

**WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY REGION – RSCDS NEW ZEALAND BRANCH INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD 11.43AM SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023,
AT ENCHANTED CAFÉ, TIRAU**

PRESENT – Jeanette Lauder (President), Colleen Gunn (Secretary), Robyn Howes (Treasurer/Membership Co-Ordinator), Agnes Algra (Publicity & Communications Co-Ordinator), Jeanette Lauder (Youth CoOrdinator), Jill Littlewood, Lynne Hudson, Greitje Badham, Raewyn Adams, Lesley Gousmett, Ian Stewart, Sophie Cronin, Robyn Dowdle, Douglas McCartney, Shelley McConnel, Wayne McConnel, Andrew Patterson, Jeanette Patterson, Jean Smithson, (Genny Hall, Bruce Wallen, Ruary Laidlaw – not-NZ Branch members).

APOLOGIES -Rob Alexander, Maureen Jacob, Yvonne James, Glenna James, Heather Johnston, Jane McIlroy, Joy Morgan, Antanas Procuta, John Rowlandson, Merilyn Shepherd, Helen Smythe, Susan Wrigley, Linda & Jim Carter, Chris Ingram. Jeanette Lauder/Lynne Hudson– Carried

WELCOME – Jeanette welcomed and thanked those present for their attendance.

MINUTES - MOVED THAT the Minutes of previous General Meeting, held 1 April 2023, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed. Littlewood/Hudson

MATTERS ARISING – Nil

CORRESPONDENCE – MOVED THAT the Inwards Correspondence be accepted and the Outwards Correspondence be ratified. Littlewood/Lauder

REPORTS

TREASURER – Robyn Howes - General Meeting - 11 November 2023 The Performance Report for the year to date is attached.

A snapshot of funds held as at Friday 10th November:

Westpac Trading account	\$ 769		
Westpac Online Saver	\$ 431		
Westpac Bonus Saver	\$10,613		
Westpac Jam Online Saver	\$ 1,162	Total funds on hand	\$12,975.28

The Region Social weekend was held at Karapiro on 27-29 October, with a net surplus of \$41.

Payments to be Ratified			
8.5.23	\$ 1,004.00	Glenfiddle	Centenary Ball - Band
9.5.23	\$ 200.00	Matangi Hall	Centenary Ball – Hall hire
9.5.23	\$ 10.61	K Corfield	Centenary Ball – refreshments
19.5.23	\$ 451.95	CMYK	Advertising – business cards & fliers
20.5.23	\$ 111.16	My Host	Web Site
21.7.23	\$ 29.84	My Host	Web Site
20.8.23	\$ 185.15	R Howes	Xero fees
20.8.23	\$ 26.25	R Hasianna	KBWE JAM Subsidy 50%
20.8.23	\$ 495.00	Waipa DC	Karapiro Deposit - Hire of Rob Waddell Lodge

31.8.23	\$ 392.09	Acorn Engravers	Name Badges
27.9.23	\$ 2,833.00	RSCDS NZ Branch	NZ Branch membership fees
27.9.23	\$ 3,550.00	RSCDS NZ Branch	HQ membership fees
3.11.23	\$ 429.00	Waipa DC	Karapiro balance - Hire of Rob Waddell Lodge
3.11.23	\$ 387.14	R Howes	Karapiro Groceries
3.11.23	\$ 86.00	H Smythe	Karapiro Refund payment made
3.11.23	\$ 66.00	S Wrigley	Karapiro Refund accommodation paid
3.11.23	\$ 104.90	R Howes	Printer costs – 1/3 toner & cartridge replacements

Payments to be approved			
	\$200.00	A Bennett	Reviewer - Koha
	\$60.00	Enchanted Café	Meeting room hire for AGM & GM held 11/11/23

Robyn Howes - 11 November 2023

MOVED THAT payments be ratified and approved, and that Treasurer's Report be accepted

Robyn Howes/Shelley McConnel

King's Birthday Weekend Report 2023 – Robyn Howes

Lochiel Club's 65 year, and the inaugural WaiBoP King's Birthday Weekend School. What a great opportunity! Planning started more than a year prior and after a few false starts, it was decided to use the Matangi and Bruntwood-Hautapu Halls as our venues. We know the Matangi Hall well from previous events and this was the central venue. The nearby Bruntwood-Hautapu Hall was used for the Beginner/Intermediate Class, and was also a successful venue.

There were 81 registered attendees at the School (including Committee members) plus more attendees at the Ball and Ceilidh.

We had an enthusiastic committee with a range of expertise. Even though we had a few missteps along the way, it is a tribute to them all that no-one noticed!

Thanks are due to the Lochiel dancers. Firstly, for the magnificent supper, and secondly for just being available to help.

Also, thanks to the people who billeted the band and one tutor, and the many attendees who willingly mucked in to get jobs done.

Special thanks are due to Terence Keller & Paula Storey for their stellar work in the kitchen. Dancers truly march on their stomachs, and Terence & Paula made sure that those stomachs were amply fuelled at all the right times.

Our highlights:

Music by Wild Heather – they brought so much energy into the classes and functions Teachers Jeanette Watson & Ruth Budden who extracted the best from their classes.

11 sets on the floor for our anniversary ball, and a great programme devised and presented by Helen Smythe.

Cutting the cake by our 3 life members: Christina Miller, Bill Jacob & Ruary Laidlaw.

Dinners on Saturday & Sunday nights attended by most of the dancers registered at the school. Main course catered by the Spit Roast Company and desserts co-ordinated (and mostly prepared) by Kate Corfield.

The musicians' class – 12 musicians tutored by Lyn Scott, the NZ Branch Music Director on Sunday morning.

The School made a profit of \$654 which is very heartening in the post-covid function space.

GENERAL BUSINESS Regional Calendar – 2024

RSCDS WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY REGION - 2024 CALENDAR

		WaiBoP Happenings	Other Happenings
JANUARY			
01	Monday		New Year's Day
02	Tuesday -		New Year's Day Holiday
14	Sunday	Hamilton Gardens Dancing	
29	Monday		Auckland Anniversary Day Holiday
FEBRUARY			
06	Tuesday		Waitangi Day
10	Saturday		Paeroa Tattoo
11	Sunday	Hamilton Gardens Dancing	
MARCH			
23	Saturday		
29	Friday		EASTER FRIDAY
APRIL			
01	Monday		EASTER MONDAY
07	Sunday		Daylight Saving Finishes
13	Saturday	Teachers' Workshop	
20	Saturday	Region General Meeting	
27	Saturday	Te Awamutu	
25	Thursday		ANZAC Day
MAY			
4	Saturday	Region Meeting	
11	Saturday	Lochiel	
JUNE			
01 & 02	Saturday/Sunday		King's Birthday Weekend School
03	Monday		King's Birthday Weekend Holiday
9	Sunday	Tokoroa Tea Dance	
22	Saturday	Katikati	
28	Friday		Matariki Holiday
JULY			
06	Saturday	Region Dance with Bourach Mor	
27	Saturday	Rotorua	
AUGUST			
10	Saturday	Tokoroa	
24	Saturday	Opotiki	
SEPTEMBER			
07	Saturday	Hauraki Thames	
14	Saturday	Taupo Afternoon Tea Dance	
21	Saturday	Hamilton Scottish Tea Dance	
29	Sunday		Daylight Saving Commences
OCTOBER			
5	Saturday	Tauranga	
18	Friday	Ceilidh – Max & Marian – in Hamilton?	
19	Saturday	Cambridge – Max & Marian	
28	Monday		Labour Day

NOVEMBER			
2	Saturday	Mt Maunganui – Max & Marian	
3	Sunday	Katikati – Ceilidh – Max & Marian	
9	Saturday	Region AGM	
23	Saturday	Region Core Dance Day	

KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND SCHOOL – Saturday 1st/Sunday 2nd June 2024

Wayne McConnel reported that he was investigating several areas for halls and accommodation – many had already been booked by other organisations. Wayne volunteered to further investigate whether halls previously investigated might be available over Matariki.

KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND SCHOOL – Saturday 31st May/Sunday 1st June 2025 Cambridge

has offered to run this weekend School.

CORE DANCE DAY 2024

Set down for 23rd November.

Some lengthy discussion was held re Core Dances – is it possible to get the balance right for new dancers and more experienced dancers in the same class? The point was made that some newer dancers learn Core Dances, and when they attend an annual dance, there sometimes aren't many Core Dances in the programme and that appears to be discouraging for new dancers.

AGREED THAT a message go out to all WaiBoP Clubs advising that we get all categories of dancers in classes and new dancers and experienced dancers must be catered for at annual dances.

NZ BRANCH TEACHERS' WORKSHOP – EASTER 2024 (29th March–1st April) - WELLINGTON

AGREED THAT all SCD teachers let Club members know of Easter Teachers' Weekend in Wellington next year. Clubs to support their teachers if they are able.

OBITUARIES

It was noted that NZ Branch has a Memorial Book – Clubs may want to contribute and place a Memorial.

REGIONAL GRANTS

An application for funds from the NZ Branch to be made by 31 December for two Ceilidhs with Max and Marian playing in October/November next year.

HOGMANAY – 2023/2024

Jane McIlroy not be co-ordinating Hogmanay for 2023/2024.

AGREED THAT the Region is supporting Lochiel with Hogmanay this year.

ADVERTISING

New outlets being looked at – as a Region could we co-ordinate advertising – standard advertising across the whole Bay of Plenty Region rather than each Club advertising on its own, e.g. in newspaper Continuing Education supplements??

AGREED THAT Facebook is a good advertising outlet.

PAEROA TATTOO – 10th February 2024

Wayne McConnel requested that Clubs be informed of the Paeroa Tattoo on 10th February 2024, and that dancers are required for the afternoon and/or the evening during the main event. Contact Wayne or Shelley McConnel for further details.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Saturday 20 April 2024 at Greenwood Park Village, 10 Welcome Bay Road, Tauranga at 10.00am

Meeting closed at 12.30pm