



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



JULY 2022 Newsletter

Dear Club Secretaries,

The Executive Committee hopes everyone is enjoying being able to get back into their club nights, hops, events and training for our upcoming Nationals. We look forward to seeing you all out on the dance floor at Labour weekend!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to unforeseen circumstances Invercargill are unable to host 2024 Senior Nationals as planned. After discussion and agreement with the Executive, Christchurch, who were scheduled to host 2024 Junior Nationals, will now host the 2024 Senior Nationals, and Invercargill will host the 2024 Junior Nationals as per below:

2024 Nationals Host Clubs

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

UPCOMING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Nationals 2022

21st - 23rd October, 2022

Hosted by River Rockers Whanganui

Venue: The Wanganui Community Sports Centre, 22 London Street, Whanganui.

- \$100 Early Bird all weekend pass closes 23 September 2022
 - \$120 from 24 September 2022
 - \$10 Badges
- Ticket order forms will be emailed to all club secretaries and/or you can phone or email our secretary Koren 022 692 6610 at riverrockerswhanganui@gmail.com or Donna Burns 021 060 9974
- **The closing date for competitor entries is Wednesday 31st August, 2022.**
 - **Entry forms** are available on the Association website
- No assessments required to enter
- Fees for Senior Nationals entries are \$50.00 for Couples and \$75.00 for Triples and Teams
- Completed Entries are to be emailed to secretary@rocknroll.org.nz with confirmation of payment to the Association bank account: **03 1534 0002945 00**
- **Please return all trophies** won at Christchurch Senior Nationals 2019, engraved and polished to:
Yolanda Van Dorrestein, 46 Lyndfield Lane, Newlands, Wellington, 6037 by 18th September, 2022

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.
- **Team Managers**
Could clubs please email your Team Manager's name and contact information to the Secretary@rocknroll.org.nz by the 2nd October, 2022

Hopefully this far out there will be no impact on your clubs plans to participate and attend Nationals, however the Executive Committee apologise in advance if there is.

2023 Junior Nationals

7th - 9th April, 2023

Hosted by Drifters Rock 'n' Roll Club.

Venue: Fraser High School Gymnasium, 72 Ellicott Street, Hamiton

2023 Senior Nationals

20th - 22rd 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

More information regarding these Nationals will be available on the Association website in due course.

Clubs are reminded to confirm their accommodation as soon as possible and refer to the website for any updated information regarding the appropriate Nationals.

AFFILIATION FEES FOR THE 2022/2023 YEAR

Affiliation Levies and First AGM Delegate Registration Fees, which normally are due by the 1st August at a cost of \$300, will this year be waived, there will also be no invoices emailed out.

The Annual Membership Fees will remain in place, due in one month after the club's balance date.

Please note

The Executive will assume a club has chosen to reaffiliate unless we have heard otherwise by the 1st August, 2022.

2023 AGM

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on the 27th May, 2023.

Whether it will be by Zoom or a physical meeting, that will be confirmed at a later date. Notifications will be sent out to your Club Secretaries, and will also be updated on the Association website and facebook page once we have made those decisions.

MUSIC SUB-COMMITTEE

National Song List

At the recent AGM, a general business item brought by the Executive was to look at our music. In agreement with the AGM council and suggestions that were tabled were:

- To expand the type / range of music
- Remove the current date criteria
- Be able to use more modern covers of original songs and just more modern music

To do this the Executive is now calling for those interested in being part of a Music Sub-Committee to please notify the Association Secretary by 22nd August 2022.

The scope of the Sub-Committee at this time would be:

- To meet via zoom
- Vote in a chairperson and a secretary to keep minutes
- Formulate a report and send back to the Executive with their suggestions and advice on the current music and any changes they feel we could make

Once the report is received, the Executive will discuss and circulate to all clubs for comment, and then open up discussions with clubs via the club Promotional Group

We do hope that all clubs become involved in this project.

JUDGES

Special Announcement - Judges Resignations

Shane Taurima and Carolyn Rickard

Both incredible people of integrity and passion who have helped define and progress our judging capabilities over the last thirty years. Over the years they have judged nationals, provided direct feedback to dancers, coached and *back in the day* competed themselves.

Shane, as a past Head Judge, has continued to provide support to subsequent Head Judges and most recently provided valuable insight and feedback for recent AGM remits. His leadership over the past 15 years in particular has helped shape the judging criteria and judging expectations to what they are today.

Carolyn has been judging our dancers since the nineties with passion and expectations that supported our Rock'n'Roll Revival ideals and made sure we judges recognised top dancing. Dancing 'to the music' is something she encourages all dancers to strive for and she always rewarded it when she saw it.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to both as they continue on their own journeys. We wish them well and there will always be a home here if you wish to return.

PROMOTION GROUP

Clubs interested in being involved in the Promotion Group as discussed at the AGM and are not yet on that emailing list, please advise our Association Secretary with your club representatives name and contact details.

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. Please 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,



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