



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



28 June 2025

Dear Clubs,

As an Executive, we want to take a moment to acknowledge and thank all of you—our clubs, coaches, parents, and dancers—for the feedback and passion you've shared around the timing of Combined Nationals.

We've heard you.

We've listened carefully to the concerns, the suggestions, and the views from across the country. We understand the significance this decision holds for your planning, your club calendars, and most importantly—for your dancers.

As an Executive, our role is to look beyond individual needs and consider the big picture. It is human nature to advocate for what's best for ourselves and our immediate teams—we completely understand that. But as your Executive, we carry the responsibility of looking after everyone—both our juniors and our seniors.

The decision to combine Nationals was not made lightly. Nor was it driven purely by financial considerations. The more pressing reason—the one that weighed heaviest is our juniors. They are our future. Without a strong junior base, we will eventually have no seniors. We must protect, support, and prioritise the development of our younger dancers if we want our sport to continue to thrive in years to come.

We have been told clearly by junior clubs that holding Nationals on Labour Weekend risks losing our juniors. On the other hand, we've heard from senior clubs that Easter makes it difficult for seniors to train.

It's a tough situation, and we know we can't please everyone. But we can act in the best interests of all.

We also understand that changes to practice schedules and club championships will be needed, and yes—that brings disruption. But we are in a time when change is necessary if we want long-term survival. Doing things the way they've always been done is no longer sustainable.

We want to reassure you that every decision we make is grounded in one goal: to safeguard the future of our sport, for all national competitors and clubs across New Zealand. This includes difficult decisions like this one—where no perfect answer exists—but where our job is to lead with fairness, and care for everyone involved.

We are committed to continuing to work with you, to support all clubs through this transition, and to ensure the success of our combined Nationals.



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We, like yourselves are hoping this will be a temporary measure to be re-visited at the 2029 AGM

On behalf of your Executive Team; Theresa, Justin, Neva, Karen and Malcolm

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neva Zainey', with a long, sweeping underline.

Neva Zainey  
Secretary  
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