



# Newsletter

## May 2025

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<http://www.christchurchrocknroll.org.nz/>  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Christchurch-Rock-n-Roll-Club](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christchurch-Rock-n-Roll-Club)

**2025**

**May**

**26th** Club night live music with Ian Mac

**June**

**2nd** No club night, King's Birthday weekend

**9th** Learn a move. Club Night with Gordon

**16th** Learn a move. Simply Red Theme night with Brenda

**23rd** Learn a move. Club Night with DJ Shaun

**30th** Club night, live music with Gary Carter (Gazza)

**July**

**5th** 'Enhance the dance'.. special workshops with the inimitable Paul Thornley and Michelle. See details elsewhere. Note that these are open to ALL dancers, not just club members

**5th** Special post workshop dance for all dancers.

**7th** Show and tell workshop follow up

**14th** Learn a move

**21st** Learn a move

**28th** Club night live music with MYNT

# Annual membership

This is a friendly reminder that your annual membership was due on 1st April 2025. To ensure you continue receiving our newsletters and important updates, please renew your membership as soon as possible.

The annual membership fee is \$35 per person. Clubs only exist if they have members.

You can make a direct credit payment to the following bank account:

Christchurch Rock n Roll Club Inc  
Account Number: 02-0874-0296279-00

## August

**2nd Club Championships NOTE NEW DATE**

**4th** Beginners' lessons

**11th** Beginners' lessons

**18th** Beginners' lessons

**25th** Club night live music with Anthony

## September

**6th** Dance with The Coyotes

## October

**20th** Les Donaldson TBC

## November

**3rd** Beginners' lessons

**10th** Beginners' lessons

**17th** Beginners' lessons

**24th** Club night live music with Ian Mac

## December

**1st** Club Night with Gordon

**8th** Christmas Dance with Rockabella

# Club Championships - NEW DATE

**Saturday 2nd August....** Six more weeks to practice so what are you waiting for? All of the usual sections are available, and an 'All comers' section for non club members (Wut? Wut? There are people who aren't members? Come on in and join the fun). There will also be best dressed spectator awards, and the usual 'enter on the night' butcher's picnic event as well. And if you've participated in our awesome Paul Thornley workshops on 5th July, what better time to try out all of that awesome new stuff.

Entry forms available on a club night, or online.



**Christchurch Rock'n'Roll Club**



**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

## **“Enhance the Dance”**

A series of Rock'n'Roll dance workshops with  
Nationals Champion Paul Thornley,  
guest tutor from Whangarei



**Two sessions**

**10am – 1 pm – Advanced Techniques**

**This workshop is for experienced dancers, current competitors, and anyone even just thinking about competing.**

**2pm – 4.30pm – Floor Craft**

**An afternoon dedicated to bringing your social dancing alive, add the pizzaz and enhance your enjoyment every time you hit the floor.**

**Plus a Saturday Night hop with “Ian Mac”**

**The Nitty Gritty:**

**Cost: \$30 per person per session.**

**(Note that the Christchurch RnR club is subsidising the cost of this workshop.)**

**Registration forms will be available on our website soon**

**Attend one or both, these exciting workshops are open to all Rock'n'Roll dancers who want to add that little bit of excitement to their dancing. There is free entry to the hop for everyone attending one or both workshops**

**This Event will be at the Hornby Club, Carmen Road**

[www.christchurchrocknroll.org.nz](http://www.christchurchrocknroll.org.nz)

Here's a quick link to enrol for either or both of the workshops:

<https://forms.gle/J35ixxFLwoMwHQS16>

# Why Join Our Club?

We are often asked about the benefits of membership of Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club. It's a good question: why should you join? Apart from admission to club nights, members gain the following benefits:

- We offer a family friendly environment, and welcome children school age and upwards to lessons, club nights and dances.
- For new members a first set of lessons at normal cost, subsequent lessons free
- We periodically offer workshops for dancers at all levels
- At club nights, a lucky monthly membership draw (on our live music nights) .. a cash prize beginning at \$30, You must be present to claim your prize otherwise it jackpots by \$10 per month until claimed
- For a minimal fee, use of the Hei Hei Community hall for training and practice, see the note elsewhere for available hours
- NZ association affiliation which passes latest information to members, and offers the opportunity to progress to national competitions,
- Expert coaching on offer, and Nationals entry fees paid by club

# A final thought on membership

Membership is our lifeblood, and serving our membership is our ultimate purpose. There is a whakataukī in te reo which is commonly used in this regard (it does have multiple translations, so be careful):

'He waka eke noa'.. usually translated as 'we are all in this boat together'.

If we stick to the classical translation, it captures this truth about membership. We are stronger together than apart. It's called collective action. We are all stronger if we support each other.

The same applies to our club. The club exists for the benefit of its members. It needs members to exist. If you haven't already done so, please do make sure you renew your membership soon.

# Hei Hei Hall hours 2025

Our regular booked hours are:

Tuesdays 6-8pm

Sundays 2.30pm-4pm

Please remember that we ask you to contribute to the hall hire costs at \$20 per person for a Nationals training season. You can pay a lump sum into the club bank account.

Please contact a committee member to find out how to borrow a key card

# Nationals 2025

Senior Nationals Labour weekend 2025 is being held in Rotorua. If you are interested in attending, please contact Karyn at [kethomson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kethomson@xtra.co.nz)