



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



December 2025 Newsletter

From your Executive,

As we approach the end of the year, the Executive would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank all our clubs for the hard work and dedication you've shown in building and growing rock'n'roll throughout 2025.

This has been a productive and forward-moving year. Our Promo Group generated valuable discussion on a range of exciting topics, our new Constitution was finalised, and significant progress was made in bringing our Junior and Senior Nationals together. Warm congratulations to Wellington, who will be hosting our first Combined Championship - we look forward to supporting you and working together to make it a success.



Senior Nationals 2025

We would like to congratulate all Senior National winners and placegetters — you all danced beautifully.

A special thank you to the Tauranga Rock'n'Roll Club for hosting. It was wonderful to see such a large, vibrant crowd proudly representing their club colours and showcasing excellent competition dancing throughout the weekend.

A huge thank you to MC Dan. As always, you create a unique atmosphere and bring a passion that brings everyone together. Your creativity — including stepping away from tradition and engaging with the crowd on the floor — was truly appreciated by both dancers and supporters.

Thank you as well to our Officials, who generously give their time and expertise to ensure a full and smoothly run competition programme. We simply could not do this without you.

We also extend our gratitude to those who sponsored medals at the recent Senior Nationals — you all ROCK!

It is always heartwarming to receive such kind feedback from those who attend Nationals, whether in person or online. We look forward to doing it all again next year.

Well done, everyone! 🎉

Post Senior Nationals 2025

Competition results can be found on the Association website, under the 'Past Nationals' tab.

Trophies

Clubs - please make sure that trophies won by your members are engraved EARLY and note who is holding them. This makes them easy to locate and will be ready when they are recalled next year.

Please note; we have received broken trophies and advised of a lost trophy - so please look after them while they are in your care. Clubs kindly donate and expect them to be looked after and most importantly this is our competition history. Please treasure them.

There are a couple of new trophies that have been replaced. Please make sure they are not cleaned as this will tarnish the metal.

Scrutineer/Judges Sheets

The Scrutineers' sheets are now up on the website under the Championship Senior Nationals 2025.

If clubs would like a full set of the judges sheets, they will need to place their order by email to the Association Secretary. The cost of the full set is \$40.

Any correspondence regarding the recent 2025 Senior Nationals, should be forwarded to secretary@rocknroll.org.nz

JUDGES

Congratulations to Jared Pivott and Talieya Zainey who have completed their Association Judge requirements and will now move up to Nationals Association Judge status.

We also warmly welcome back Stacey Grootjans as an Association Judge.

Judge Retirement

The Association would also like to acknowledge the retirement of two of our Senior National Judges Bryan Wales and Colleen Reece.



After a 36 year judging career that began in 1989, Colleen Reece has stepped back from her role as an NZARRA judge. She has judged a multitude of competitions at local and national level, has mentored many new judges, and been an active participant in the discussions over the years that have seen judging criteria and rule books continue to evolve. She is an accomplished dancer and has been an active competitor in her time, dancing in couples, triples and teams sections. When Christchurch Rock and Roll Club celebrated its 40th birthday in 2024, Colleen was one of four members whose continuous membership throughout that 40 years was the subject of special acknowledgement. She's no stranger to the practice of commitment. Thank you, Colleen, for your enormous contribution to our sport and our community. We know that you will continue to be involved.



Bryan retired prior to the Senior National Championship in October, he joined the Whakatane Rock N Roll Club in 1984, danced his first National competition in 1998 and has been a big part of our Judging Fraternity since 2011. Always ready to support and encourage Bryan shared his wisdom and skills with us all over the years and he will be missed on the judging floor. Bryan, we hope to see you on the sideline at the club competitions and future Nationals.

From us all we thank you for your service to our sport and wish both Colleen and Bryan all the very best for your retirement.

Judges Combined Workshop

On Saturday, the 15th November 29 Judges from all around the country arrived in Wellington for the Bi-Annual Judges workshop.

It was a day full of discussion, networking, ideas especially surrounding the upcoming Combined National Championship and loads of fun and laughter.

Despite starting earlier than planned and staying an hour later, we only just made it through the 14 Agenda items – we did break in the afternoon into 4 smaller working groups but again time was the issue. I look forward to formulating the suggestions which included changes to the Judges Values, Rule Book B and several remits (Rule Book A) will also be needed to cover the suggested, discussed and agreed updates by judges on the day

A special thanks to Kapi Mana for a fabulous morning tea and lunch.

Nominations for Head Judge

Nominations close 23 April 2026.

Nomination forms can be found on the Association website under the judges tab.

2026 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 23 May, 2026

Held at Strathmore Park Community Centre, Te Tuhunga Rau. 108 Strathmore Avenue, Strathmore Park, Wellington.

- Remits due by 23 March, 2026.
- Executive Nominations due by 23 April, 2026
- Delegate names are required before 1 May 2026.

Please email Remits and Nominations to our Association Secretary. You can find forms on our Association website under the forms tab.

More information will be advised closer to the time, please keep an eye out for this via our email, facebook or website.

2026 Combined Championship Nationals

23 - 25 October 2026

Hosted by Wellington Rock'n'Roll Club.

Venue: St Patricks College, Silverstream, Wellington

- Competition starts FRIDAY EVENING at 6pm with Novice sections for BOTH Junior and Senior competitors.
- Accommodation - start making enquiries as they are starting to book up fast.

- Triples entry fee - cost has changed back to \$75.

TOP CLUB Junior Nationals 2026

Rocking Robin Bobby Day 173 bps 2.39 mins

TOP CLUB Senior Nationals 2026

Love Potion Number 9 The Clovers 129bpm 1.52mins

SENIOR TEAM Senior Nationals 2026

Saturday Night at the Movies Drifters 134bpm 2.26mins

NOVELTIES

The Executive are really happy to see that Noveltyies are making a comeback however we feel it appropriate to remind clubs of Rulebook A 4.2 *"Novelty entry forms will state the requirements that the act be of a standard suitable for family viewing"*.

With the combining of Junior and Senior Nationals we want to remind clubs to please adhere to the Rulebook and keep the skits family friendly. Thank you!

TROPHIES

Please return trophies won at Kapi Mana Junior Nationals 2025, engraved and polished to:

NZARRA - C / O: Theresa Cummack

20 Hollis Road, Paraparaumu Beach 5032, Paraparaumu before 31 March 2026.

Please remember that trophies are to be securely wrapped and packaged to prevent damage in transit and to please use a track and trace courier. Once sent, please advise our Association Secretary so we know to expect them.

Senior National Trophies are required to be sent back to the same above address **before 31 August 2026.**

For more information please refer to the National Championship Page under 2026 Combined Championship.

2027 Combined Championship

Hosted by Kapi Mana Rock 'n' Roll Club

26 - 28 March 2027

All Team songs will be advised late February 2026

Promotion Group

Planning is underway for next year and what topics are front of mind for clubs.

This year's topics included judges and their guidelines, this was well received. Thanks to all those involved for your time to help support and foster rock'n'roll.

Next meeting dates in 2026 will be advised.

If interested or have topic ideas please email Malcolm Mazur at treasurer@rocknroll.org.nz

National Playlist - New songs

We are inviting clubs to provide new songs for the National playlist. If you have songs you would like to put forward, please submit them through your club secretary.

Clubs, please check the songs before sending them through to the Association Secretary for consideration.

Please adhere to the below:

- Max of 10 songs per club
- BPM and time of the song and the original artist and year.
- Refer to Section 5.4 (b), (c) and (d) and Book B Section 4 Music Criteria & Selection
- Club committees have vetted the songs before sending to the Association

NZARRA Social Media

Keep an eye on Facebook and Instagram for the latest information and share on your club newsletter or facebook page.

Our newsletter is also available on the Association website.

Kind regards,



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Secretary NZARRA Inc



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