



Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

MAC News

(Management and Co-ordinator News)

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PRESIDENT

31 August 2018 – This is the closing date for nominations for Management Committee positions, remits and notices of motion for the 51st AGM of the RSCDS NZ Branch Inc. All positions are open for nomination annually and this year our Treasurer, Margaret Cantwell, has completed her three-year term of office. Margaret has been a very capable and knowledgeable Treasurer for the Branch and if you are interested in this position she would be happy to hear from you. If you are interested in any of the positions please contact the Branch Secretary for a Job Description. The New Zealand Branch has supported the development and growth of Scottish Country Dancing in New Zealand for over 50 years but without people to give just a few years to the Branch Management Committee this support may end. Our parent body, the RSCDS, is there to support the branch but the NZ Branch offers our members local support and encouragement. We have a strong youth movement, teacher training and teacher support but we need YOU and YOUR ideas to continue the good work.

SECRETARY

Thank you to everyone who has assisted us with the promotion, allocation and sales of tickets for the Branch 50th Anniversary Ball at Government House. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening. Thank you also to the regions who are hosting the Muirs during August - from the organising committee.

TREASURER

Only a couple of months to the end of the Branch financial year. This role has a maximum term of three years, so I will be stepping down at the AGM on 1 January 2019. If anyone has any questions about the role please get in touch. Meanwhile I'm working with the MAC on a budget for 2019 and the usual round of remits and notices of motion on fees and expenses. The 2018-19 fee information will come out in late July so at the mid-year meeting the MAC set this split:

Membership Category	Combined Fee	NZ Branch Fee	RSCDS Fee
Adult Single	\$90	\$51	\$39
Adult Single - EMAIL	\$80	\$41	\$39
Adult Joint (per person)*	\$72	\$41	\$31
Adult Joint - EMAIL (per person)*	\$67	\$36	\$31
RSCDS Life Member	\$54	\$54	
RSCDS Life Member - EMAIL	\$44	\$44	
Young Adult (age 18-24)	\$62	\$31	\$31
Young Adult - EMAIL	\$52	\$21	\$31
Annual Introductory***	\$45	\$26	\$19

At the AGM on 1 January 2018 members approved the combined Society and Branch fee for 2018-19. This allows the split to be determined much closer to when the fees will be due for payment in an attempt to better match the NZ dollar amounts collected to the UK pound figures that will be due to the Society. The Society fee for an Adult Single membership has increased from \$32 last year to \$39 for 2018-19. The Society fee is £20 which at current exchange rates is approximately \$39. Last year this fee was subsidised out of the RSCDS subscription account, however with the balance in this account now at a minimum level the MAC feel it is prudent no deliberate subsidy has been allowed for in the 2018-19 subscription period. This will see the income for the NZ Branch fall to around \$30,100 compared with, \$35,000 for the 2017-18 year.

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLICITY & MEMBERSHIP

MAC is looking for expressions of interest to form a working group for one member/one vote. If you are interested in being part of this please contact me on communication@dancescottish.org.nz. Also if you have any changes to your contact details please email me (please note that if you update your information with the Society, it does NOT update the information that the New Zealand Branch holds

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The development of the Branch website has now reached the stage where I am inviting contributions from each Region. The website includes a page for each Region which contains, at a minimum, details of all the clubs in the Region (this is extracted from the full directory so that it is automatically kept up to date). Regions may, if they wish, add further text and photographs so that the page acts as a 'shop window' which can even be listed in the Region's own publicity material. It is thought that this might be particularly helpful for those Regions which do not have their own website. Region Secretaries should receive an email about this shortly, if you have not already done so. Finally, note that I will be away for the whole of July during which time I will have a break from updating the Branch website and emails. Any requests sent to me at itcoord@dancescottish.org.nz will be forwarded to Michele at intervals, but urgent requests should be emailed to her at secretary@dancescottish.org.nz

YOUTH

Scholarships – the JAM recipients to attend Summer School in Nelson are Isobel Harris from Levin and Edward Fish from Waimate