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RSCDS NEW ZEALAND BRANCH INC
WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY REGION

Scottish Dancing - FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP!

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Merry Christmas
and
A Happier New Year
in 2021



1. President's Pen



As your new president I would like to start by thanking Jean Smithson, our outgoing President and Maureen Jacob, our outgoing secretary for all their work on the Region's behalf over their terms. They have both done a sterling job. Thanks also to the committee members who are still representing us; Bill Jacob, Treasurer and Membership Coordinator; Heather Johnston, Education and Training Coordinator; Sophia Kilgour, Youth Coordinator and Ruary Laidlaw, Communications and Publicity Coordinator. I'm relying on you all to continue the great job that you have all been doing while Colleen and I learn the ropes!

I thought it might be helpful, both for myself, and for you all, to remind us all of the vision and purpose of the WaiBoP Region.

Our Vision is:

"to promote the growth and enjoyment of Scottish Country Dancing (SCD) in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region."

We have 3 objectives to help us achieve this vision:

- to assist in organising Scottish country dance activities;
- to promote social relationships between Scottish country dancing clubs and groups within the region, and
- to further the objectives and aims of the RSCDS and the RSCDS NZ Branch.

I don't think that we will have any problem at all with promoting the enjoyment of SCD. That, I believe, is primarily why we started SCD, that is why we continue SCD and that is why we want to promote SCD to others. Of course, it also keeps us fit and our brain engaged and the lifelong friends we make along the way are great for our mental health!

For those who don't know me personally, next time I'll tell you a bit about me and how I became a Scottish Country Dancer!

Merry Christmas to you all!

Jill Littlewood



2. Hogmanay

<u>PROGRAMME</u>		
J	Shetland Shepherdess	8 x 32
R	Reel of Royal Scots	8 x 32
S	Water of Leith	4 x 32
J	White Heather Jig	4 x 40
R	Trip to Timber Ridge	8 x 32
S	Minister on the Loch	3 x 32
J	Jennifer's Jig	8 x 32
R	Mr William Brown's Reel	8 x 32
M	Bon Viveur	4 x 32
SUPPER		
R	Flight to Melbourne	4 x 32
J	Scallywag	8 x 32
S	Slytherin House	8 x 32
R	Fugal Fergus	8 x 48
J	Aviator	8 x 32
S	Broadway	3 x 32
R	Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	8 x 32
J	192 Miles Home	4 x 48
NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS		
R	8some reel	
R	Mairi's Wedding	
R	Irish Rover	

Hogmanay 2020/2021

When: December 31st 2020

8:00 pm - 1am

Where: Senior Citizens Hall

Millicich Ave

CAMBRIDGE

What: An evening of Scottish Country

Dancing

Sing-a-long of old Scottish Songs

New Year Celebrations

Cost: \$10 plus a small plate of supper food

JAMS - a gold coin.

3. Twilight Dancing - January and February



This is an opportunity to dance out of doors in the Hamilton Gardens!

We meet on a couple of Sunday afternoons in the Hamilton Gardens, either with a picnic or we buy a meal from 'Gourmet in the Gardens'. We dance from 5:00pm with a break for a meal at about 6:00pm and then dance till about dusk - 8:30pmish.

We welcome dancers, families, friends, prospective dancers ...
The dancing is optional and we often include passers by in the sets.

Why not make a day of it and visit the gardens first - they are world class.

Details: First two dry days of 17th and 24th January and 14th February.

This year the venue for the 17th is the Governor's Lawn, down by the Rose Gardens (weather permitting) and the next two dates at our usual Round Lawn.

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Dancing shoes are optional and not such a good idea if the lawn has just been watered.

A gold coin koha is also appreciated.

See you there!



4. Early Tartans

This is the first in a series of articles by “The Dancing Penguin” about the Tartans of Scotland. It will continue throughout next year

Some of the earliest references to the dress of the Scottish people, the Celts and Picts, appear in the writings of the poet, Virgil, and later Roman authors. During the attempts by the Romans to occupy Scotland, the Caledonian tribesmen who opposed them wore striped woollen cloaks, or blankets woven in several colours. These garments were draped over a shoulder and pinned, while underneath was a linen tunic shirt and sometimes a pair of truis or breeches. (Usually, however, the legs were bare, giving rise to the later nickname for Scots mercenaries -redshanks)

A piece of cloth found near the Antonine Wall, the third-century Roman barrier that ran from the Clyde to the Forth, is an example of this simple two-coloured check or tartan, and was made from the dark and light wool of the original goat-like sheep of Scotland. The coarse wool from these animals, which were primarily kept for their milk, was plucked rather than shorn.



Hodden or **wadmél** is a coarse kind of cloth made of undyed wool, formerly much worn by the peasantry of Scotland. It was usually made on small hand-looms by the peasants. Hodden grey was made by mixing black and white fleeces together in the proportion of one to twelve when weaving. The origin of the word is unknown.^[1] (Wikipedia)

In his poem "A Man's a Man for a' That", Robert Burns wrote

What though on hamely fare we dine,
Wear hodden grey, an' a that;
Gie fools their silks, and knaves their wine;
A Man's a Man for a' that."

From “The Dancing Penguin”



5. Social Dances for MCs

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-ZB7rQip7B5ov-pA1rB5NqZOhMa tb- wuxR74YmQk0/e dit?ts=5be3e6d3#gid=122006433>

6. What's on

Event	Date	Details
Hogmanay	Thursday 31st December	Senior Citizens' Hall, Cambridge. \$10 plus a plate for supper
Twilight Dancing - if fine	Sunday 17th January	Governor's Lawn, 5:00pm
Twilight Dancing - if fine	Sunday 24th January	Round Lawn, 5:00pm
Twilight Dancing - postponement day	Sunday 14th February	Round Lawn, 5:00pm

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