



Newsletter

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Merry Christmas

Wow what a year. 2023 is our first full calendar year with The Hornby Club as our base, our first full year with Monday night club nights. From the committee, our thanks for your support throughout the year. We've loved seeing all of you, and hope you have had an absolute blast on the dance floor. We'd like to wish all of our members and supporters a safe and happy Christmas and new year, whatever the season may mean for you. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2024, with our first club night scheduled for Monday 29th January, live music with Les Donaldson.

2024

January

16th Hei Hei Hall bookings resume

24th Meeting those interested in helping at senior nationals over Labour weekend, venue: the mezzanine, The Hornby Club

29th Club night live Music with Les Donaldson

February

5th – Beginners' lessons begin 6.45-7.30pm, club night 7.30-9.30pm, music by Gordon

12th – Beginners' lessons 6.45-7.30pm, club night Theme Night 7.30-9.30pm, Beach Party,, music by Brenda

19th – Beginners' lessons 6.45-7.30pm, club night 7.30-9.30pm, music by Shaun

26th Club night live Music with Nigel Withington

March

2nd Birthday dance with live music with 'Zac Griffith and the Cadillacs'

18th Annual General Meeting

April

29th Club night music with DJ Mealofa Farmalo

May

27th Club night live music with Ian Mac

June

22nd Club champs and dance

July

13th Interclub competition

29th Club night live music with 'Mint'

Birthday dance March

2024

Sales are underway for tickets to our 40th Birthday dance on 2 March, upstairs at The Hornby Club. We recommend that you get in and get your tickets before we sell out.

You can buy your tickets by [going to this link](#). Full details of the club bank account etc are on the form.

Get in now, and make sure you get your early bird tickets.

Club constitution

In 2022 the old incorporated societies act (1908) was replaced by a new act. The act requires all incorporated societies to re-register with an updated constitution, by no later than 2026. As the process can take some time, we have decided to get onto it now.

Committee members have had initial meetings, including attendance at several seminars run by solicitors who have specialised knowledge in this area. Existing societies can attempt to modify their existing constitutions, or use an online constitution builder tool. The advantage of the latter is that it ensures that nothing mandatory is left out. This potentially speeds up the process, saves multiple special general meetings etc. In explanation, if we hold a SGM and approve for submission a new constitution that subsequently proved to be lacking in some detail, we then need to amend the document and hold another

2024

August

26th Club night live music TBC

September

7th Spring Dance, live music with 'Sweet-As'
30th Mark Robertson

October

25th Club night live music with Les Donaldson

November

28th Club night live music with Des Newton

December

2nd Christmas dance live music with Ian Mac

SGM to approve the amended document. We'd rather get it right the first time.

New constitutions are significantly simpler than those that societies have had before. This means that quite a bit of content in our current constitution would not appear in the new document, but if we opted to retain it, it would go into a set of 'Rules' that apply to and for members. We already have a set of rules, and so it makes sense to simply take the necessary 'surplus content' from the current constitution and add this to create an expanded set of rules.

Other than compliance, there is no intention to create new rules (unless the membership saw that as being desirable or necessary), Our plan is to have these draft documents circulated to all members in February, ready for discussion at the 2024 AGM, hopefully approving a final document for submission to the Registrar at that meeting. Please watch your emails in February.

Our Annual General meeting is scheduled for Monday 18th March at this stage. More details to follow.

Club night changes for 2024

From the beginning of 2024, admission to Monday Club nights will be as follows:

- Non members will pay \$5
- Members will pay \$2
- Concession cards are available for members' purchase at club nights \$10 for 5 admissions plus 1 free. There will also be a voluntary door raffle, \$2

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 free of charge, for members only
- 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
- Use of the Hei Hei Community hall for training and practice, see the note elsewhere in the newsletter 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

Senior Nationals 2024

Planning is progressing for the senior nationals 2024 which we are hosting at Lincoln Events Centre over Labour Weekend. If you are interested in helping in any way, we are holding a meeting on Wednesday 24th January, 7pm, in the mezzanine bar at The Hornby Club. All offers, no matter how big or small, are welcome.

Training Hall hours

The Hei Hei Hall is available Sundays 4-6pm, and Tuesdays 6-8pm (from May to October).

Your 2023 Committee

Your committee this year is:

Robin Sutton – President

Vice President - Anne Jamieson

Anne O'Donoghue – Secretary

Connie van Slooten – Treasurer

Committee members:

Jan Halliday

Kalani Halliday

Brenda Neill

Colleen Reese

Lorraine Sutton

Karyn Thomson

Jenny Lilley