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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

THE FUTURE OF SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING IN NEW ZEALAND

Invercargill - A part of our country I had never visited before, but I had met some of their dancers at Summer Schools. It was a flying visit, packed full of places to go and people to meet from the moment I arrived. From meeting many of the St Andrews' club members at the hall during the afternoon, sightseeing, and then the 60th

Anniversary celebrations in the evening. The visit continued with a trip to Bluff, on what I understand would have been an ideal day for a trip to Stewart Island, before winging my way north again. Thank you for the wonderful Southern hospitality.

Christchurch was my next visit, to celebrate with Hoon Hay club members, their 30th Anniversary. A real (reel?) pleasure to join the Little Thistles for their morning class and present medals and certificates to the dancers who had succeeded in recent JAM medal tests. This is the future of the NZ Branch - seeing young people learn Scottish country dancing. The surprises did not end there. At the ball in the evening I met many old friends and had the pleasure of dancing to the music provided by two young women I remember participating in JAM classes - Katie and Natalie Scott.

On the 1st January 2018, the NZ Branch will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary as a Branch of the RSCDS. Scottish Country Dancing in New Zealand was first organised as associations of groups of clubs - the NZ Scottish Country Dance Society. The Society existed for at least ten years prior to the formation of the Branch. To continue the work of more than 60 years of our organisation, we need the continued commitment of dancers to take on Branch positions. This is not a life time commitment - just three years. Nominations for Branch positions close on 31 August 2017.

Elaine



From the Secretary..

Closing Date for Remits and Nominations is **31st August 2017.**

Management has a position for all interests and up for election at AGM on 1st January 2018 are:

*Secretary / *Vice President / *Youth Co-ordinator - plus two new positions:

*Information Technology Co-ordinator / *Membership Communication & Publicity Co-Ordinator.

Nomination Forms are available at: www.dancescottish.org.nz or contact:
secretary@dancescottish.org.nz

CLUB NEWS and EVENTS:

ROTORUA SCD Club had a busy start to the year due to hosting and organising the Waikato/BoP Region's annual Queen's Birthday Weekend School.

The organising committee met regularly and allocated jobs, making the task manageable for a small club. We found facilities at a local high school which was able to cater for all classes in one space. The weekend went smoothly and was well attended with over seventy registrations and more than 100 attendees at our annual ball on Saturday night. We are very grateful to all our tutors and musicians for travelling to Rotorua, helping to make the weekend such a success. Also appreciation goes to our "extra helpers" from outside Rotorua and past members.

We have received a lot of positive feedback and everyone seems to have had a very enjoyable time. We look forward to seeing you again next year, in Hamilton.



In the meantime, we have continued our "combined dance nights" with Tokoroa Club on alternate months, either travelling to their club night on a Thursday, or Tokoroa coming to our "tartan" and supper night.

FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY PARTY FUN

Anyone passing the Waiotahi Settlers' Hall near Opotiki on May 20th, might have noticed the carpark tightly packed with cars and the sound of lively music, interspersed by whoops of delight, bursts of laughter and happy chatter as the Opotiki SCD Club celebrated their 15th birthday. "Rose and Thistle" band played beautifully, whilst a hall full of dancers from as far afield as Northland, the Waikato, Christchurch and right across the Bay of Plenty, enjoyed dancing the afternoon away to live music.

The hall was festively decorated with dozens of coloured balloons and fairy lights, adding to the party atmosphere, and the birthday cake had candles. President Doug Ashford warmly welcomed everyone, extending a special welcome to Pam Perkins, who started teaching Scottish Country Dancing here 15 years ago and had travelled from Whangarei to join in the celebration to mark this milestone.

The program of "Favourites, Old and New" was thoroughly enjoyed and even the less frequently danced dances, like "Seton's Ceilidh Band" were danced enthusiastically! Pam was invited to blow out the candles on the birthday cake. She asked Jan Pyke and Jean Smithson (who took over running the class in Opotiki) and Betty Cressey (who takes the class in Whakatane) to join her, as she said, "Without them, there would be no celebration". The spread for afternoon tea, including the cake, was prepared by club members and was very much appreciated halfway through the afternoon by the dancers. In the evening a group of 32 gathered to share an evening meal at the Opotiki RSA.



Betty Cressey, Jean Smithson, Pam Perkins and Jan Pyke blow out the candles, as the band played "Happy Birthday To You"

Tokoroa SCD Club 40th celebration

Tokoroa Club members would love all those who have enjoyed dancing with the club over the last 40 years to join them at their celebratory ball in August this year.

You may have been a club member over that time or have enjoyed time at a Queen's Birthday Weekend School, a day class, previous Annual Balls, Tea Dances or Club Nights. Whatever your memories, we hope they will prompt you to join us!

Date: Saturday 12th August.

Time: Mulled wine + soup and rolls from 5.30pm

Dancing begins at 6.15pm

Venue: Catholic Parish Hall, Mossop Road, Tokoroa

Admission: Adult dancers \$20 (\$18 for RSCDS members)

Junior dancers and spectators \$5



Enjoy an evening that will include reminiscing, many good dances and lots of great music from Bourach Mor.

Check the programme:

http://waibopscd.org.nz/?page_id=306

Auckland Region



Forthcoming events in our anniversary year

Visiting Auckland? Do join us for any of our events

- ❖ **Damon Collin is coming to town:**
Advanced class Saturday August 12th
Very advanced class Sunday August 13th

Registration forms available on region website

Advanced Day Class

Teacher: Damon Collin
Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm
Host: Classes Sub Committee

Venue: Auckland Irish Society
Clubrooms
Rocky Nook Avenue,
Mt Albert
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- ❖ **Spring Dance for new dancers**
Saturday September 23rd
St Joseph's School Hall, Takapuna
Afternoon class followed by a 5.30pm dance
(can attend either or both events)

- ❖ **Labour Weekend School**
October 20th – 22nd
Auckland Normal Intermediate School
Mt Eden, Auckland
Teachers: Ruth Budden, Dianne Reyburn and
Cairistiona Tait.
Registration forms now available.

Details on aucklandscd.org.nz or northlandscd.org.nz
Or contact us on anniversary@aucklandscd.org.nz

SUMMER SCHOOL



The 2017/2018 Summer School will be held in Masterton from 27th December to 5th January. Arrangements are well in hand with superb teachers and musicians lined up to delight you and good venues have been arranged.

All we need now is ...YOU!

Never been to Summer School before and wondering what to expect? Check out information for 'first-timers' on the Branch website.

The basic registration fee of \$1,600 covers accommodation at the Copthorne Solway Hotel, all meals (except dinner 1st January) and admission to all evening functions. RSCDS members get a discount of \$100 off this fee, Different rates apply for Non Dancing Residents, Commuters and JAMS. Full details on the Branch website.

We plan to run a bus from Wellington Airport to Summer School on the 28th December and back on 5th January. Details on the Branch website.

2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the RSCDS New Zealand Branch and plans are afoot to make a bit of a fuss about this. Make sure you are there to take part in this historic Branch event.

We have arranged to supply good quality shirts with the Summer School logo and also with a Branch 50th anniversary logo, at \$25.00 each. Details on the Branch website or contact the organiser.

For further information see the Branch website:
<http://dancescottish.org.nz/ss/SummerSchool.php>

or contact organiser Elaine Laidlaw at
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GLENDARROCH Scottish Country Dance Club had reason to celebrate this term. Two of our junior dancers, Bonnie and Harriet, attended the April JAM camp and while there, sat their bronze medal test. Both girls passed and to celebrate, the club invited all adult members, juniors and their families to an evening of dancing.



Hands round and back everyone!

Grandparents cast their walking sticks aside; mothers shed scarves and high-heeled boots; and older and younger siblings all joined in a great night of dancing. The evening culminated with club president, Sue Pearson, presenting Bonnie and Harriet with their medals and certificates.



All Scottish Country Dance

In The HADDO HOUSE HALL
On WEDNESDAY, 25th APRIL, 1956
8.00 p.m. — 12.30 a.m.

TICKET, - - 3s 6d

Please bring your own sandwiches

Did anyone attend this dance? ☺

BRANCH RECORDSHOP

New Release pending from HQ: **"Music for Book 51"**. I am taking orders for this year's RSCDS release. Recorded by Ian Muir and his band, this CD includes pieces of music interspersed with the music for 12 dances. If you missed meeting Ian and Judith Muir on previous visits to NZ, they will be playing for dancing at the Masterton Summer School this year! And it is not too late to purchase a copy of **"Music for Book 50"** ("Spring Fling") 16 tracks by Scott Band & his SD Band. Copies in stock at \$30

"The Magic of Summer School": Recordshop has a few copies left of this electrifying CD recorded by Reel of Seven live in New Zealand at the 2015/16 Summer School in Auckland. Make a great gift! A useful NZ souvenir of a memorable school including the title dance – the one and only recording of it available, plus 14 other popular Scottish country dances, \$25.00 + P&P. When these last copies have gone there will be no more!

"Take Your Partners for... Vol 5" recorded by Luke Brady's SD Band. 15 tracks. \$30-00 NB: this is the only Brady CD available from the Recordshop.

'RSCDS Belfast Branch Platinum Anniversary', 'The Other Kangaroo Paw', 'Fisherman's Reel', 'Sunday Class Book 2', 'Robert Burns Dances', all recorded by Marian Anderson, are available.

The latest Recordshop **Newsletter** is regularly posted on the Branch Website, also **Catalogue** giving details of the many other CD's available. **Recordshop Gift Vouchers** (min value \$30) are obtainable from me. If you have a query, don't hesitate to contact me; if I can help, I will.

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St Andrew's Ball with Marian Anderson

When: 25 November 2017
Where: Picton School, 5 Buller St
Time: 7.00 for nibbles
7.30 for dance
Cost: \$25 for dancers
\$10 for spectators and children

BOOKSHOP BITZ



Temporarily Closed

The Bookshop is currently closed until the end of September. Advance orders are welcome for Book 51, Compilations of Books 31 to 36 and the Index to Formations, which are being released this year and which will be available when the shop re-opens in October.

Recent arrivals

- Book 50
- Southern Skies (new NZ Branch book)
- Sharlene's Reprise (dances and music)
- Belfast Platinum Anniversary Book

Contact Sue Pearson:

- Bookshop@dancescottish.org.nz
- NZ Branch Website
- snailmail C/- 21 Stafford Street,
- Wanganui 4501

Rangitikei Region Ball

11 November 2017, 7.30pm

Marion Anderson & Max Ketchin

College Street Normal School Hall, 402 College St,
Palmerston North

**A chance to dress up, as it's an upgrade from a
'dance' to a 'Ball'!!**

All welcome!!

Programme and other details to come.



RSCDS, New Zealand Branch Inc Nelson Summer School



Nelson/Marlborough is known for sunshine,
vineyards and winemaking.

We would love you to join us for the 2018/19 Summer School,
the first time it's been held in Nelson for a number of years.

There will be the usual range of classes available and we
have a lineup of teachers and musicians from New Zealand
and overseas for your enjoyment.

Put the date in your diaries now!



Parkvale Scottish Country Dance

Group – Day of Dance #3

30 September 2017

Community Public Hall

162 Main Rd CLIVE

11am – 2.30pm

\$10 per Dancer \$2 (non-dancer)

BYO Lunch/cup etc

Refreshments provided.

Raffle \$1 = 3 draws

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