



# The Summer School Signal

22 November 2010

This is the fifth issue of *The Summer School Signal*, the newsletter of the next New Zealand Branch Summer School, to be held in Dunedin from 28 December 2010 to 6 January 2011.

This is the last electronic edition before the School begins. Physical copies of future issues will be provided to everyone each day during the School.

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## Need more information?

Information about the School, including School and evening function programmes, is available on the New Zealand Branch website ([www.rscdsnz.org.nz](http://www.rscdsnz.org.nz)) or from the organiser:

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## Arriving by air or bus?

If you are flying to Dunedin Airport, please let the School organiser know your flight number and flight arrival time by **1 December**. Those arriving in Dunedin by bus are also requested to let the organiser know their expected arrival times.

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## School Office

During the School, the School office will be open from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm., Bursar's Office, ground floor, Knox College.

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## Teacher candidate class –extra dancers needed

The examination candidate class are preparing for teaching exams and need some additional advanced or good intermediate dancers to be in their class at various times during the school (no certificated teachers).

If you are able to spare some time for one or more of these sessions, it would be greatly appreciated:

- Thursday 30 December 1.30 – 5 p.m.
- Friday 31 December 1.30 – 5 p.m.
- Saturday 1 January 6 – 9 p.m.

Additionally if anyone would be keen to start dancing, there is an opportunity to join the class on the day of moving in to the School (Tuesday 28 December), there would be opportunity from 1.30 – 3 p.m. and /or 3 – 5 p.m.

**Advanced dancers are also needed during the examinations to be in classes taught by candidates (no certificated teachers):**

- Monday 3 January 1.30 – 4 p.m.
- Tuesday 4 January 1.30 – 4 p.m.

If you are able to help, can you please contact Katharine Hoskyn or Elaine Laidlaw at [katharine.hoskyn@rscdsnz.org.nz](mailto:katharine.hoskyn@rscdsnz.org.nz) or [elaine@laidlaw.net.nz](mailto:elaine@laidlaw.net.nz) respectively.

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## Church Service Sunday 2 January

An ecumenical church service will be held in the Knox College Chapel at 9.00 am on Sunday morning 2 January. There will be combined classes at 10.30 a.m. because some church halls are not available. There will be information at the School about who goes where.

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## Evening function casual charges

Those who are not attending the school should let the Organiser know if they wish to attend these functions. Admission will be \$25 for Hogmanay and for the President's Ball and \$10 for each of the other evening functions.

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## Information booklet

When you register at the School you will receive an information booklet which will answer a lot of your questions plus some that you never knew you wanted to ask.

## Meet the Teachers and Musicians

**David Williamson** – tutor – Christchurch

A late starter to Scottish country dancing, David joined the Hoon Hay SCD Club in 1996. When he eventually found his feet he began attending Canterbury Region classes, beginners then to intermediate and eventually on to the advanced and technique classes.



He was asked by another dancer if he would accompany him in the Preliminary Teacher Certification class and in 2001 they both graduated, continuing on to the Full Certificate in 2004. Since then the rest is history.

David has taught at club and region level and has attended region, weekend, summer and winter schools in both New Zealand and Australia.

**Iain Mckenzie** – musician – Australia

Born in Bannockburn, Scotland, Iain has been playing the accordion to audiences since an early age, forming his first band at the age of 14. Being brought up in the tradition of Scottish music and dance gave Iain the opportunity to play both in Scotland and overseas, thus widening his experience and repertoire. While resident in the UK, he played with various bands such as Rusty

Nail (a Celtic folk band) in Scotland and Dalcassian Scottish Dance Band in London. He has played for dancers throughout Scotland and England, and in France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, and Abu Dhabi. After living in a few different countries he settled in Auckland, New Zealand, for a number of years where he formed and played with the Balmoral Dance Band with Sharlene Penman on



keyboard and Anne-Marie Forsyth on fiddle. Iain – who now lives in Mackay in Queensland, Australia – has been a featured musician in various RSCDS socials, balls, dance weekends, and summer and winter schools throughout Australia and New Zealand over the last 10 years.

**Sharlene Penman** – musician – Auckland

Sharlene Penman is a professional piano teacher and first came to play for SCD through her enthusiasm for dancing at the Waitemata Club. Since joining the Balmoral Band some 7 years ago, she has had enormous pleasure in playing with that group for classes, balls, weekend schools, winter schools and summer schools throughout New Zealand and Australia. Through Scottish country dancing she has met and danced with new friends in Scotland, France, Spain, and New York. Sharlene has also played as a solo musician for the Sydney winter school 2009 and for club dancing in Lyon, France in April 2010.



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