



RSCDS NZ Branch Inc
Summer School 2024/25

WELLINGTON



Summer School 24/25 December Newsletter

New dancers and Summer School first timers are especially welcome.

Summer is here and Summer School is just a few weeks away!

There are lots of activities on offer over the week and we are looking forward to some fabulous fun and friendship. We hope that you are able to join us.

For those who are registered for the school, you will also receive an email about logistics and what to bring.

If you are not registered for the School, there are still plenty of options for you to be involved.

Come along for an evening dance or two, or three.... or more.

If you are not registered for the school, you are still very welcome at any of the evening dances. Hogmanay and President's Ball are always very popular, or if you are new to dancing you could come along to the Ceilidh where everyone will be able to take to the floor with confidence.

If you want to come to **all of the evenings**, then the multi-pass is the best value. This gives you a discounted ticket to attend all evening dances. Please order this in advance. Email nzsummerschool2024@gmail.com to let us know how many tickets you want and make payment to the **NZ Summer School NI bank account 01-0235-00104533-004** (or 01-0235-0104533-04, if your bank needs fewer digits). Make sure you include 'Multi pass' and your name as reference. Your ticket will be available for you to collect at the door on the Opening Night.

For individual evenings please pay cash at the door – bringing the right change is always appreciated 😊

Multi-pass Entry to all evening events

\$120 RSCDS and \$150 Non RSCDS, \$50 JAMs Juniors /Spectators

Casual evening functions

Opening night, Youth night, Kiwiana night, Ceilidh and Final night
\$15 RSCDS and \$20 Non-RSCDS, \$5 JAMs / Juniors / Spectators

President's Ball and Hogmanay

\$30 RSCDS and \$35 Non RSCDS, \$15 JAMS Juniors / \$20 Spectators

Thirtytwosome Practice

The Thirtytwosome Reel (and its smaller cousin, the Eightsome Reel) is danced immediately after the Hogmanay ceremony and will not be briefed. So, if you are planning on coming to Hogmanay (casually or as a school attendee) and want to do this dance, please come to the Thirtytwosome

practice at 4pm on Tuesday 31 December in Scots College Hall. As an added bonus, there will also be a walkthrough of the Maxina.

Programmes for the evening dances are available on line ([Evening Functions](#)). Stars have been used to indicate which will be walked and which are a bit more difficult.

Casual Meals

Commuters and casual attendees can sign up to share a meal at Scots College. This is a great way to socialise and can make life easier when you are busy with all the exciting things on offer.

Prices are \$15 breakfast, \$22 lunch and \$35 dinner.

Casual meals need to be booked in advance so the catering can be planned. Book your casual meals by **13 December 2024** using this form: [Casual Meals](#) (note this date is earlier than previously advertised).

Some events are Branch events open to everyone, these are:

Teachers Forum on 31st December

The NZ Branch invites everyone interested in using digitised music to the Teachers Forum on Tuesday 31 Dec. This will be held in the Scots College Hall (1.30 – 2.30pm). Catherine McCutcheon is going to show you her tricks and tips for organising her music files, and using Amazing Slowdowner to best effect. Bring your 'I wish I could' thoughts, and see if there's a solution in the room.

We also hope to record this session and make it available via the NZ Branch website, so you can watch it or refer back to it, later.

The Branch AGM on 1st January

The RSCDS NZ Branch AGM is held at Summer School each year – this is open to all Branch Members; you are welcome to come along. This will be held in the Scots College Hall (starts 1.30pm); afternoon tea will be provided after the meeting is completed.

Meet the Management Committee on 2nd January

This is your opportunity to meet the newly elected NZ Branch Management Committee and ask them any questions you have. This will be held in the Scots Hub (1.30 – 2.30pm).

JAM Forum and Under 30's General Class on 4th January

All JAMs (junior dancers), their parents and those interested in supporting junior dancers are welcome to come to the JAM Forum to discuss how we can make Scottish Country Dancing something that more young people can come and enjoy. The Forum will be in the Scots Hub (12.30 – 1.30pm). Lunch will be provided by the NZ Branch.

Following the Forum, a slight change in plan – the advertised Mixed JAMS Class will be open to anyone under 30 and will be held in the Scots Gym (1.30 – 2.30pm); the teacher will be Susanna van der Gulik.

And an opportunity for free teaching for all dancers of intermediate or advanced level

Volunteer dancers for RSCDS teaching exams

The teaching exams consist of each exam candidate teaching a class of two to three sets of dancers. The class typically includes teaching a formation or steps required in the dance as well as the dance itself. **So we need dancers for the Exam class to teach, and would love you to volunteer if you are intermediate or advanced level.** This is a great way of getting some free teaching!

The Exams will be held in two sessions: **9.00am - 12.00pm and 1.30pm - 4.30pm on 3 January.** We are also looking for volunteer dancers to help the candidates practise, in practice sessions from **1.30pm - 4.30pm on 30 December and 1 January.**

Dancing volunteers will not be required to dance for the full practice session or exam session.

To find out more and sign up to volunteer in this way please check out the link [Volunteer Dancers](#)

McPhee's Celtic www.mcphees.co.nz

Will be located in McKinnon Room 1 and will be open 29 and 30 December from 1pm – 5.30pm (or later if there is demand)



The full School programme is available on the website: [School programme](#)

So whether you are flying, driving or swimming, we look forward to seeing you at Wellington Summer School.

We know you'll be blown away by a Wellington welcome.



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