**What Does the Region Committee Do For You?**

Scottish Country Dancing is an international phenomenon so in addition to dancing at club level events are held across the region, country and world.

The region committee aims to encourage dancing across the Wellington Region through organising Scottish country dance activities and promoting social relationships between the different dancing clubs within the region. In addition, it acts as a liaison between clubs and the New Zealand Branch.

So more specifically what does this mean? Each year the region committee:

* Organises the calendar of events across the region so that there are no conflicting dates.
* Prints and distributes the calendar to all RSCDS members
* Maintains the website with information about dancing in the region, links to clubs and listings of events
* Edits and distributes the regional newsletter *Harbour City Happenings*.
* Runs region classes for different experience levels
	+ this lets dancers have some teaching at their level and interact with other dancers from other clubs and
	+ involves and encourages local musicians
* Runs a devisor’s day to recognise, celebrate and promote the numerous devisors we have in the region.
* Invites a club to run the New Dancers Celebration and helps with this where necessary
* Collates RSCDS membership information and fees on behalf of the Branch

In addition to the above the Region has also over the years organised other events such as

Region Balls, Hogmanay, weekend schools, teachers training sessions and summer dancing. Most recently the region committee has been active in co-ordinating and supporting the Junior JAM Weekend School run in Masterton; assisting local juniors financially so they could attend and promoting fundraising activities.

Currently under discussion are options for advertising dancing at a regional level.

**What Is Involved in Being a Committee Member?**

Four committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting are held each year.

In the first meeting of the year, the calendar of events is agreed, and in subsequent meetings the details of running these events are discussed and jobs allocated. For example running region classes involves organising tutors, musicians, venues and gofers. Where a larger event is planned, a subcommittee may be formed to run it and report back to the committee.

In addition to running planned events the committee addresses any issues raised by clubs and supports clubs by ensuring legal requirements are met, for example dispute resolution processes soon to be required under the Incorporated Societies Act.