

Membership Secretary's Report for Monaro Folk Society AGM 21st October 2021

As a result of the lockdown in the ACT and surrounding NSW postcodes, the MFS has not been able to hold it's usual activities since 12th August 2021.

On 30th June 2021 there were 216(198 last year) financial members plus 14 which are complimentary and generally are sent to other folk societies.

As at 7th October 2021, 136 (135 last year) members had renewed. This is 63% (68% last year) of those who were financial at 30th June. The average number of members over the past 5 years has been 163. Sadly 37% (24.5% average over the past 5 years) of our members have not renewed their memberships. This is probably due to concerns about Covid 19 with dances particularly, being potential transmission sites.

The breakdown of the figures shows single members 88 (89), couples 35 (35), families 3 (3)and remote memberships 7 (8).

As at 30th June 2021, 8% (2%) of members elected to receive their Musings as a hard copy. The remaining 92% (98%.) received the Musings via email. The higher % of hard copy recipients reflects the lower number of membership renewals rather than an increase in those requesting a hard copy which has remained static.

38% (50%) of members receive their membership cards as a pdf. Those who receive a hard copy card have increased to 61%(50%). This again reflects the low % of renewals, not an increase in hard copy requests.

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7th October 2021