

Future of New Zealand Summer Schools

Management view this document as a starting point for discussion on Future Summer Schools. As this is being sent out with the AGM papers maybe there will be some discussion at Region meetings. We therefore invite Regions to submit any thoughts/suggestions to treasurer@dancescottish.org.nz prior to Summer School. We are thinking that it would be best to have a separate meeting to discuss this topic.

The last few years have seen Summer Schools held in

Auckland 2022/2023	124 attendees – 97 dancers
Nelson 2023/2024	123 attendees – 63 resident, 41 commuters
Wellington 2024/2025	

At present in planning Christchurch 2025/2026

As part of the Vice-President role I approached two prior Organisers of Waikato Summer Schools to see if there was any availability to organise/host the 2026/2027 School, neither person was available and could not point out any other person who may be interested.

So where to from here –

1. Is the current format, duration and time of year still appropriate/relevant?
2. Is there still sufficient demand, interest in attending?
3. How do we find an Organiser? Is this role too much for one person?
4. Do we look at the Society model – St Andrews – and have one venue which we use annually? or two permanent venues (North and South Island)?
5. Do we need a Summer School Director?
 - a. Director becomes an ex-officio member of the Management Committee
 - b. This person liaises with the Accommodation and catering
 - c. Does not necessarily need to live in the location of the School
 - d. Liaises with the local committee
6. In the option outlined above, a local committee could organise halls, catering morning teas.

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