



Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

MAC News

(Management and Co-ordinator News)

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PRESIDENT

It is four months since we celebrated the Branch's 50th Anniversary at the AGM on 1st January. I am fortunate to have been part of the changes within New Zealand over those fifty years. There are a number of clubs celebrating significant anniversaries this year and I plan to join as many as possible for their festivities. The Branch is also planning a Ball at Government House in August.

At my first summer school in Wanganui I was in a class taught by Edith Campbell. In March this year Michael and I attended the 40th Anniversary of the Seatoun Club. The evening was MC'd by Edith who has been the tutor of the club since it began. It was a memorable evening attended by members, both past and present, and Edith's children and grandchildren.

VICE PRESIDENT

I have been slowly finding my feet in my new role. I have been working on venues for the Summer Schools so that we can be a bit more ahead. This allows the Regions to have a longer period of time to plan and book venues. So far we have the following confirmed:

Nelson 2018/2019

Cambridge 2019/2020

Christchurch 2020/2021

And Auckland 2021/2022 to be confirmed

SECRETARY

When to expect RSCDS NZ Branch Communications:
New Zealand Scottish Country Dancer (March-April) by post to all members

Kiwi News (May, August, November) by post or email

MAC News (May, July, September) by email to Regions and Clubs

AGM Agenda and Remits to Regions and Clubs (September), by post and email (October)

AGM Minutes (March-April) by post or email (in 2018, the AGM Minutes were sent to postal members with the magazine in March, and to email members in April)

Jigs and More (May, July, October) to JAMs

Recordshop newsletter and Bereavement notices (as requested) by email to all members

Reminder: Applications for scholarships close 30 June

Memorial Book: write a tribute to a departed member. Please find the details on the RSCDS NZ website (link)

Please note that any communications sent from RSCDS NZ Branch have been sent to all members via mail chimp so Region and Club secretaries do not need to forward it

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLICITY & MEMBERSHIP

I am still waiting to hear from some clubs about how their Dance Scottish event went so please send this to me at communication@dancescottish.org.nz so that I can collate this information and pass this information onto the Branch, Regions and Clubs

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Work continues on keeping the Branch website up to date and you will see that the newsletter archive now extends to the most recent issues of Kiwi News and MAC News (thanks to Isabel and Desiree for providing some that were missing for earlier years). Hopefully, all your Region/Club events are listed on the calendar, but please let me know if you have any additions/updates or would like to add a downloadable file such as a flyer or programme listing.

At the same time, I have been developing a possible replacement for the existing website. The emphasis is on a visually attractive site (including lots of photographs) which helps to promote SCD within New Zealand, generally, as well as providing information for members. Ease of use is another key requirement, with an intuitive menu structure and a 'mobile-friendly' design which adjusts automatically so that it can be viewed easily on phones and similar devices. The Management Committee members have been invited to comment on the development and, all being well, it should be launched in the second half of this year

YOUTH

Scholarships - remember that applications for the 2 JAM Scholarships to attend Summer School close on June 30th. Please encourage JAMs at your clubs to consider applying.

Medal Tests - we are updating the processes that Regions and Clubs will use when applying to run medal tests or when seeking funding to assist with test costs. Expect to see new documentation in early June.