



# Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

## MAC News

(Management and Co-ordinator News)

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### VICE PRESIDENT

The Management Committee now meet every 2 months via Zoom. Meeting in this way allows us to keep on top of Branch issues and meet our goal of being more responsive to members' questions. A major topic of discussion at our most recent meeting was the continuing work around Consult 2020 – information about next steps is included in this newsletter. Linda and I have begun a review of the roles and responsibilities for all coordinators. The review aims to clarify responsibilities and identify areas where coordinators can work more collaboratively. Remember, although it's winter, this is the time to start planning your summer holiday so get in early and register now for Summer School.

### Start thinking! Start talking! From Consult2020 sub-committee

At the next New Zealand Branch AGM, there will be Notices of Motion about the way in which the branch manages voting. But before then – we would like your input. Possible options for the motions and a link to two short (5 - 10 minute) surveys will be sent to branch members in June. Please actively ENCOURAGE members to have their say.

### SECRETARY

Summer School Scholarship Applications close 30 June. Please remind your members to apply for a scholarship to attend Summer School. Full details on the application process can be found on the Branch website. People need to be a current NZ Branch member at the time of application in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

### TREASURER

The Branch Pro-Zoom account is available for use by Region Committees. For instructions, please email Lee Miller, [education@dancescottish.org.nz](mailto:education@dancescottish.org.nz).

### CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

#### MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNICATION & PUBLICITY

I have been working on costings for posted matter to our New Zealand and Overseas members to ensure that the RSCDS fee that is paid is not heavily subsidised by members who elect to receive their information via email. Also we have had some new members so their new member packs have been sent

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**A different way to learn how to teach Scottish Country dancing.** The new Core Training for Instructors course is aimed at people who are already teaching a club or in a position where they might need to in the future and who don't want to sit the RSCDS teaching examinations. Full details are at [www.rscds.org/learn/teacher-training/core-training-instructors-cti](http://www.rscds.org/learn/teacher-training/core-training-instructors-cti). The NZ Branch is currently taking expressions of interest from experienced teachers to participate in training as instructors – if interested get in touch with Lee - [education@dancescottish.org.nz](mailto:education@dancescottish.org.nz).

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The directories on the website are set up from scratch at the beginning of the year. The best way to submit any subsequent updates such as a change of email address or class venue is to go to the email link with pre-defined recipients and subject line. Just add the details that you would like changed. For the Region directory the link is at the foot of the page. You can personalise the page with one or two images and a brief write-up about the Region. Please keep this fairly general in nature and avoid anything which is likely to become out of date. Region Secretaries might find like to download a directory and save it as Excel at the start of the year, then any changes (preferably highlighted in some way) can be sent it to the Branch.

### YOUTH

**JAM Registration and Fees** – All existing JAMS should have received their re-registration forms for 2021 and paid their fees. If you haven't or know someone who would like to register as a JAM, head to the branch website to fill in a form. We are aiming to increase the number of registered JAMS so register all juniors, including those who dance at clubs without designated junior classes.

**Summer School:** There are 2 JAM classes on offer this year at SS – Junior Jams (ages 8-13) and Senior JAMS, known as the Youth Challenge Class (ages 14-40). If JAMs from your area enjoyed the 'Spring Fling' style class at Cambridge SS then the Youth Challenge Class will be just the class for them. Remember there are 2 scholarships for JAMS to attend SS - apply by 30<sup>th</sup> June, using the form on the NZ Branch Website