



Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

MAC News

(Management and Co-ordinator News)

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PRESIDENT

There is not a lot for me to report as the Covid-19 pandemic has limited my ability to visit other areas. I attended the Christchurch Club's farewell dance in July. Although this was a sad occasion it was well attended with dancers from Banks Peninsula, Timaru and Otago as well as local dancers. The Nelson afternoon tea dance was well attended where they also celebrated their birthday. Like all of us I am hoping come 6th September we will be back to level 1 and dancing. Stay safe

TREASURER

Here we are at the end of the RSCDS financial year. Can Regions all please send me details of their 31 August bank balances as soon as possible and in due course, also send me copies of their annual Financial Statements.

For Regions without internet banking please deposit the 2 payments (RSCDS Subscriptions and the Branch Fees) directly into the accounts shown on the Region renewal sheet. This can be done at any branch on ANZ, please ensure that the deposits have the Region name as a reference – sending me a confirming email is also helpful.

With reduced Membership fees this year it is a good opportunity to encourage people to join and the weekly Zoom classes from HQ are a great example of the benefits we get from RSCDS – seeing such a range of excellent teachers from around the world is wonderful. Interest rates are low and likely to remain so for a long time so the interest income of Branch “special purpose” funds (Memorial Fund, Youth Fund etc) will be much reduced and the activities these Funds support will need to be financed more from general funds in the future.

The Branch has purchased a Zoom Pro licence. This will be used to host Management Committee meetings and AGM but it is also intended to be able to be used by Regions as it allows meetings to be longer than 40 minutes and has various other useful features. I haven't set up a booking system yet but let me know if you would like to make use of it – I've no idea how I'll handle any clashing dates and times!

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNICATION & PUBLICITY

The New Members packs are just about ready to be sent to the members who have joined in the past year. I am just waiting on one more piece to be added and then they will be sent.

I have also submitted an article to the Scottish Country Dancer which is due out from the Society in October

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

All clubs should have received the workbooks which list those of your members who belong to the RSCDS, together with the renewal fee that is due. Please contact your Region Secretary if you have not received the workbook and accompanying user guide. One improvement this year is to allow the contact details (email, phone, address) of new members to be included on the workbook, thus eliminating the need for the member to submit a separate form.

The updated workbook and fees should be returned to your Region by 30th September in order that the Branch can complete the process by the end of October.

YOUTH

Jigs and More: the second issue of Jigs and More was not published during lockdown as, understandably there was very little news from junior groups. The next issue is currently being prepared and will be ready for distribution in September. In the meantime please encourage junior members to try the projects and activities on the

RSCDS Get Creative page: <https://www.rscds.org/get-involved/young-dancers/youth-activities/get-creative>

JAM fees 2020: Fee collection and membership renewal were disrupted by the Covid-19 lockdown. Fees remain unchanged at \$5 per junior per year or \$10 per family (all with the same postal address) and are due on 31st March annually. To check if your juniors are already registered, to register new junior dancers from your group, or for other JAM membership questions please contact: Chris Totton chris@totton.com