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New Zealand Branch Inc.

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PRESIDENT

Welcome to the New Zealand Branch's 50th Anniversary year.

At the 50th AGM on 1st January there were a number of changes to the Management Committee. We welcome Michele Miller as Branch Secretary, Andy Patterson as the Information Technology Co-ordinator and Debbie Roxburgh as the Youth Co-ordinator. Linda Glavin returned to the committee as Vice-President and Sue Lindsay returned in the new role of Membership, Communications and Publicity Co-ordinator. Our thanks to Liz Lusher who retired as the Branch Secretary and Diane Bradshaw as the Youth Co-ordinator.

Do enjoy your 2018 dancing year. I hope to see many of you on the dance floor this year.

SECRETARY

The new postal address for the RSCDS NZ Branch is PO Box 350 Wellington 6140

TREASURER

With the AGM behind us I can turn my attention neglected duties. In the end of year rush Regions may have overlooked the need to forward their financial statements to the Branch after they had been finalised and reviewed or audited. If that is the case please forward them as soon as possible so I can finalise the 2017 Branch records and move into 2018. If the Treasurer for the Region changed at the AGM can you please also let me know the new contact details. Over the early part of the financial year the Branch has provided financial support to JAM exams conducted in South Island as well as a Basic Teaching Skills course held in the north of the Auckland Region. The adjustment to the timing of the Dance Scottish promotion has resulted in significantly more clubs opting to participate this year. This is great to see, but makes for a busy Treasurer.

This is my last year as Treasurer for the Branch - I would be very happy to discuss what is involved with anybody who may be interested in standing for this position at the AGM in January 2019.

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

Dance Scottish is well underway with some clubs already having held their event/s. I look forward to hearing how your club has got on. Do let me know if you need any more advertising material at communication@dancescottish.org.nz

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

As a new role, it has been a learning curve for everybody and I have been getting to grips with the main IT components (website, email and database) and ensuring that these reflect the recent appointments. Meanwhile, I have taken the opportunity to start preparing User Guides so that the procedures can be fully documented. In the longer term, I am keen to develop the website into one which is visually attractive, mobile-enabled and more focused on the promotion of Scottish Country Dancing. To this end, I spent a few days building a possible replacement website and I will shortly be inviting comments from the Management Committee, followed by wider consultation within the Branch.

YOUTH

After a long association with JAMs I am delighted to take on the role of Youth Coordinator. 2018 began with the JAM forum at Summer School in Masterton. This was attended by teachers, parents, JAMs and other interested parties. A number of issues were discussed: Keeping costs for attending dancing events as reasonable as possible

Ways of transitioning senior JAMs from the JAM class into adult classes – several options were discussed and these will be investigated during 2018

Improving communications with JAMs – please remind older JAMS about the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RSCDSJAM/> and encourage them to use this

Increasing the number of dance choices for each level of the Medal Tests – this will form part of a review and general updating of the Medal Test syllabus and procedures.

JAM fees. These will now cover the calendar year and remain at the same level i.e. \$5 per year or \$10 per family (all with the same postal address) – fees paid last August/September cover through to the beginning of 2019. Fees for new JAMs will be due at the end of March 2018.

If you have suggestions or questions about dancing for JAMs/Youth please email youth@dancescottish.org.nz