



Newsletter

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Birthday Dance

2nd March 2024

“Glitz & Glamour”

Just over a week to go and sales are well underway for tickets to our 40th Birthday dance on 2 March, upstairs at The Hornby Club.

You can still buy your tickets by [going to this link](#), although early bird prices are no longer available. Tickets are now \$25pp Full details of the club bank account etc for payment are on the form.

A light supper will be provided.

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February

26th Club night 7-9.30pm. Live Music with Nigel Withington

March

2nd Birthday dance with live music with ‘Zac Griffith and the Cadillacs’ Pre purchase tickets.

4th Beginners’ lessons 6.45-7.30pm. Club night DJ Gordon

11th Beginners’ lessons 6.45-7.30pm. Theme Club night “40 Shades of Green” DJ Brenda. **Members Co-Operative.**

18th Beginners’ lessons 6.45-7.30pm. Club night DJ Shaun

25th Annual General Meeting, 6.45-7.30pm followed by club night. DJ Shaun

April

1st No club night, our venue is not available

8th Workshop, 6.30-7pm. Theme club night “Going Dotty” 7pm-9.30pm DJ Brenda. **Members Co-Operative.**

15th Club Night 7 - 9.30 DJ Gordon

22nd Club night 7-9.30pm DJ Shaun

29th Workshop 6.30-7.00 pm, Club night. Music from DJ Mealofa Farmalo

May

6th Level 2 classes 6.45-7.30pm. Club night 7.30 - 9.30pm DJ Gordon

13th Level 2 classes 6.45-7.30pm.

Club night 7.30-9.30pm. DJ Brenda.

Members Co-Operative.

20th Level 2 classes. Club night 7.30 pm-9.30pm DJ Shaun

27th Club night 7 -9.30pm live music with Ian Mac. Members cash draw. Optional raffle for \$2.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club will be held on Monday 25th March, commencing at 6.45 pm.

At the meeting membership Subs are reviewed. The membership year is 1st April to 31st March.

Renew your membership at the current rate of \$30 per person until 1st April. Family \$85.

The major item of business will be the new draft constitution (see the note below). Please note that you must be a current member of the Club in order to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend and wish to appoint a proxy please request a proxy voting form.

Members will not be charged an entry to the AGM or the Club Night after but are asked to bring a non-perishable grocery item for charity. There will be a Members Cash draw on this night.

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June

3rd No Club Night. Kings Birthday.

10th Workshop 6.30-7pm Club Night 7pm with DJ Brenda. **Members Co-Operative.**

17th Workshop 6.30-7pm. Club Night 7pm with DJ Shaun.

22nd CLUB CHAMPS. HORNBY CLUB. SATURDAY.

24th Workshop 6.30-7pm. Club Night 7pm with DJ Gordon

July

1st Workshop 6.30-7pm. Club Night 7pm with DJ Gordon..

8th Club Night 7pm with DJ Brenda. **Members Co-Operative.**

13th Interclub competition.

15th Club Night 7pm with DJ Shaun.

22nd Club Night 7pm with DJ Shaun.

29th Workshop 6.30-7pm. Club night 7pm Live music with Anthony.

August

5th Lessons 6.45-7.30pm. Club Night 7.30pm with DJ Gordon.

12th Lessons 6.45-7.30pm. Club Night 7.30pm with DJ Brenda. **Members Co-Operative.**

19th Lessons 6.45-7.30pm. Club Night 7.30pm with DJ Shaun.

26th Club night 7pm. Live music TBC.

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 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

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September

2nd Lessons 6.45-7.30pm. Club Night 7.30pm with DJ Gordon.
7th Spring Dance, live music with 'Sweet-As'
9th Lessons 6.45-7.30pm. Club Night 7.30pm with DJ Brenda. **Members Co-Operative.**
16th Lessons 6.45-7.30pm. Club Night 7.30pm with DJ Shaun.
23rd Club Night 7pm with DJ Shaun
30th Workshop Rock'n'Roll Waltz 6.45-7pm. Club night music TBC.

October

7th Club Night 7pm with DJ Gordon.
14th Club Night 7pm with DJ Brenda. **Members Co-Operative.**
21st Club Night 7pm with Live Music with Les Donaldson.
25th -27th Senior Nationals Lincoln Events Centre
28th October. Labour Day No club night

November

4th Beginner Lessons. 6.45-7.30pm. Club Night with DJ Gordon
11th Beginner Lessons. 6.45-7.30pm. Club Night with DJ Brenda. **Members Co-Operative.**
18th Beginner Lessons. 6.45-7.30pm. Club Night with DJ Shaun.
25th Club night 7pm Music TBC.

December

2nd CHRISTMAS DANCE.. 7pm. Live music with Ian Mac

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 from this date onwards for the AGM Agenda & Documents.

Senior Nationals 2024

Many of you will already be aware that Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club is hosting the 2024 Senior Nationals competition at Labour Weekend. The venue will once again be the Lincoln Events Centre. This is always a wonderful event, one at which you can be entertained and inspired. We'd like to point out the obvious: if you are resident in Ōtautahi Christchurch, it will never be cheaper nor more convenient to attend and experience a senior nationals competition. You can simply be a spectator, buying a venue ticket (for a day or for the weekend) - something you need to do if you'd like to stretch your legs and have a boogie in the many breaks between competition, or you can compete. This can take several forms.

- You could dance in one of the many sections.
- You could help to create and present a novelty on the Sunday evening
- Or, you could even simply compete and parade in the Sunday morning best dressed competition, for which you do NOT need to have danced anywhere in the weekend. The only requirement is that you are a member of an affiliated club. And yes, Christchurch is an affiliated club.

So, give it some thought. Watch out for more details as they become available.

Further Club Night changes for 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 be a voluntary raffle on Live Music nights only (New)
- Members cash draw on Live music nights or equivalent

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 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
- For a minimal fee, use of the Hei Hei Community hall for training and practice, see the note below 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

Training Hall hours

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

For Senior members using the hall we ask that you pay a one-off fee of \$20 per person for the year's training. This is to contribute to the cost of hiring the training venue. See Connie for details.

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