

Constitution of the Tawa Scottish Country Dance Club

1. **Name:** The name of the Club shall be "Tawa Scottish Country Dance Club".
2. **Objectives:** The objectives of the Club shall be:
 - To teach and dance Scottish Country Dances as authorised by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.
 - To be a member club of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Incorporated, and to abide by the rules of that Branch insofar as they affect individual clubs.
 - To welcome Scottish Country dancers from other clubs and co-operate with other organisations having similar interests.
3. **Membership:** Membership shall be open to all people. An annual subscription confirms membership to the Club for the dancing year (March – February). The Committee shall have the power to terminate the membership of any person, using written notice that offers the member an opportunity to respond.

4. General meetings:

Annual General Meeting:

- The AGM shall be held within 3 months of the end of the financial year.
- At least 3 weeks' notice of holding the AGM shall be given in written form.

At the AGM:

- the activities of the Club for the past and coming year shall be discussed
- the Committee shall be elected
- an independent auditor/reviewer of accounts shall be appointed
- the annual subscription and door charges shall be fixed

A Special General Meeting may be called by the secretary on the request of

- a simple majority of the Committee or
- not less than 30% of the Club members

At least 3 weeks' notice of holding the SGM must be given in written form.

Any request for a SGM must include a written description of the business to be discussed.

Voting:

- Voting shall be confined to members only, including life members.
- Forty percent of members shall form a quorum.
- If there is an equality of votes, the chairperson shall have a casting vote.

Proxy voting: Any member may appoint, in written form, any other member to vote on their behalf at any General Meeting.

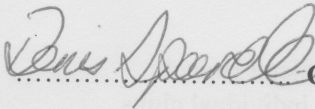
5. **Committee:** The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee elected at the AGM. This Committee shall be made up of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and not less than two or more than four Committee members, all of whom shall hold office for one year, and shall be eligible for re-election at the end of that time. The teacher shall be appointed by the Committee and shall be an ex-officio Committee member.
6. **Finance:** The financial year shall end on 31 August. The Club shall operate an internet bank account. The Treasurer shall have the authority to operate this account. At least one of the President and/or Secretary shall have access to view the account at any time. All payments are to be authorised by the committee.
7. **Disposition of Property:** In the event of the Club ceasing to function, any assets shall be distributed at the discretion of the remaining active members of the Club to not-for-profit organisations with similar objectives.

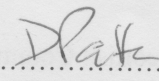
8. Alteration(s) to the Constitution: The Constitution may only be altered at a General Meeting.

Written notice of motion shall be given to the Secretary at least 3 weeks before the meeting at which the proposed alteration(s) will be submitted.

Alterations to the Constitution will be adopted with a 66% or higher vote in favour of the proposal.

Adopted by Tawa Scottish Country Dance Club at a Special General Meeting held on 18/6/2026

 Chairperson

 - Secretary