# News from the Region Committee

As the dancing year is wrapping up and the Region AGM is about to happen, I would like to report back on the review that the Region Committee has undertaken to consider its role and appropriate activities for the next few years.

As part of this we ran a survey to ask what you thought we should be doing. 62 people responded to the survey.

The activities that more than 80% of respondents felt the Region Committee should be doing are listed in order below. The first (1) being that which most respondents indicated (58 of the 62 respondents)

1. Provide information about activities across the region
2. Organising the New Dancers Celebration to be run either by the committee or a rostered club
3. Provide classes for all levels of dancers
4. Help musicians to develop the skills to play for Scottish Country Dancing
5. Ensuring a Hogmanay event is run either by the committee or another volunteer
6. Organise advertising to encourage new dancers across the region.

We also asked how you felt the committee activities could be funded. The most preferred method was for a portion for the NZ Branch RSCDS fee to be apportioned back to the Region while the least preferred was for clubs to collect an additional region fee from members.

Finally we asked how dancers would like to celebrate the Region’s 60th Anniversary. The first and second preferences were a formal ball, and high tea and dance. There was a preference for the cost being no more than $60.

A suggestion by several respondents was also that a display of archival material be put together and made available for viewing at events over the year.

Taking into account the survey results and considering the current dancing community (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) the committee have come up with the following mission statement to guide activities over the coming years:

Mission Statement

To promote and facilitate a vibrant and sustainable dancing community in the Wellington Region.

Following on from the above, key activities we would like to progress are:

* improving communication
* organising a 60th ball or high tea and dance
* developing a display of archival material
* introducing an annual promotion for dancing in the region.
* considering the format/venue of the classes offered

Of course none of this is possible without willing volunteers. You can volunteer by being on the committee; the AGM on the 10th November is your opportunity to join. Or alternatively if you would like to just put your hand up for a particular activity that is also possible. Please feel free to talk to any of the current committee members or email secretary.rscdswell@gmail.com