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relating to NZMKS Festivals and National Presidents**

**FESTIVALS HELD:**

1973 RANGIORA  
 1974 GERALDINE  
 1975 PUTARURU  
 1976 INVERCARGILL  
 1977 STRATFORD  
 1978 BLENHEIM  
 1979 WANGANUI  
 1980 DUNEDIN  
 1981 MASTERTON  
 1982 CHRISTCHURCH  
 1983 HAMILTON  
 1984 TIMARU  
 1985 WELLINGTON  
 1986 ROTORUA  
 1987 INVERCARGILL  
 1988 NAPIER  
 1989 NEW PLYMOUTH  
 1990 DUNEDIN  
 1991 AUCKLAND  
 1992 PALMERSTON NORTH  
 1993 CHRISTCHURCH  
 1994 HAMILTON  
 1995 MASTERTON  
 1996 INVERCARGILL  
 1997 TAURANGA  
 1998 ASHBURTON  
 1999 HASTINGS  
 2000 AUCKLAND  
 2001 NELSON  
 2002 NEW PLYMOUTH  
 2003 PALMERSTON NORTH  
 2004 CHRISTCHURCH  
 2005 TAURAMUNUI  
 2006 INVERCARGILL  
 2007 PALMERSTON NORTH  
 2008 TAURANGA  
 2009 NELSON  
 2010 STRATFORD  
 2011 INVERCARGILL  
 2012 CHRISTCHURCH  
 2013 MT. MAUNGANUI  
 2014 PALMERSTON NORTH  
 2015 MOSGIEL  
 2016 HAMILTON

**NATIONAL PRESIDENTS:**

Carol Taylor (Interim)	1975-76
Sally Sandilands	1977-79
Daphne Frith	1980-82
Marion Roblin	1983-85
Shirley Anderson	1986-89
Lorraine Judd	1990-93
Alma Blaikie	1994-96
Kathleen Stewart	1997-98
Ann Cooper	1999-03
Janet Stuart	2003-07
Carol Watson	2008-10
Gaye Hall	2010-13
Jo Johnson	2013-16
Maureen Whale	2016-

**Additional notes by Shirley Anderson:**

The Festival in Rangiora in 1973 was organised by Carol Taylor. Tauranga agreed to do the 1974 Festival and pulled out three months before. Hence, the 1974 Festival was held in Geraldine and was organised by the Geraldine Machine Knitters' Club.

A National Society was talked about in the Licensing Trust at Geraldine. The Putaruru Festival was organised by a machine knitting club. The National Society was formed in Putaruru in 1975 so the 1976 Festival in Invercargill was probably the first festival held under the new National Society.

Carol Taylor was the first National President of the Society.