

Head Judge Report update for Clubs and Dancers - from Colleen Ryan Feb 2017

My first official engagement was to host the Combined National Workshop in Wellington Saturday 9 July 2016. We had 34 judges attend and it was a positive day with good input and interaction from all participant's.

A Report was circulated to all Judges and some outcomes that came from the meeting and that I will be working on are as follows:

- 1) A Set of Values that all Judges stand for and abide by. This is a process that all judges have contributed to and has now been created and documented.
- 2) Profile of all Judges on the Website – consisting of a small photo and a brief overview of their details and a description of why they love rock n roll. This is still work in progress and may depend upon website functionality.
- 3) A set of Dress Guidelines to be created that can be uploaded to the website for dancers and judges alike. This process has been completed and these dress guidelines are available in PDF format on website for public viewing.
- 4) Going forward all judges felt there was a need to lessen the perception of separation that can exist between dancers and judges. The above strategies can assist bridging that gap while still retaining the standards and structure of our judging guidelines and community.

2018 Combined Judges National Workshop Date has been set to 7 July 2018.

A letter has been sent to retiring Judge Trish Haswell 16 July 2016 on behalf of the Association thanking her for her many years of expertise and judging and wishing her well in her retirement. Trish has dedicated many years to our Rock n Roll community and her passion, enthusiasm and input has been greatly valued.

New Trainee Application duly received and accepted from Ashleigh Wallace-Oversen of Gracelands August 2016 and Martin Anscombe of Wellington February 2017. Welcome to our new Trainee Judges.

2017 DATES for Workshops to be set in first quarter of 2017 for the 3 regions, Northland, Wellington and South Island.

Colleen Ryan
February 2017