

## NZ Branch RSCDS

### Music Advisor – Job Description

The role the Music Advisor for the NZ Branch performs can **depend partly on the person's knowledge (of SCD music and NZ musicians) and available time**, but they should play an important role for the Branch in:

- being aware of those musicians playing for SCD in New Zealand, and their competencies and interests;
- promoting the use of live music at Branch and Region events;
- developing the musical understanding of dancers and tutors by providing or arranging workshops and classes on the use of music for dancing and relevant musical knowledge;
- being able to suggest appropriate musicians, bands, or combinations of musicians to organisers of Branch or Region events (eg classes, weekend schools, Summer School);
- encouraging local non-SCD musicians to try playing for Scottish dance music;
- developing the abilities of local SCD musicians by developing and implementing workshops and classes for all levels of musicians, for learning to accompany classes and play in bands;
- encouraging other experienced musicians to mentor and support less experienced musicians in their local area.

It is desirable for the Music Advisor to be someone who **has all or most of the** following attributes:

- is closely involved with SCD music nationally;
- is a regular, competent SCD dancer and is known to and has the respect of New Zealand SCD dancers and tutors;
- knows most or all musicians playing for SCD in New Zealand, and is aware of their playing competencies;
- is keen to develop SCD musicians' abilities, with the enthusiasm, energy and passion, and with the respect of the music community, to make this happen;
- has some familiarity with a wide range of Scottish music, not just Scottish dance music;
- has highly developed communication skills.