

Membership Secretary Report for Monaro Folk Society AGM, 21 September 2017

The MFS currently has 140 memberships (123 financial; 17 complementary). Financial membership has decreased 16.89% since AGM time last year (from 148 to 123), following an 8.64% decrease in 2016 and a slight increase in 2015. There have been 11 new memberships since 1 April 2017 (there were 13 in the same period last year).

| Category | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Financial Members, September | 123 | 148 | 162 | 152 |
| Complementary Members, September | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Total members, September | 140 | 165 | 179 | 169 |
| New memberships (April-June subset) | 11 (5) | 13 (8) | 16 (5) | 15 (4) |

At the end of June 2017, there were 186 financial members. Of those, 54 still have to renew (29.03%) compared to 63 who hadn't renewed this time last year (30.00%), 44 in 2015 (21.46%) and 64 (32%) in 2014.

| Year | Members (June) | Non-renewed (Sept) | Percentage |
|------|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| 2017 | 186 | 54 | 29.03% |
| 2016 | 210 | 63 | 30.00% |
| 2015 | 205 | 44 | 21.46% |
| 2014 | 200 | 64 | 32.00% |

Members who hadn't renewed by end August were advised in the September *Musings* that they would not get further copies of *Musings* if they did not renew.

Of the current 122 memberships, 81 are single memberships, 37 are family memberships and 4 are remote memberships. In terms of payment, 60 members have paid through direct deposit option since 1 April 2017. For members paying through direct deposit, please remember to email the membership secretary. Otherwise a fair amount of detective work is required and we may miss your payment.

The breakdown between mail and electronic *Musings* distribution for 2017-18 members is 54% electronic 46% by mail. 2016 was the first year in which electronic delivery became a majority option.

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