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**SPORT
NEW ZEALAND**

Marching New Zealand is very grateful to Sport New Zealand for their continued investment in our sport



HAPPY EASTER - HAPPY EASTER - HAPPY EASTER



In the Diary

Competitions & Events

Due to the unknown times we are facing, we have nothing confirmed in the Diary. Once we have settled back into normal routine will be –

MNZ Board/TWP Meeting, MNZ 75th Annual Meeting, Admin Workshop and Coach Workshops.



DAYLIGHT SAVING

ENDED Sunday 5th April and have you remembered to turn clocks back 1 hour, especially the clock in your vehicle?

CORONAVIRUS – COVID 19

We have completed week one of the nationwide lockdown and are now coming to terms with the new normal in our life, the challenges and the opportunities it brings and the importance of supporting the Government in their efforts to stop the spread of Covid 19 by staying at home. We are still able to keep active and if home activities are not stimulating enough, put on our walking shoes or jump on a bike but please stay in your neighbourhood. Staying at home unless you need to venture out for exercise or essential supplies is how we all can help, along with our continued vigilance with personal hygiene, washing hands and social distancing.

**Unite
against
COVID-19**

For all Covid 19 information go to the Government's [Covid-19 web site](#) and continue to look after yourself and look out for others, stay in touch maintain social distancing and safe in your bubble.



2020 ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

South Island Championships

to be hosted by Marching Otago on 6th December at the Lion Arena Dunedin

North Island Championships

to be hosted by Marching Taranaki on 12th December at the TSB Stadium, New Plymouth



**ANZAC
DAY**
25th April

even with no service in our Towns this year,

'We will remember them'

THANK YOU to all our Volunteers

Otago Volunteers (Marching Otago)

Marching Otago would like to show appreciation to all our volunteers this season. We had some new ones – Sean, Janine, Morgan and Leanne Byas. You have all acquitted yourselves very well and we thank you and the rest of the volunteer team.

Celine Robertson (Marching Otago)

Celine, a Technical B Judge, an OFC Coach, Leader of a Senior Team and then gives up two days of her precious down time to help with promotion for our sport. We much appreciate the time you spent at the Octagon for the Masters Games “Have a go day” You and your helpers did a great job. Then a month later Celine (along with her helpers) is at one of our local high schools working with children almost ready for intermediate helping at their “have a go day.” We much appreciate all the time and effort that your put into the sport by “Leading by example”. Thank You

Tracey McCullough (Marching Canterbury)

Tracey McCullough has been back in the world of competitive marching for a few seasons now and this season she took on the role Canterbury Membership Officer. Tracey has done an amazing job, processing the hundreds of Canterbury members, all while changing her job after 20 years, being a member of the leisure marching committee planning Leisure Nationals, and also marching in one competitive team and not just one but TWO Canterbury leisure teams!! Nothing like a MASSIVE challenge for this lady! She has done us proud with her first season on Canterbury Committee as Membership Officer and what she has achieved on and off the field competitive and leisure. Tracey is a well organised person and it's been a pleasure to have her working with us at Marching Canterbury and we look forward to having her on board with us again in the 2020-21 season.

Jenny Cox (Marching Canterbury)

Jenny Cox is a Marching Canterbury treasured Life Member and one of our Technical A judges. We must say a huge THANK YOU to Jenny for all her help and support this season and especially for stepping into the Chief Judge role when needed at competitions. We are so proud that Jenny made the North Island Judging Panel and another national panel at the Auckland NZ Champs, but sadly we all know the outcome of the NZ Champs and you couldn't adjudicate that competition. None the less, we appreciate everything you do for our Association in your Judging role and Association Life Member and hope to see you back on the field again in the 2020-21 season.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

TECHNICAL CORNER



CONGRATULATIONS

To all Coaches and Judges who have achieved accreditation this season.



COACH

Information and resources for both beginner and experienced coaches.

www.sportnz.org.nz/get-into-sport/coaching-guide



Marching New Zealand sincerely thank the Southern Trust who have funded new laptop computers for the Technical Working Party



Staying active in lockdown with #fitforfour

You may have noticed that Sport NZ are using the hashtag #fitforfour on social media to encourage people to stay active while in lockdown. This encourages people to exercise at home and in their neighbourhood as an important aspect of maintaining wellbeing during this difficult time. It's pleasing to see so many organisations, athletes and people sharing content that supports this idea. They are encouraging our social media audience to join in and share their exercise and activity routines.

#fitforfour #fitforfour #fitforfour #fitforfour

COACH'S SELF EVALUATION

End of season and time to reflect and prepare for next season. In evaluating your season, honestly answer the questions

- How enthusiastic was I?
- Did I plan and prepare well for the season?
- Did I listen to my athletes?
- Did I give effective feedback?
- Did I provide equal attention to all my athletes?
- Did I keep my cool?
- Did I provide quality learning experiences?
- Was my tone of voice varied?
- Was I positive?
- Were my demonstrations understood?
- Were my explanations clear and concise?
- Were my training sessions well organised?
- Did I allow some athlete decision-making?
- Did my coaching action - coaching philosophy match?
- Did the athletes respond to my style of Coaching?
- Did I ensure the training environment was safe?
- What worked well during the season?
- What area can I improve for next season?
- What upskilling do I need to be a better Coach?
- Have I found the season enjoyable?
- Have I given my best to being an effective Coach?

Copied in part from Principles of Sports Coaching – Level One
(SPARC Publication)

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VOLUNTEERS

Being good is commendable, but only when it is combined with doing good is it useful. Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good.



Thank you everyone for putting your hand to volunteer for your Association. Marching is certainly blessed with many and valued volunteers who throughout the season assist in providing the fun and enjoyable experience of marching to our many marchers and participants.



NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

2020 NZ Championships

A SINCERE and BIG thank you to the Committee and Volunteers of Marching Auckland for all your efforts and planning for the 2020 NZ Championships. During this process no-one would have anticipated that New Zealand would be in a state of emergency and lock down the day the Championships were to commence.

To the 50 Teams of Marchers and Management who worked hard and were prepared for the event, thank you for your efforts also. Teams wanting a refund of Entry Fee to contact the MNZ Director of Finance direct with bank account details to deposit refund.

To the members of the Judging Panel appointed to the event, thank you for your time in preparing and for taking holidays or leave from work to attend.

Marching Auckland still have souvenirs for sale, they remain a souvenir, not of a NZ Championship attended but of one that was cancelled and will be remembered long into the future, not for who won but for the unprecedented event around it.



Blanket - Charm – Badges - Teddy Bears



MNZ BOARD APPOINTMENTS

As per Rule of Participation A7.4 applications in writing close with the CEO on 30th April 2020 for the following Board Appointments;

- ❖ Director of Judging
- ❖ Judging Accreditor
- ❖ Marketing Co-ordinator
- ❖ Trophy Custodian
- ❖ Publications/Merchandising Co-ordinator
- ❖ Social Media Administrator

The term of appointment is effective 1st July 2020 and are for 12 months except for the Director of Judging which is for a 3-year term.



ASSOCIATION NOTES.....

Snippets from Association Minutes & Reports

Secretary to send out memo regarding Equipment etc. that belongs to the Association. Teams to be made aware that Loss or Damage of equipment borrowed is their responsibility. Gear to be picked up and returned the same day. Secretary to do a form for teams to fill in and teams must go through Secretary with 2-weeks' notice in advance. Flags for Nationals, these are also teams' responsibility and damage or loss to be paid for by teams.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT: Levies need to be paid.

Have a Go day from 11 am until 3 pm. to promote Marching. There was a lot of watchers enjoying the girls practicing but unfortunately no one had a go. We handed out flyers for more information so fingers crossed we might get some new members. This was a great way to promote Marching and let people know that Marching is still active in our region.

Team officials reminded of their responsibility for protecting children's dignity and modesty by ensuring that changing rooms are used when dressing/undressing young marchers, and not to do so in front of the public. If changing rooms were not available, please provide some form of barrier, such as rugs, team adults etc to screen the children from view.

The need for good sportsmanship to be exhibited at competitions. We understand that it can be disappointing not to be the winning team, but to remember that whenever the teams are on the field, that they are seen at all times by other teams, members of the public etc. The conduct of team officials is crucial at these times.

The Secretary registered the Association Championships as part of the Children's Day celebrations, to be handed out to all the U12, Intro & Open Teams are colouring books, crayons & seed packets, supplied by the organisers of Children's Day.

Request for a budget spend on food & nibbles for the competition officials and judges for Association Champs – Looking at approximately 20 people. \$200 Budget approved.

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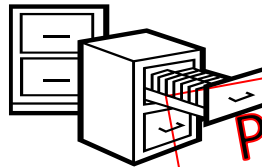
There is a critical need to attract committee members who can stand back from the organization and exercise a degree of detachment and objectivity.

APPRAISAL OF COMMITTEES

The appraisal is of the performance of the Committee not on the performance of individual committee members.

An annual performance appraisal or review provides the opportunity for the members of the Committee to consider its strengths and weaknesses in relation to its key tasks and specific objectives and to define training needs and set new objectives. The responsibility lies with the Chair who may facilitate it themselves or involve other Committee Members as the whole appraisal is seen as a team effort. The Committee may want to involve some key staff or an independent advisory group. Choose a date and make sure all committee members and those who have been invited to attend are asked to prepare for the appraisal by reflecting on the key tasks and any objectives that had been set for this year.

MNZ ANNUAL MEETING



75th ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE OF MOTIONS-REMITTS

Does your Association have any proposed changes to the Marching New Zealand Constitution, Policies or Rules of Participation to present to the Annual Meeting? Notice of Motions-Remits must be endorsed at an Association Meeting.

ITEMS FOR GENERAL BUSINESS

Does your Association have any item to be included for discussion in General Business?

NOMINATIONS

President

Election shall be for a period of four (4) years.

Board Member

Election shall be for a period of three (3) years.

A precis penned by your nominee must be included with the nomination.

MNZ SERVICE AWARD

Does your Association have members whom they would like to recommend to the MNZ Board for consideration for an MNZ SERVICE AWARD as per ROP A23?

Due to Covid 19 and the unknown timeframe of Alert Level 4 the deadline date for receiving Remits, General Business items, Nominations and recommendations for Service Awards will be advised when a date and venue is confirmed, and the Notice of the Meeting is circulated. This does not prohibit Associations from forwarding any that have already been endorsed at an Association Meeting.

INFORMATION FROM MNZ PRESIDENT

In the middle of last month, I informed the MNZ Board and Chief Executive Officer (with cc to the Technical Working Party) that I had decided not to stay on as MNZ President for the fourth year (2020/21) of my second term. I was first elected to the position for a three year term at the MNZ Annual Meeting June 2014 in Invercargill and when re-elected in June 2017 I indicated to the Annual Meeting that it would be unlikely that I would remain in the position for a four further years, that being the new tenure for the position.

I expressed to the Board last month that I wanted to maintain transparency and an application of democracy in the process of a change of President. These were principles that I have been keen to maintain through any position that I have held in Marching since first joining the New Zealand Marching Association (forerunner to Marching New Zealand) in January 1957. I am keen to step aside as MNZ President soon and allow the process of nominations by Associations and election at an Annual Meeting of Associations, Board and Life Members to take place. As the membership will be well aware, events of a global nature that are affecting every corner and person of our fine country do not allow Notice of the 2020 MNZ Annual Meeting to come into play just at the moment.

I have discussed options in the past few days with our CEO Diane, and the path that we see best to apply is for me to indicate to the Board that I will happily step aside from the role on 30th June 2020. Given the powers available to the Board, this will allow the Board to appoint a Member to step into the role in a caretaker capacity. Then when determinations from Government allow, this will enable our CEO to circulate the Notice of Annual Meeting, which will be followed by Associations nominating, and an election of a person to go forward for four years as President. This to apply from the 2020 MNZ Annual Meeting, hopefully later this calendar year. That procedure will maintain the democratic approach and show transparency.

John H Lloyd

Temporary Suspension on Gaming Funds

With the country moving to Covid-19 Alert Level 4, all public bars have closed for the following four weeks. This impacts funds for gaming as all gaming machines are located in public bars (other than those in casinos or clubs, from which funds are not distributed). As Gaming Societies are not collecting revenue, they are not in a position to distribute funds. They are not allowed to carry reserves. As such, gaming societies have suspended all applications for funds. If you have an application that was being processed from the previous funding round, or have received funds for an event that is no longer taking place, you should contact the Gaming Society, who like you, will be operating from home. They will be empathetic and pragmatic with their response given the unusual circumstances.

If Alert Level 4 is lifted in four weeks and public bars are allowed to open, it will be a further month until funds will be available, as it will take a month for sufficient funds to be collected. While the Gaming Societies will have a real appetite to get back to normal and resume funding at good levels, there may be uncertainty in which venues are allowed to resume operations. As such, it is likely that levels of funding will not return to previous levels, at least in the short term. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available to us.

AND

Lotteries information

Both the Lottery Community Facility and Lottery Significant Project Funding rounds are going ahead as scheduled. Responses to applications are due by 20 April and the Lottery Grants Board Committee decision meetings are on 27 and 28 May respectively. Funding allocations to Lottery Committees can be impacted if total revenues from Lotto sales decline. At this stage, Lotto NZ believes revenue projections for 2019/20 will be met but we will be advised if this situation changes and lottery committee funding is impacted.

NZ MARCHING CHAMPIONSHIP

2021 in Dunedin @ More FM Arena

2022 in ??????? @

Associations are invited to make application to host the 2022 NZ Marching Championships as outlined in Rule of Participation NZC1-2. All applications are to each the CEO no later than 30th June 2020.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DEADLINE DATE

STAY SAFE IN YOUR BUBBLE

