



Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

MAC News

(Management and Co-ordinator News)

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PRESIDENT

The Management Committee's planned face-to-face meeting over Waitangi weekend did not take place due to concern about rising numbers of Covid-19 cases. Instead, we held 2 zoom meetings to deal with the most pressing matters, including a meeting with the Auckland Summer School committee. One of our first priorities was to establish a sub-committee to select up to 3 dances for submission to the RSCDS for possible inclusion in Book 53.

I would like to thank those who submitted dances (31 were received), and the devisors who gave permission for their dances to be considered. Three dances (listed below) have been chosen and forwarded to the RSCDS for consideration. I wish the devisors all the best in the next stage of the selection process.

- Seton's Ceilidh Band (J) – Bruce Fordyce
- The Meeting of the Waters (R) – Iain Boyd
- Love to Lois (S) – Genny Hall

The Management Committee currently has 4 working groups addressing aspects of Branch activities and processes. Members can expect to read more about progress from each group throughout the year.

- Internal communications and documentation review – Linda
- Guidelines, Processes, and Incorporated Societies Bill - Debbie
- 2016 Review of Payments - Quentin
- External communications – Sue

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNICATION & PUBLICITY

The NZ Dancer magazine is at the Printers and expected back any day so you should have these by the beginning of next week.

All clubs should now have received their membership cards. Please contact me if you haven't.

An article was sent to the Society for the April 2022 edition detailing two of the Hogmanay dances that were held

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Unit 2 (own dancing) exam is (currently) planned to be held at Matariki weekend (24-26 June 2022) - postponed from the 2020-21 Summer School. Unit 3 and 5 exams will be offered at the Auckland Summer School (class starting 28 Dec).

I'm still getting to grips with this role, but if teachers or those interested have any feedback or requests about what you want to see happening for teachers in New Zealand, please contact Jeanette at education@dancescottish.org.nz

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

This year will see a few developments regarding the Branch website, including the move to a new hosting service (yet to be selected). This will not affect the name which stays as dancescottish.org.nz and the appearance will remain largely unchanged, but the software will be brought up to date and improved 'search' facilities will be introduced. This is also a good opportunity for you to suggest any improvements or additional features.

In conjunction with this, emails under the original rscdsnz.org.nz domain such as secretary@rscdsnz.org.nz will finally be deactivated. They have been monitored for the past eighteen months and, apart from invitations to purchase bitcoins (and other less savoury items), they have had no use whatsoever. All Branch email addresses now take the form: anyname@dancescottish.org.nz.

YOUTH

There is nothing to report for Youth at the moment but after our meeting in March I will have something to report