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### Welcome from the editor

Welcome to our first newsletter. Akoranga Today will keep you informed of new developments and give you a peek inside what the organising committee are up to over the 11 months leading up to Summer School 2009/2010.

Keep an eye on What's Ahead to see if we are going to a dance or school near you and check our website for news and updates.

### New to the website

This month we have started upgrading our website with new information about the school.

You can now download registration forms and brochures as well as sign up to this newsletter.

Commuters will be able to refer to the website at any time during the Summer School to get up-to-the-minute news and notices.

### What's Ahead

What's Ahead keeps you informed of what is happening in relation to the Summer School.

Date	Event
March	Auckland Region Club Nights

The organising committee aims to get to as many of the clubs in the Auckland Region during their evening club nights to promote the Summer School

April	Oamaru Easter Weekend School
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We are hoping to promote the Summer School during the Easter Weekend School in Oamaru



Entrance foyer (top left), sprung wooden floor (bottom left), exterior and car park (right)

### AUT Sport and Fitness Centre

The AUT Sport and Fitness Centre will be the venue for the larger evening functions.

The hall itself contains two basketball courts but it is possible to

lower a curtain that divides the space in two.

The floor itself is wooden and sprung so should be good for dancing.

With its two air conditioned dance studios it will also be utilised for three of the morning classes.

### Team Spot: The Organiser



This Summer School is being organised by Andy Nicol.

Currently the Vice President of the Auckland Region, Andy resides in Albany near the top of

North Shore City.

Andy has lived in Auckland since moving to NZ over 20 years ago from London. He commented, "Auckland's climate is just about as good as it gets and being surrounded by beaches and the sea is idyllic."

Andy started dancing as a child and with Scottish music in the genes, also played from an early age. He says he enjoys dancing for three reasons: the music, the sociability and the fun factor.

He then reflected on his musical

favourites. "Scott Skinner composed some super strathspeys, and the best in my opinion is the Miller o' Hirn. I also enjoy many tunes from the contemporary composers, Angus Fitchett's Jimmy Harris Jig is a favourite of mine along with Jim Johnstone's Peter Rae's Jig. Archie Menzies is a classic reel."

Andy revealed that he often forgets how the dances go, but some that he can remember and enjoy dancing are The Sailor, The De'il Amang the Tailors and The Robertson Rant.

He concluded our interview saying, "My focus this year is to ensure that the Summer School is packed with fun, challenge and excitement for all those attending." With that, we suggest that you download the application form, complete and send it in quickly to ensure a place at what should be a great school.

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