

## **NATIONAL REPORTS**

### **NZARRA Senior Nationals 2025 Report - Tauranga**

Tauranga Rock 'n' Roll Club would like to applaud every club, supporter, and dancer who helped make the 2025 Senior Nationals, held at Rotorua's Sports dome, a hugely successful event. You all came in numbers, proudly wearing your club colours, and your voices were certainly heard.

The event opened with a welcoming powhiri from Kim, which set the tone for what would be a fantastic weekend of Rock 'n' Roll. This was followed by a wonderful performance of the National Anthem by Kapi Manas Emma Pine, a moment that was both special and memorable for everyone in attendance.

Holding the event in a different city, an hour's drive from Tauranga, did present some challenges. However, the venue staff and our subcommittee of six worked extremely hard to ensure the event ran seamlessly. Over the entire weekend we had a crew of only 15 volunteers, half of whom were also competing on the Nationals dance floor themselves. That was a huge task to ask, and their dedication and commitment deserve special recognition. We knew the venue would work well, as both the Junior Nationals in 1993 and the Senior Nationals in 2003 were previously held there. The dance floor was excellent, and the tiered seating provided fantastic viewing for the audience.

For those who were unable to attend, the live stream was outstanding, attracting over 7,000 views from around the world — simply incredible.

We were also grateful to receive funding support from the following organisations:

# NZCT

# Rotorua Trust

Working alongside the NZARRA Executive, the MC, and the DJs helped create a fresh and exciting atmosphere. Music played during the announcements and the use of a single exit tunnel for all dancers helped bring together the entire Rock 'n' Roll community and added to the energy of the event.

Tauranga Rock 'n' Roll Club is extremely proud to have hosted such a successful Nationals and thanks everyone who contributed to making the weekend one to remember.

Tauranga Rock N Roll Club.

### **Combined Nationals 2026 Progress Report – Wellington**

Progress on the 2026 combined nationals hosted by Wellington Rock and Roll Revival club is well underway. We had to quickly pivot after losing our original Walter Nash Stadium booking to another event and have confirmed the Multipurpose sports hub at St Pat's Silverstream college as the venue.

St Pats Silverstream provides great facilities and dance floor. It does come with a few challenges, and we have been fully transparent with the executive around finding solutions when it comes to marshalling and practice areas. We have pull out tiered seating for

201 people and the balance will be made up of seated floor plan positioned around the perimeter of the dance floor.

We have made it clear in all communication that this event will be sold out, we will not have door sales or public viewing. It is also alcohol, smoke and vape free event.

The first newsletter has been released, ticket order forms have been sent out to all club secretaries.

- Craig Bain will video and livestream the event. Craig has also provided us with some promo content that we will be sharing in the coming months.
- Karen Reder and Shaun Birchall have been confirmed as the DJ's.
- Motorhomes must be self-contained and we have an area set aside for them. We have had 4 confirmed enquiries.
- We have a few vendors confirmed for the event – Lets Jive, Retro & Craft, Taylormade.
- Badge design – completed for competitors and non-competitors – order qty wip
- Programme design – completed – order qty wip
- Tickets design – completed – order qty wip

We are not relying on grants to fund this event and have budgeted to make a profit on ticket sales of 600.

I'll be at AGM to answer any queries, look forward to catching up with you all.

Viv Babbington

Wellington Rock and Roll Revival Club