



Désirée Patterson is one of those people the Region and the Branch has to thank for working behind the scenes to keep Scottish Country Dancing functioning in New Zealand.

Most notably, Désirée has been editor of the Region's Newsletter, *Harbour City Happenings*, since June 2014. This is the longest term after Carol Smith who began the newsletter.

Since 2019, Désirée has been the interface between the Region and the Branch through her editing of RSCDS NZ Branch Magazine and Branch newsletters. These tasks involve quite substantial editorial organisation and expertise. We all enjoy these newsy publications.

Whilst Désirée continues in these roles outside of the Region Committee, she also served on the Region Committee from 2011 until 2019, dealing with application forms, name tags, collecting monies, and dancing as gofer at Region classes; again heavily involved in the background.

Désirée served on the organising committee for the 2013 Region Day School. Within the Region, Désirée has been active and visible in generally helping with events, and at the club level has been secretary of two Region clubs.

We thank Désirée for her continued and sustained service.