



Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

MAC News

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VICE PRESIDENT

All has been quiet since the last MAC news. I have filled in for Michele when she was away and can say without a doubt she does a heck of a lot of work. I have continued to be involved with the one vote committee and information has been going out on a regular basis in the Kiwi News. I will be heading to Auckland for the JAM Camp in July and really looking forward to landing somewhere in space in Friday 12th July and arriving back on earth on Sunday 14th July. I would like all the candidates who will be sitting a medal to know that I will be thinking of them

TREASURER

With the total Subscription figures now set at the AGM and the split between Society and Branch determined closer to when the fees are paid; the fee split will be set at the mid-year Management Committee meeting. The total fees for 2019/20 are unchanged from the previous year:

Membership Category	Combined Fee
Adult Single	\$90
Adult Single-EMAIL	\$80
Adult Joint (per person)	\$72
Adult Joint – EMAIL (per person)	\$67
RSCDS Life Member	\$54
RSCDS Life Member – EMAIL	\$44
RSCDS Life Joint (per person)	\$31
Young Adult (age 18-24)	\$62
Young Adult – EMAIL	\$52
Half-Year Introductory	\$45

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

I have continued to report problems with the new HQ database as they arise and these have generally been resolved fairly quickly although there are still a couple of issues

outstanding. In conjunction with this, I have been reviewing the changes to the HQ database which have led to a significant reduction in the personal information that needs to be obtained from each member. This has implications for our own Branch membership database since there are clear benefits in achieving a degree of consistency between the two. The duplication of information across both databases and the need to keep the two in synch is an administrative nightmare, so it may well be worth working towards a single source at some time in the future.

The other task which has occupied much of my time is the development of an alternative approach to membership renewal every August/September. The intention is to replace 700+ individual forms with a single spreadsheet for each club, pre-filled with the renewal fee due from each member. This means that, if no changes are made, it is simply necessary to return the spreadsheet as it is, together with the fees. Sample spreadsheets were sent to all Regions in April, for comment, and I would like to thank those who responded and made suggestions for further improvement. There has been considerable progress since then, although it is still only a proposal to be presented to the Branch management, I would be happy to send previews to any Region or Club official who would like to see what I have in mind. Finally, did you know that HQ builds its mailing list in August in preparation for posting the October issue of the SCDer magazine? If you have changed your postal address recently, be sure and let us know (See <http://dancescottish.org.nz/member-update-form>) so that we can apply the update in good time.

YOUTH

Scholarship to attend summer school – thank you to clubs who have promoted this to their junior members. All of the applicants will be advised of the outcome in the next few weeks. Please keep encouraging JAMs (particularly seniors) to register for summer school. The advanced – high energy class will be a particularly good fit for them. Also targeting the older JAMs and dancers up to age 40 is the Southern Fling being held in Canberra early in 2020. All clubs have been sent information about this event so please draw this to the attention of your members.

JAM Camp – not long to go until this year's camp in Auckland. Thank you to the team who have invested time and energy in planning a super weekend for JAMs, and best wishes to those juniors who are sitting medal tests