



Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

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PRESIDENT

2013 is well underway and Clubs are focused on another year's dancing. The Branch Forum at Summer School came up with some interesting and innovative ideas for marketing and promotion and we are following up on these. Thanks for your ideas, suggestions, thoughts and responses. We have a busy year ahead but as always, we rely on your feedback, so please keep it coming through.

SECRETARY

Management Committee Meeting Minutes: These Minutes are sent to Region Secretaries. Members wishing to see the minutes should contact their Region Secretary or the Branch Secretary.

Treasurer: Our Treasurer Lesley Nicol has given us excellent service for the past three years but has now advised us that she and her husband are emigrating to the USA. We wish Lesley and Andy well in their new venture. The Management Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Jacob from Hamilton as Branch Treasurer for 2013.

Branch Directory: All the Branch Directories have been updated for 2013. An on-line version is available on the Branch Website.

Photos - Summer School IIam: A link has been placed on the Summer School page on the Branch Website.

Email service: From the 2013/2014 membership renewal the Branch will be offering an email service option for members currently receiving hard copy newsletters etc. The February mail out including the NZ Dancer Magazine will remain hard copy. Fees will be discounted by \$10 for those selecting the email option.

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

New domain name: in response to suggestions that we should make the Branch more easily accessible on the internet we have registered a new domain name dancescottish.org.nz. Our previous domain name rscdsnz.org.nz has been retained, so this and all previous email addresses are still active. Members can choose to use either the original domain name in their searching and emails or make the shift to dancescottish.org.nz

RSCDS publicity material: packs containing sample copies of RSCDS Health Strategy posters and leaflets, and suggestions for using this material, are currently being packed and mailed to all clubs and regions. Additional copies of the posters and leaflets can be requested from communication@dancescottish.org.nz

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Music Director: We wish to thank Andy Nicol for his work as Music Director over the past year. Andy has done a sterling job in developing this new position. We are pleased to welcome Lynne Scott who has been appointed to the role of Music Director following Andy's resignation.

Teachers' Workshop: a reminder to all those planning to attend the workshop in April. Please send in your registrations as soon as possible to assist with the organisation of the weekend.

Teaching Units 1 or 5: If you are planning to sit either Unit 1 or Unit 5 in 2013 you must complete the *Teacher training registration form*. The form can be found under Education & Training on the Branch website www.dancescottish.org.nz

MEMBERSHIP

I have recently been elected to the role of Membership Coordinator for 2013/14 and am looking to spend the next few months getting my head around the ins and outs of using the Branch and Society databases, and how the different membership options work within the branch. I am hoping to promote dancing around the country by attending as many events as I am able to and promoting membership within my club and region; I would encourage you all to do the same.

YOUTH

The JAM Committee are pleased to have both our co-editors of **Jigs And More**, Josie Olsen and Mel Paulin, continuing this year - but they need your contributions to make it happen 3 times a year. We would love to hear about the youth dancers in your area, even if your group is not specifically for juniors or they are not registered JAMs.

We welcome back Ruth Oldfield for one more year beyond her 3 year term, to assist Diane Bradshaw with setting up better systems for the medal tests.

Contact details: any changes for individuals or groups please let Sandra know at jam@dancescottish.org.nz

The Management Committee has proposed that the Branch set up a fund to support junior dancing - but what should it be used for? Please contribute your ideas and proposals for the 'Youth Fund' to youth@dancescottish.org.nz

A report on the JAM Forum held at the Christchurch Summer School will be published in Issue 1 of Jigs And More, and of Kiwi News.

Next mail out due:

31st March – Jigs And More

30th April - Kiwi News, MAC News