

# NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR ROCK 'N' ROLL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## Annual General Meeting 2019

### President's Report

It is with pleasure that I present the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Report to the members of the NZ Amateur Rock 'n' Roll Association Incorporated.

I thank all my fellow executive members for their hard work this year and especially for their support over the last few months when I was out of action. This year saw no changes to the Executive team. Karen has carried out her role as vice president in her own inimitable way and our schedules and those of travelling judges are very finely tuned. Yolanda controls our finances extremely tightly and has her finger absolutely on the pulse. Colleen works hard to ensure that the welfare and support of our judges is paramount.

This year also marks the 18<sup>th</sup> year of service Brenda has given to the Executive - one as vice president, one as president and 16 as secretary. Sadly for us, she has decided that she wishes to relinquish her secretarial role. We have benefitted immeasurably from Brenda's knowledge and experience, not just to what she brings to our meetings, the judging panel or the floor manager's role, but particularly to the systems she has developed for the smooth running of our national championships and our organisation. We wish you well in your 'retirement' Brenda and hope that you and Dennis will enjoy your new home and further extend your travels.

This year we held four meetings - two in Christchurch, one before the Seniors in Wellington and another before the Juniors in Invercargill. Thanks to Brenda for hosting the Christchurch meetings. Technology assists us to keep in touch and reach consensus on decisions the rest of the time and we are thankful for that.

We now have 35 member clubs in the Association, with the addition this year of Happy Dayz from Auckland. From these clubs we currently have 30 National Association Judges, three Association Judges and 24 Trainee Judges. Colleen has conducted meetings with judges before each Nationals and in the regions, as well as ZOOM conference meetings. These meetings offer judges the opportunity to discuss issues and constantly be improving their skills.

The last two Nationals were held in Wellington and Invercargill and hosted by Wellington and Invercargill clubs. At the Friday night function of the Wellington Nationals we shared in the celebration of Wellington club's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and the team worked hard to make that a night and a weekend to remember. The recent Invercargill Juniors were a triumph for the club and their chosen venue. Thanks to both these clubs for agreeing to hold the events and being superb hosts. Numbers of entries were gratifying. At Seniors, three heats were necessary in six sections, while at the Juniors four heats were required in two sections. It was great to once more have Trev James as MC at the Seniors and Rob Connor at the Juniors. Rob again excelled at involving not only all those on the lower level, but the public gallery as well, in his direction of YMCA. The ability of MCs to create atmosphere is a plus for an event. Most Supportive Club was vigorously contested as teams supported their dancers, as well as those from other clubs, all adding to the hype in the hall.

During the year, as is expected with an organisation the age of ours, we have lost a number of our members. We send our sympathy to you all and know that rock 'n' roll in this country would not be in such good heart without the input and skills of these early dancers who are no longer with us.

I wish you healthy constructive debate today and I move the adoption of my report.

Nola Calvert  
President