley Nicol	Elizabeth Lusher	Glenis Cameron
Secretary	Joy Dick	Mary Hawkes	Anne Hall
Treasurer	Ed Duggan	Veronica Cullen	Nicole Trewavas
Education & Training Coordinator	Jeanette Watson	Ann Oliver	Lee Miller
IT Coordinator	Fiona McCutcheon	Alison Trotter	Duncan Laidlaw
Publicity, Communications & Membership Coordinator	<i>No nominee*</i>		
Youth Coordinator	<i>No nominee</i>		

*A nomination form for Publicity, Communications & Membership Coordinator was received on 3 September. The nomination will be considered at the NZ Branch AGM on 1 January 2024