



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



November 2024 Newsletter

Congratulations to all Senior National winners and placegetters. You all danced beautifully.

We especially want to acknowledge the number of Novelty entries this year. They were so creative and funny and helped end an amazing weekend.

Thanks to Christchurch Rock'n'Roll Club for hosting and to your organising committee for your decorations and acknowledgement to our past and present legends. It was great to see such a large crowd and awesome competition dancing over the weekend.

A huge thank you to MC Dan, for doing what you do best, bringing everyone together, creating such an awesome atmosphere and we look forward to seeing the newly introduced 'Mascot Races' coming back next year.

Thank you to all the Officials who give up their time and bring their expertise to help run a full programme of competition and social dancing. Literally we cannot do this without you all so thank you.

Lastly, thank you to the clubs who have financially donated towards National competitions and those who have sponsored medals and certificates at the recent Senior Nationals and for the upcoming Junior and Senior Nationals. You all ROCK!

We have received such really lovely comments from those who attended this year whether it is online or in person and we look forward to doing it all again next year.

Well done everyone!

Post Senior Nationals 2024

If you are not aware the competition results can be found on the Association website, under Past Nationals tab.

Clubs please make sure that trophies won by your members are engraved and note who is holding them. This makes them easy to locate and will be ready when they are recalled next year.

Please note; that there were a couple of new trophies that have been replaced. Please make sure they are not cleaned as this will tarnish the metal.

The Scrutineers' sheets are now up on the website. If clubs would like a full set of the judges sheets, they will need to place their order by email to the Association Secretary.
The cost of the full set is \$60.

DVD's of the event can be ordered directly through Rotorockers at [rotorockerproductions@gmail](mailto:rotorockerproductions@gmail.com) or www.rotorockerproductions.co.nz alternatively you can find them on their facebook page.

Any correspondence regarding the recent 2024 Senior Nationals, should be forwarded to secretary@rocknroll.org.nz

From our MC

Where do I start?

First of all thank you to the executive for another opportunity to MC at Senior Nationals.

Although I joke that it's not a job that anybody wants, it is still a privilege to be able to stand up there and be a part of each competitor's journey to the dance floor.

This year was no exception. The energy our dancers, supporters, friends and whanau brought to the venue was electric. The laughter, yelling, chocolates, cheering and noise was what it's all about.

It's hard to not list all the amazing things that I saw over the weekend, but it would be hard not to go past a fantastic Novice section, Brian and Lyn Cook achieving a 12 consecutive win, the show stopping Novelty from Invercargill, to name a few.

However, I would have to pick the way our Rock 'n' Roll community poured out their love and appreciation for RotoRockers - Jim, Jill and Robin - showed me why I keep saying yes to being MC. It was such an honour to help show them a small fraction of what they mean to us. The massive tunnels, the cheering, the spontaneous YMCA/Time Warp dance battle and final wave goodbye. A magical send off for a beautiful team.

As usual, too much to say haha. Thanks again to all of our dance community out there and I 'may' see you again at Nationals in 2025.

Aroha, Peace and Smiles.
Dan

Most Supportive Club

We have had some confusion around whether you can win this trophy back to back each year. To clarify, you can and we encourage it.

We want to see ALL clubs out there supporting, cheering and having an amazing time. Not only for their own club but for everyone - that even includes our SWEEPERS....

So the challenge goes out to clubs, for both Juniors and Seniors...

Get your pom poms ready, start practicing your chants, and get thinking on how your club can stand out from the rest!

With Rocking Robins who have won this twice now at Seniors - who is going to be the club to take that third win from them??!!

Judges

Congratulations to Talieya Zainey who has moved up to Association Judge status.

Judges selected for Junior Nationals 2025:

Dianne Halstead, Colleen Ryan, Craig Campbell, Sue Campbell, Danka Drengubiak, Jeff Alley, Judy Russell and Noreen Dillion.

Armchairs - Talieya Zainey and Jared Pivott

Nominations for Head Judge

Nominations close 24 April 2025.

Nomination forms can be found on the Association website under the judges tab.

Incorporated Society

An update on our Constitution

We are in the last stages of finalising the updated Constitution changes that are required by the Incorporated Society.

A huge thanks to Jan, Leeyan and Yolanda for working hard behind the scenes to get these rules right.

We will be in contact with your club secretaries when we are ready to move to the next stage.

2025 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 24 May, 2025

Next year's AGM is a physical meeting to be held at Strathmore Park Community Centre, Te Tuhunga Rau. 108 Strathmore Avenue, Strathmore Park, Wellington.

- Remits due by 25 March, 2025.
- Executive Nominations due by 24 April, 2025.

Please email Remits and Nominations to our Association Secretary. You can find forms on our Association website under the forms tab.

More information will be advised closer to the time, please keep an eye out for this via our email, facebook or website.

2025 Nationals

Junior Nationals

18 - 20 April 2025

Hosted by Kapi Mana Rock'n'Roll Club.

Venue: Te Ruaparaha Arena, Porirua

Team Top Club Song:

Kewpie Doll by Perry Como 140 BPM 2.31 Minutes

Trophies:

Please return all trophies won at Invercargill Junior Nationals 2024, engraved and polished to:

NZARRA - C / O: 6 Tombane Terrace, Papakowhai, Porirua, 5024 before 20 March 2025

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.

It would also be prudent to let our Association Secretary know that trophies have been sent, so we know to expect them.

For more information please refer to the National Championship Page under 2025 Juniors.

Senior Nationals

24 - 27 October, 2025

Hosted by Tauranga RocknRoll Club

Venue: Energy Events Centre in Rotorua (NOT held in Tauranga)

2026 National Host Clubs

Junior and Senior Nationals - Both to be hosted by Wellington Rock 'n' Roll Club

Junior National - 3 - 5 April, 2026

Senior Nationals 23 - 25 October, 2026

Sponsorship/Donations

If you would like to sponsor medals, trophies, old medal ribbons (in excellent condition) that we can reuse/recycle or even donate money towards the upcoming Junior or Senior Nationals please email secretary@rocknroll.org.nz for more information.

Promotion Group

This has been going really well this year with lots of awesome topics such as coaching, social media, Juniors with great passionate speakers such as Boy, Karl and our own executive members. Thank you for your time to help support and foster rock'n'roll.

The next meeting will be held in late January. If interested please email Malcolm Mazur at treasurer@rocknroll.org.nz

NZARRA Social Media

Keep an eye on Facebook and Instagram for the latest information and share on your club newsletter or facebook page.

Our newsletter is also available on the Association website.

Kind regards,



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