

President's Report

43rd Annual General Meeting – May 2026 New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association

It is my pleasure to present the 43rd Annual Report to the members of the New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association.

The past year has been both busy and, at times, demanding for the Executive. We have encountered a number of challenges; however, through strong collaboration and teamwork, we have made meaningful progress on several key matters. I am proud to work alongside such a dedicated and capable group of individuals.

Following the 2025 Annual General Meeting, it was necessary to convene two Special General Meetings (SGMs), both of which required significant time and commitment from the Executive. One of our major achievements during this period has been the submission of the new constitution to the Incorporated Societies. This has been a detailed and, at times, complex process. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Neva for her outstanding work in managing the minutes and associated correspondence. Her diligence and attention to detail have been invaluable.

The second SGM addressed the scheduling of future combined National Competitions. This meeting was essential in establishing consistency for competition dates, particularly as this matter had not been raised at the previous AGM as clubs had not been aware it would require consideration and felt it needed to be taken back to their clubs.

With the administrative demands of these matters now largely behind us, we are well positioned to refocus on the aspects of our Association that bring us the greatest enjoyment—particularly our competitions. We are looking forward to the upcoming National Competition in October, which will be the first combined Nationals, hosted by the Wellington Rock 'n' Roll Club. We have already held several constructive meetings with the host club and are confident this will be another outstanding and enjoyable event.

The **Senior Nationals in Rotorua**, hosted by the Tauranga Rock 'n' Roll Club, were a notable success. The atmosphere was vibrant, and it was encouraging to see strong support from clubs across the country. A particular highlight was the number of novice couples competing for the first time, which can only be positive for the future of our sport.

While it has felt unusual not to hold a Junior Nationals event over Easter Weekend, we are excited about the combined Junior and Senior at Labour Weekend. We encourage clubs to take this opportunity to continue developing junior dancers, with the goal of re-establishing separate competitions in the future. At present, participation numbers make it financially challenging to sustain two national events, with significant risk for both the Association and host clubs.

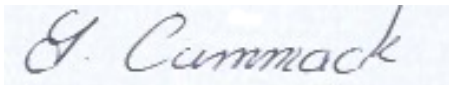
Our **Promotion Group** has met regularly throughout the year, with productive discussions and encouraging engagement from members via recordings shared on our Facebook page. We hope to see even greater participation from clubs in this forum going forward.

In addition, we have been reviewing and trialling new music for inclusion in the National Song List. Clubs have provided suggestions, and these have been circulated for feedback. Once responses are received, we will confirm any additions, with the intention of incorporating new selections into the October Nationals.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the exceptional commitment of the Executive Team. The time and energy contributed by each member are considerable, and it is through our team work that we continue to achieve positive outcomes for the Association.

Despite the challenges faced this year, we have remained positive by our shared passion for dance, the friendships we foster, and the strong sense of community that is our Association. It has been a privilege to serve in this role and to witness the continued support and friendliness among clubs nationwide.

I look forward to seeing you all in Wellington on 23 May 2026.

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NZARRA President

Theresa Cummack