



# New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



## February 2024 Newsletter

Happy New Year Rockers!  
We are back and looking forward to what is coming up this year.

### **Junior Nationals 2024**

To be held on Easter weekend, 29<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>th</sup> March 2024 hosted by Invercargill Rock'n'Roll Club.  
Venue: ILT Stadium Southland, Surrey Park Road, Invercargill.

### **Junior National Trophies**

Please return any trophies that have not been sent from the 2023 Junior Nationals, engraved and polished, by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Please courier to NZARRA

C/O: S Macfarlane 19 Robertson Street, Richmond Invercargill 9810 before 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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

### **2024 Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024

The upcoming AGM is a physical meeting to be held at the Strathmore Park Community Centre, Te Tuhunga Rau. 108 Strathmore Avenue, Strathmore Park, Wellington.

Remits are due 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Please email Remits, General Business items and Executive Nominations to our Association Secretary at [secretary@rocknroll.org.nz](mailto:secretary@rocknroll.org.nz)

Executive Nominations due 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. If you are interested in being a part of the Executive committee, please see our website for role descriptions.

### **Book B - Reimbursements 3.5**

Due to the rise in costs to attend as officials at nationals, we have decided to change the amount for reimbursements you can claim when you officiate at either the Junior or Senior Nationals. If you travel by car it will be .50cents per km. Meal allowance for officials are now \$80 for the weekend.

### **Special General Meeting**

Update our Constitution to come into line with the Incorporated Societies changes.

This was held last weekend on the 11 February 2024 with 14 clubs in attendance.

A lot of ideas and discussion was had and we came away with a working group to help finalise the Constitution changes.

The minutes from this meeting are being prepared and will be sent out to your club secretaries shortly.

## **Senior Nationals 2024**

To be held Labour weekend, 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 hosted by Christchurch Rock'n'Roll Club.

Venue: Lincoln Event Centre, Christchurch.

### **Your Top Club Song**

Choo Choo Ch Boogie by Bill Haley 163 bpm 2.28 minutes

### **Senior Team Song**

Footsteps by Steve Lawrence 143 bpm 2.10 minutes

For more information, please see the NZARRA Association website.

## **Judges Update**

We have to sadly announce that Stacey Grootjans has resigned as a National Association Judge.

The Executive would like to thank Stacy for his dedication to his judging, his sense of humor and his dancing skills. We hope that we see him back out on the dance floor and/or return to judging.

### **Nominations for Head Judge**

Head Judge nominations are due before 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 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 2024:**

Dianne Halstead - Head Judge

Brenda Neill

Chloe Lowe

Glen Houlihan

Karen Birch

Leila Maaka

Robin Sutton

Malcolm Mazur - Armchair

Marcia Campbell - Armchair

### **Judges Workshops**

18 February Dunedin - Community Centre 10am

24 February Wellington - Northland Memorial Community Centre 10am

2 March Cambridge - Hautapu Hall 10am

## **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 Brenda Neill at [brendaneill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brendaneill@xtra.co.nz).

## **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.

On the 21st of January, clubs met and discussed how clubs retain people and what they are doing to retain our long time members. Clubs came away having some really good discussions.

If you are interested in being involved, please email Malcolm at [treasurer@rocknroll.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@rocknroll.org.nz)

## **2025 National Host Clubs**

Junior Nationals 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Hosted by Kapi Mana Rock 'n' Roll Club

Senior Nationals 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Hosted by Tauranga 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.



**GO TO NZARRA FACEBOOK PAGE AND  
GIVE US A LIKE TO KEEP UP TO DATE  
WITH EVENTS AND NEWS.**

**OUR WEB PAGE HAS EVENTS,  
NEWSLETTERS AND IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION - WORTH THE VISIT.**