



Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

MAC News

(Management and Co-ordinator News)

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PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2015.

Happy New Year to all our dancers! First let us all welcome the new committee members in 2015. Liz Lusher is our new secretary, Sue Lindsay is our new Communication & Publication Co-ordinator, Diane Bradshaw is our new Youth Co-ordinator, Linda Glavin is our new Membership Co-ordinator. My sincere thanks go to Michael, Hannah, Debbie and Jeanette for their sterling work during their years on the Branch Committee. I am hoping to get to visit some of the clubs during the year especially the ones who are celebrating milestone birthdays. In the meantime, enjoy the special events at the start of your dancing year and remember to spread the word of Scottish dancing around your family and friends because I believe this is your best way of increasing your club membership. How many of you have a website? This is a forward looking way to attract interest in our activity.

SECRETARY

My first report for the MAC News since the AGM at Summer School and thanks to Michael for his hand over - I hope to continue the good service he provided. As previously advised, the Society is changing its structure to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) and the NZ Branch is entitled to 14 delegates. We still require a few, so if interested please contact NZ Branch Secretary for more information. Copies of Management Committee meeting minutes 27 Dec to 4 Jan held at Dunedin Summer School are available from your Region Secretary or the Branch Secretary. Summer School 2015/16 flyers and Registration forms will be distributed with the NZ Dancer. Encourage dancers to attend, it's a great way to meet new dancing friends and catch up with dancers met at previous schools.

Are you travelling to UK this year? If so you may like to attend the following: Spring Fling 17-19 April for Young People 12 to 35 in London. RSCDS Summer School, choice of 4 weeks 26 July to 23 August, in St Andrews.

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

Does your club/region need any promotional material, at no cost to your club or region, then please contact communication@dancescottish.org.nz. Has your club/region thought of a creative way to use these items please share these ideas so that others can build on your success.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

New scholarships are being offered to NZ Branch RSCDS adult members:

Teacher Preparation Class Scholarship (early cut-off date 30 June 2015) and **Dancers Scholarships** (cut-off date 30

June) - Adult dancer - 3 years or less experience and Adult dancer - 3 years or more experience. These scholarships are for Summer School attendance in the same year as application is made - early cut-off allows travel arrangement to be made. All updated details will be available on the website soon - for more information now, email:

education@dancescottish.org.nz

Basic Teaching Skills Courses 2015 - planning is underway for Taradale in May and Auckland in June. This is open to all experienced dancers and club teachers - for details on the content of the course, go to E & T page NZ Branch website or email: education@dancescottish.org.nz

Unit 1 - Written Exam RSCDS Teaching Certificate - is an on-line tutorial with a 3 hour written exam in October - those interested in taking Unit 1 in 2015 should contact E & T - all details are on the NZ Branch website

MEMBERSHIP

2015 Dance year - There will be some clubs that are all up and going while others are getting ready. With the new dance year brings new members and it is up to all of us to encourage them to dance regularly and become RSCDS members. It is not only new dancers that we need to encourage we need to continue to encourage everyone to become RSCDS members.

YOUTH

At the December meeting, the **Youth Fund** committee were pleased to give a grant to Edward Fish of Waimate Juniors to assist his travel to JAM Camp in Matamata in July 2015. The capital was increased from the receipt of donations and proceeds from the JAM raffle at Summer School - thanks to all the generous Summer School attendees and to James Senior in Australasia for donating the prizes. The next grant 'round' for the Youth Fund is in June - applications must be received by 1 June 2015. A reminder also to get your application in for the draw for one of the two JAMs' **Summer School Scholarships** - there's no need to wait until the week before the closing date of 15 July! The **JAM Committee** is Hazel Fish, Catherine Edwards, Amy Luxton-Esler and Philip Oliver (Youth Representative). The **JAM Forum** discussed lots of different ways for Regions to encourage youth dancing in their area the on-the-ground work has to be done by the Regions and clubs. **Every Region is challenged** to appoint a Youth Coordinator (even if you don't currently have youth dancers in your area

Next mail out due:

31 March - Jigs And More

30 April - Kiwi News and MAC News