



January 2019

Hope that your Christmas and New Year celebrations were lots of fun, food, family, friends and altogether FANTASTIC. If you made any 'New Year resolutions' all the best meeting your goal or goals. Now that the 'holiday' season is over the 'Marching' season is here again and we fast approach the biggest event in your Association calendar – the Association Championships. In January, just a few tasks

- ♦ **Entry forms** for the NZ Championships are available on the marching website events page www.marching.co.nz/events Closing date for entries is 31st January 2019. When entry forms are forwarded to the Association please check that all details are completed on the form and that all members are registered and remember to send a copy to the Host Association, Marching Canterbury. You are also required to verify that the team has complied with
 - NZC3-1a/b – all members are registered, the Team has competed in the phases they are entering in at least two days of championships and/or competition in their association, have competed in their own Island Championships
 - RAC5-1/2 – they have been granted permission to travel by the Association and can satisfy the Association that the team has sufficient funds in order to meet such commitments.
- ♦ **Conviction Check Policy** reminder to follow up with those members still to provide a copy of their report for sighting by the Membership Privacy Officer. All Association Committee and Team Management Officials are required as per the MNZ Policy to provide a Conviction Check Report with their registration. Please check that Team Management on entry forms for the NZ Championships have provided the documentation and if not an urgent reminder to get it processed prior to the NZ Championships. There are no valid excuses for not having completed it now, they have had 6 months.
- ♦ **NZ Championships** planning is well underway by Marching Canterbury and a very BIG THANK YOU to them for hosting this prestigious event on our marching calendar. The Championships will be held indoors at the Horncastle Arena, Christchurch and information/updates will be forwarded and will on the MNZ website.
- ♦ **Island Championships** were successfully hosted by Marching Waikato and Marching Canterbury, and sincere thanks for providing a great experience for the participants and the spectators. Many thanks for the prompt circulation of the results enabling social media to be updated for those members not able to attend.
- ♦ **Life Members** have still to registered by four Associations! Remind your Membership /Privacy Officer to get this form sent through asap. Copy from the Association file copy sent through last year, adding any new Life Members and sadly removing the names of those who are no longer with us. There is no fee for Life Members, unless they are holding an active position within your Association and will already been registered but include them on your list as an ongoing record.
- ♦ **Congratulations** to Marching Nelson, Canterbury, Otago and Southland who have increased their Team and Membership numbers this season, an excellent result. For your next Committee Meeting be sure to add to the agenda some allocated time for a 'discussion/planning' session on WHY and HOW the Association can maintain the momentum going into next season. What strategies can you put in place to ensure the Association does not lose a Team next season and more importantly how can the Association have another increase in Team numbers next year
- ♦ **Volunteer of the Month** ... every Association have them so please pen a few sentences of their input for inclusion in the MNZ Newsletter. Look around at the next competition and that Volunteer of the Month could well be a helper on the day. As Secretary you could delegate this task to a Committee Member.

I hope you can enjoy another BBQ or two before you are committed to the remainder of the marching season, maybe hosting an Association BBQ to celebrate the new year and march into the rest of the season.

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