



Newsletter

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What a year

I just wanted to say well done, and wow what a year we've had at Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club. Membership has continued to grow, lessons have generally been well subscribed, and our competition dancers have done us all proud with amazing results. Well done everyone .. without a membership we are nothing, and as members you have done wonderful things, supporting dances, club nights, and our Senior Nationals .. an absolute highlight of the year.

We'd like to make special mention of our senior dancers who's success at this year's senior nationals was wonderful. The Top Club team in particular are worthy of note having won Top Club for three successive years. Well done, everyone.

2020

February

5th Junior Club resumes for the year, and first Beginners' lessons
16th Club dance, Cashmere Club, Music with Robbie Drew. Theme 'Back to the 50s'

16th Dunedin South Island Invitational Competition

March

14th Birthday dance, Cashmere Club. Music with Th'Art of Cheese
21st Timaru Dance

April

11th-12th Junior Nationals, Hamilton

18th Christchurch RnR Club dance at Cashmere Club, Music with Ian Mac

18th Kaiapoi RnR Club Dance

May

9th Central RnR Club dance

Our rock 'n' roll dance community isn't that large, and it is important that we all support each other. Christchurch currently has three active clubs - ourselves, Kaiapoi, and Southern. Let's make an effort to get out there and support each other. The competition dance floor is the only place where we should be competing. Everywhere else, we are stronger when we stand together. So, big effort in 2020, let's get out there and support each other.

The committee would like to say thanks to everyone for your awesome support, and wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a restful summer. We'll see you all in the new year. Stay safe, Meri Kirihimete.

Kia tau te mauri
Robin Sutton
President

South Island RnR events Fb page

In February this year we brokered a meeting of the club presidents of the South Island RnR clubs to start some serious work towards more coordination and cooperation between our South Island clubs. One of the outcomes has been the setup of a Fb page dedicated to a Google calendar containing all of the SI club dances and events. Our aim is to reduce the numbers of clashes in events. Attendance at dances needs to be an 'And/and', rather than an

31st South Island Interclub Competition

June

July

11th Club champs, Cashmere Club
25th Kaiapoi RnR Club dance

August

8th Christchurch RnR Club dance at Cashmere Club, Music with Shalow

September

12th Christchurch RnR Club dance at Cashmere Club, Music with Anthony

October

4th Christchurch RnR Club Senior Mini-nationals demos, Hei Hei Hall
24th-25th Senior Nationals, Whakatane

November

22nd All Comers No Jumps, Hei Hei Hall

December

13th Christchurch RnR Club Christmas Tea Dance, Cashmere Club, 3pm to 8pm, Music with Ian Mac

'either/or' choice for us as dancers.
After all, you can't get too much dancing, right?
So 'Follow' the page, and make sure you can see what is on offer right across the South Island next year.

You can find the page here.

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthIslandRnR/>

Changes to Hall hours for 2020

Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club has been a long term tenant of the Hei Hei Community Centre hall, Wycla Ave. The committee's opinion is that use of the hall is central to who we are, and what we do. The costs of our use of the facility have continued to rise, and for 2020 will top \$8000 per annum. Use of the hall leaves us with an ongoing operating financial deficit for the club.

Over the past few years we have been allowed the opportunity to host three nationals which have meant that we have accumulated funds, the purpose of which is to support our dancers and members in all that they aspire to whether opportunities to learn, to engage in social dancing, or to train for competition. However continuing to sustain the current annual operating deficit would mean that these funds would be exhausted in between 6 and 8 years. Therefore relying on the use of those funds to cover the operating deficit is not a viable long term option.

The committee is taking steps to increase income, including ongoing membership recruitment (we have succeeded in almost doubling membership between 2013 and 2019 but this needs to continue to increase), and running an expanded range of social dances to be hosted at a new more attractive venue, the Cashmere Club. We have also attempted to broker more coordination between clubs so that attendance at the range of dances available is an 'and' rather than an 'either/or' choice for dancers across the city, in our efforts to build support at dances.

In the short term the committee sees the need to decrease our costs and so we have looked at hall usage.

We think that at this stage we are seeing the hall mostly unused on a Friday evening (it is booked between 6 and 8pm) except for the month or so leading up to a nationals. We also think we are seeing the hall mostly not used between 5 and 6pm on a Sunday.

We are therefore planning to cancel hall bookings for Friday evenings EXCEPT for the two months leading up to a nationals, and also to reduce Sunday hours to 2pm to 5pm, for 2020. These two steps would provide a net saving of approximately \$1800 per annum.

Rock 'n' Roll Nationals competitions

2020 Junior Nationals

11th-12th April

Drifters Club, Hamilton

2020 Senior Nationals

Whakatane

24th-25th October

2021 Junior Nationals

2nd - 4th April 2021

Kapi Mana Rock 'n' Roll Revival Club

[Venue: Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua, Wellington](#)

2021 Senior Nationals

22nd - 24th October 2021

River Rockers Whanganui

[Venue: War Memorial Hall, Whanganui](#)

All Comers No Jumps competition Results

Hey Baby Junior	1	Shannon Gibson & Peyton Norling
Hay Baby Senior	1	Israel Witana-Halliday & Keithleen Javier
	2	Rhys Lilley & Michaela O'Donoghue
	3	Korbyn Simpson & Kiera Rogers
	4	George Hope-Johnstone & Jennifer MacFarlane
Let the little girl dance	1	Saranna Gaule & Hazel Witton
	2	Alivia Gibson & Zoe Curtis
	3	Samantha McMillan & Scarlet Daly
Teenage Boogie	1	Kiera Rogers & Jennifer McFarlane
	2	George Hope-Johnstone & Korbyn Simpson
	3	Shelby O'Donoghue & Jess McMillan
Slowly but Surely	1	Peter & Gabriele Maier
Half way to paradise	1	Jeremy Willis & Michelle Smith
Let's Dance	1	Danielle Thompson & Nikita Rodgers
	2	Craig Blaikie & Kalani Halliday
Slow Down Junior/Senior	1	Izaak Sanders & Kiera Rogers
	2	George Hope-Johnstone & Nikita Rogers
	3	Gordon Flint & Keithleen Javier
	4	Kalani Halliday & Shelby O'Donoghue
Senior Cruise	1	Izaak Sanders & Nikita Rogers
	2	Colin & Mandy Partleton
Four little heels	1	Israel Witana- Halliday, Michaela O'Donoghue & Keithleen Javier
	2	George Hope-Johnstone, Kiera Rogers & Jennifer MacFarlane