



Newsletter

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Welcome to 2020

We have a feeling that this is going to be an even better year still for Christchurch RnR Club. We are shifting our social dances to Cashmere Club, an opportunity to use a licensed venue and a great dance floor. Most of our dances will feature live bands too! This is also a chance to appeal to a whole new demographic.

We have plans afoot to offer even more opportunities to our junior dancers (more below), and also to add value for senior dancers.

Added to that is what looks like a great contingent attending both junior and senior nationals for 2020 (both dancing and supporting).

You'll notice that we have also been able to give you the whole year's calendar of classes and events. As

2020

February

5th Junior Club resumes for the year, and first Beginners' lessons
5th First club night for the year, Hei Hei Hall
12th Beginners' lessons
15th Club dance, Cashmere Club, Music with Robbie Drew. Theme 'Back to the 50s'
15th Dunedin South Island Invitational Competition
19th Beginners' lessons, Club night, Hei Hei Hall
26th Beginners' lessons

March

4th Beginners' lessons, club night
11th Beginners' lessons
14th Birthday dance, Cashmere Club. Music with Th'Art of Cheese
18th Beginner's lessons, Christchurch RnR Club AGM and club night
21st Timaru Dance
25th Beginners' lessons

they so, 'there's nothing quite as intoxicating as certainty'.

And finally, on top of all that we continue to have our access to our wonderful home base, the community hall at Hei Hei (Wycola Ave). There's a note below on our hall hours.

It looks like 2020 is going to be 'an absolute ripper'!!!

Your committee

Junior club additions

From term 1 we will be offering an extra opportunity for junior dancers who want to progress to competitions. Experienced senior dancers Kevin and Derelle will be running a 'Next Steps' workshop every Sunday afternoon (time to be confirmed) for the second half of each term, structured to develop timing, style, and complexity of moves. The workshops will only be available by invitation, and juniors must continue to attend our Wednesday night junior club to be eligible to attend.

We'll be talking more to parents and juniors on 5 February.

Club Nights

First club night for the year is Wednesday 5th February, at our Hei Hei Hall, from 8pm after lessons

April

1st Club night
11th-12th Junior Nationals,
Hamilton
15th Club night
18th Christchurch RnR Club dance
at Cashmere Club, Music with Ian Mac
18th Kaiapoi RnR Club Dance
22nd Mini Workshop for
Intermediate dancers, 7pm
29th Intermediate lessons #1

May

6th Intermediate lesson #2
9th Central RnR Club dance,
13th Intermediate lesson #3
20th Intermediate lesson #4
27th May Mini hop, entertainment
31st South Island Interclub
Competition

June

10th Beginners' lessons (set of 3
only)
17th Beginners' lessons
24th Beginners' lessons

July

1st Club night, starts 7.30pm, Hei
Hei Hall
8th Open practise night 7pm
11th Club champs, Cashmere
Club
22nd Mini Hop, entertainment
25th Kaiapoi RnR Club dance
29th Beginners' lessons

August

5th Beginners' lessons, and club
night
8th Christchurch RnR Club dance
at Cashmere Club, Music with
Shalow

finish. Remember that club nights are mostly the first and third Wednesdays of the month, but check the calendar pane on the right of this newsletter because there are some variations.

First dance of the year

Make sure you come along and support our welcome back dance for 2020. The theme is 'Back to the 50s'. The dance features the music of Robbie Drew. Get dressed up in your best 50s finery, come along and have a wonderful evening, a great chance to reconnect with your many Christchurch RnR Club friends.

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 '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.

12th Beginners' lessons
19th Beginners' lessons, club night
26th Learn a Move class

September

2nd Intermediate lessons #1 7pm, club night starts 8pm, Hei hei Hall
9th Intermediate lessons #2
12th Christchurch RnR Club dance at Cashmere Club, Music with Anthony
16th Intermediate lessons #3, Club night, Hei Hei Hall
23rd Intermediate lessons, Hei Hei Hall

October

4th Christchurch RnR Club Senior Mini-nationals demos, Hei Hei Hall 3.30-4.30pm
7th Club night, Hei hei Hall
21st Club night, Hei Hei Hall
24th-25th Senior Nationals, Whakatane

November

4th Beginners' lessons, club night, Hei Hei Hall, 8pm
11th Beginners' lessons
18th Beginners' lessons, club night Hei Hei Hall, 8pm
22nd All Comers No Jumps, Hei Hei Hall
25th Beginners' lessons

December

13th Christchurch RnR Club Christmas Tea Dance, Hei Hei

You can find the page here.

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

Hall, 4pm to 8pm, Music with Ian Mac

Membership renewal

Yep, it's that time again. Membership prices will be reviewed at the AGM. You can renew your membership before the AGM at these prices:

Senior \$40

Junior \$35

Couple \$65

Family \$85

Bank Details for Direct Credit

General Account BNZ Bush Inn Centre 020874 0296279 00

Changes to Hall hours for 2020

Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club has been a long term tenant of the Hei Hei Community Centre hall, Wycola 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](#)