

New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



February 2023 Newsletter

Happy New Year Rockers!

We are finally back into the swing of things and looking forward to what is coming up this year.

Things to look forward to....we have our upcoming Junior and Senior Championships, our AGM which is to be held as a physical meeting for the first time in 4 years! Continuation of the Promotion group, and the newly budding Music group. All exciting stuff ahead!

Junior Nationals 2023

To be held on Easter weekend, 7th - 9th April 2023 hosted by Drifters Rock'n'Roll Club.

Venue: Fraser High School Gymnasium Complex on Ellicott road, Hamilton.

Announcement:

As you are aware, Rob Connor has been our long standing MC since Senior Nationals 2008! However, Rob has decided that this upcoming Junior Nationals will be his last.

We would like to thank Rob for his time in this crucial and challenging role, he brought not only alot of expertise but alot of cheeky fun which we all enjoyed and will miss. We wish him all the best.

So, we would love for everyone to not only come along and support our Junior competitors but to also come along and show Rob our appreciation and love for his time as MC and give him the best last hoorah!

For more information, please see either the NZARRA Association website or Drifters website.

Junior National Trophies

Please return any trophies that have not been sent from the 2021 Junior Nationals, engraved and polished, by Sunday 19th February 2023.

Please courier to The Secretary at 23 Shannon Place, Nawton Hamilton 3200.

Please also remember that trophies are to be securely wrapped and packaged to prevent damage in transit. Sending the track and trace courier details to our Association secretary.

2023 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 27th May 2023

The upcoming AGM is a physical meeting to be held at the Brentwood Hotel, 16 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie Wellington.

Remits are due 30th March 2023.

Executive Nominations due 28th April 2023. If you are interested in being a part of the Executive committee, please see our website for role descriptions.

Please email Remits, General Business items and Executive Nominations to our Association Secretary at secretary@rocknroll.org.nz

Senior Nationals 2023

To be held Labour weekend, 20th - 22nd October, 2023 hosted by City of Sails Rock N Roll Revival Club.

Venue: Auckland Netball Centre, 7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St Johns near Mt Wellington. Auckland 1072

For more information, please see the NZARRA Association website.

Judges Update

We have to sadly announce that Robert Rophia has resigned as a National Association Judge.

Robert has been part of the backbone of our National Rock'n'Roll community for more than 30 years. A champion for holding onto our Rock'n'Roll ideals and a quiet leader amongst the judges. We will miss his humour and steadfast professionalism at our judges table. Haere ra e hoa, nga mihi nui.



<u>Nomination for Head Judge</u> Head Judge nominations are due before 27th April 2023 (30 days prior to the AGM).

Nominations are accepted from National Association Judges, Association Judges and by the Association Executive committee only.

Nomination announcement and the Head Judge election will commence 28th April 2023, this will run for 10 days.

Nomination forms can be found on the Association website or please click here.

Judges Panel confirmed for Junior Nationals 2023: Tyree Connor - Head Judge Dianne Halstead Jeanette Greaves Karen Birch Murray Dillon Noreen Dillon Robin Sutton Sue Campbell Terry Neil Glen Houlihan - Armchair Jessie Stevens - Armchair Danka Drengubiak - Armchair

Music Sub-Committee

We are currently looking into dates that suit to meet and discuss music over the next couple of months. For those who have put their name forward please keep an eye out on your emails.

If you are interested in being involved, it is not too late to email your name to our Association Secretary. More the merrier!

Promotion Group

The Executive would like to thank you for your time last year, meeting as a group discussing a variety of topics around RocknRoll and keeping it alive.

We are looking to start back up soon and want to welcome back clubs who attended last year and extend a warm welcome to those yet to attend.

Please note, the date is yet to be confirmed as we are in the process of organising an online 'Teams' for the Association so once we have this in place, we will be able to organise a date for our first catch up.

If you are interested in being involved, please let us know and we will be in touch soon.

2024 National Host Clubs

Junior Nationals 29th - 31st March 2024 Hosted by Invercargill Rock 'n' Roll Club Senior Nationals 25th - 27th October 2024 Hosted by Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club

NZARRA Facebook

Are you aware that the Association has a facebook page?! If not go have a look, give it a like and keep an eye on there for the latest information and share on your club newsletter or facebook page.

Please let your club members know that this newsletter is also available on the Association website.

Kind regards,

Neva Zainey Secretary NZARRA Inc

