



Elaine Lethbridge

Elaine's passion for young dancers began with the children's class at The Island Bay Club. Following the closure of this class, Elaine started the Newtown Juniors. She has had some outstanding successes with her students— a testament to getting the basics right and driving for continuous improvement.

Elaine has been the Region's Youth Coordinator for more than 20 years. To further the "dancing experience" of younger dancers, Elaine organised two of the country's JAM (Junior Associate Member) Camps (in 2009 and 2017).

These camps brought together young dancers from around the country. Remarkably, through her usual attention to the pennies, both JAM Camps made a small profit for the Region. Elaine also organised several dances as fund raisers to get Juniors to other JAM camps and has arranged additional training for dancers preparing for their JAM Medal tests.

Turning to Elaine's contribution to the dancing of adults within the Wellington Region, she has been:

- *Organiser of a Weekend School (at the Wellington School of Dance),*
- *On the committee for the 2007/8 Summer School held at Wellington College and the RSCDS 90th Anniversary Ball at Government House*
- *Coordinator for the Wellington Region's 60th Anniversary Book of dances and*
- *Responsible for the production of the Region's calendar of dancing events,*

Have you been to any of the dancing classes run by the Region? There is a much better than average chance that Elaine (and her husband Kevin) were pouring the tea or coffee and did the baking (at nominal cost to the Region).

Let us all raise our teacups and acknowledge the contribution Elaine Lethbridge has made to the Wellington Region!

Ann Oliver, President

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