

REPORT ON THE JUNIOR NATIONALS 2025

The organising committee would like to thank the Executive and everyone who supported the 2025 Junior Nationals. We would particularly like to thank the executive, judges, DJs, MC , coaches, scrutineers, runners, dressmakers and everyone else who helped to make the event the success it was.

Past Junior Nationals were held in the large stadium at Te Rauparaha Arena but with the low numbers of competitors we opted to use the small stadium this time around. We feel that this was a good decision, and that the venue worked well and contributed to the great atmosphere.

We were only a small organising committee but were well supported by other club members over the weekend to help where needed. The Arena staff were particularly helpful, especially with set up and pack down. The club is very fortunate to have Sandra Fisher as a club member as she worked tirelessly on the hall decorations and organising the various meals for the officials, among other things such as coaching. The rest of the organising committee were very grateful for her sterling efforts.

At first there was some concern that we would make a loss due to the low competitors and thereby supporters. Fortunately, Cheryl Horo managed to obtain a grant of \$3,000 from the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust towards the hall hire and \$1,600 from the NZ Community Trust towards the videography costs giving us confidence that we would not end up in the red and could relax the budget somewhat.

We presold 131 all weekend tickets (47 kids and 84 adults), 35 Saturday only (10 kids and 25 adults) and 7 Sunday only (4kids and 3 adults). In addition, we presold 45 Friday only tickets at \$10 each (kids were free).

Over the weekend we sold a further 44 Friday tickets, 40 Public Seating tickets (at \$10 each, kids free), and took \$1,650 at the door. Additional income came from raffles, sale of badges, sale of caps and sausage sizzles.

Our total income was \$25,298.50, including the two grants mentioned above. Expenses were \$13,726.54 plus the National Association levy of \$3,650 resulting in a nett profit of \$7,951.96 - a very pleasant surprise.

One of the biggest costs of hosting the National is the videography. Due to the small number of DVDs/USBs sold in past Nationals (both Senior and Junior) we elected not to spend the considerable additional cost in getting these put together. Instead, the whole event was live streamed and able to be downloaded for free. We would like to thank Craig Bain for his work in this regard and his generous discount as a club member.

<https://vimeo.com/withloveweremember/2025juniorrocknrollnationals> If anyone would like specific areas to be downloaded onto a USB, Craig will do this for a fee.

Rule 1.states *'Club/s hosting National Championships are required by the Association to make a DVD of all competition categories and presentations, including all the dancing in all the heats, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of the event to be available for purchase at a reasonable cost to associated clubs'*. Given technology has moved on and DVDs are outmoded, Kapi Mana suggests Rule book A - Section 1.10 needs to be reviewed and amended at the 2025 AGM. It is worth noting that not one club has approached us about purchasing a recording of the event.

We wish the Wellington club all the best in hosting the joint Junior/Senior competition in 2026.