

## PROFILES OF NOMINEES for 2025 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. 2024 has been my first year as President of the NZ Branch.

### Lesley Nicol Nominated for Vice-President

I have been dancing since Intermediate School starting with two other school friends at the Milford Club in Auckland. As teenagers our group travelled to many weekend and summer schools and this has led to lifelong friendships. My dancing experience expanded when I travelled to the UK for my OE. I met my husband at Mary Stoker's class in London. I completed my preliminary and full certificates at St. Andrews. I have used those in teaching in the UK, USA and NZ.



I have held elected positions on Club, Region and Branch Committees. I was Branch Treasurer for 4 years till 2013 when we relocated to the United States. Since returning to NZ, I was elected as Branch Treasurer initially for a term of one year. However, circumstances have required me to continue as Treasurer this year as well as supporting Debbie in my role as Vice President.

I am committed to upholding the aims of the NZ Branch and the RSCDS in my role as Vice President if elected.

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

I am a late starter at dancing compared to many, beginning in 2010 - well past any semblance of youth and I wish I had discovered it sooner. What I lack in youth, I make up for in enthusiasm. 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 still keen to put that experience to use and follow certain Branch projects through to completion (e.g., re-registration as an incorporated society).



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 New Zealand.

### **Hazel Fish** Nominated for Education and Training Coordinator



I grew up in England, and danced from a young age. During my university years I trained as a physiotherapist and also qualified as a teacher in ballet and modern theatre dance.

Fast forward to a move to the South Island of NZ in 2008, and our three young boys and I were soon dancing at the Waimate Scottish Country Dance Club.

I moved on to take my RSCDS teaching certificate, completing this in 2017. Since then I have continued to teach at the Waimate club, and have developed a daytime Walk Scottish class which has attracted many local ladies who have never danced before. I combine my dance and physio backgrounds to create classes that meet the needs of the elderly members.

For my own dancing, I try to get to Christchurch (3 hours away) as often as possible to attend dances.

I have been lucky to be asked to teach at NZ Summer Schools and an Australian Winter School, as well as regional weekend schools, and appreciate these are a great opportunity for teachers to consolidate and extend their skills.

I am keen to continue to support the training and development of future and existing teachers within the NZ dance community in the role of Education and Training Coordinator, and to continue the good work that has been already been done by previous holders of the role.

**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. Over the past year being the IT Coordinator I feel like I have found my feet and looking forward to bringing more to the table next year.



**Su Marshall** Nominated for Publicity, Communications 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 over 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've enjoyed working with the NZ Branch committee during the past couple of years (I'm the one who does the Facebook posts, and mails out your magazine and Kiwi News, as well as process all the membership renewals....). I hope you'll give me the chance to continue in this role.

Kia pai to ra | Have a good day

## Jeanette Lauder Nominated for Youth Coordinator

While Jeanette began dancing in Wairoa over 40 years ago, most of her dancing has been with the Tokoroa SCD Club with half of this time as a club teacher, working with and encouraging many younger dancers.

Jeanette sees attracting and retaining young dancers – of both JAM age and beyond - as a crucial component to the future of our dance community and believes it is important that we ensure these young dancers stay involved, both through enjoyable and challenging dancing experiences and through being kept in touch with other young members who Dance Scottish.



As well as previous positions on the JAM Committee and as Youth Coordinator, Jeanette has experience within the education and Scouting sectors, in which she worked with young people and adults who support them.

## Nominations for RSCDS NZ Branch Management Committee for 2025

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Second
President	Debbie Roxburgh	Elaine Laidlaw	Glenice Saunders
Vice-President	Lesley Nicol	Glenis Cameron	Elizabeth Lusher
Secretary	Joy Dick	Jaki Williams	Gae Stephenson
Treasurer	<i>No nominee as at 31 August 2024*</i>		
Education & Training Coordinator	Hazel Fish	Jeanette Watson	Quentin Currall
IT Coordinator	Fiona McCutcheon	Elizabeth Ferguson	Nicole Trewavas
Publicity, Communications & Membership Coordinator	Su Marshall	Mike Ross	Ian Marshall
Youth Coordinator	Jeanette Lauder	Robyn Howes	Jill Littlewood

\*A nomination form for Treasurer was received on 28 September. The nomination will be considered at the NZ Branch AGM on 1 January 2025.