



# Newsletter

## April 2018

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### President's Report 2018

Things in life are always changing. Sometimes that change is profound. Sometimes that change is so huge it boggles the mind. That has been our 2017. Our junior nationals competitors gave it their all and produced a fantastic harvest of accolades. Our senior nationals competitors wowed the crowds. Our Top Club team pushed the boundaries of team dancing so far that audiences are still dumbfounded.

And none of this happens by coincidence. It happens because we are grounded, because we are planted or grounded in reality, because we hold our talent dearly, because we celebrate achievement, and because we have a fantastic support network. I recall being attracted to this club 11 years ago by the support that its members offered. And so much of that support network is not of itself competitive. That support network is composed of caring human beings who love to see others experience success.

### 2018

#### April

4<sup>th</sup> Beginners lessons begin  
14<sup>th</sup> Kaiapoi RnR Club dance  
21<sup>st</sup> Club night

#### May

5<sup>th</sup> Club night, 7-10pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Club Champs, DJ

#### June

9<sup>th</sup> Club night 7-10pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Winter dance, with music by Norm Bland, Adults \$10, Juniors \$5

#### July

21<sup>st</sup> South Island Interclub competition  
28<sup>th</sup> Club night 7-10pm

#### August

4<sup>th</sup> Geraldine RnR Club dance, Woodbury Hall, Grease Lightening  
18<sup>th</sup> Elvis dance, with music by Sundown, Adults \$10, Juniors \$5

With those comments I'd like to thank every single member, every single one of you, and all of those others who didn't make it tonight. You are the club, your support is the driver behind our success.

The club committee, in planning for 2018, decided that while we invest significantly in competitive dancing, it was also time to invest more heavily in social dancing in 2018. We planned a social calendar that shifted club nights to Saturday nights now that the opportunity to use the hall has become available. We planned to hold more dances with live bands, accepting that the inevitable financial shortfalls are in fact an investment in the future of the club, and the March birthday dance was ample proof of the success of that outlook, if ever we needed it.

That said, there are certainly individuals who deserve special mention, although as I noted last year naming individuals is a dangerous business because it is highly likely that very deserving individuals end up being left off such lists.

First, thanks to the committee - a great bunch of people who have the interests of rock and roll music and dancing at heart. They have worked hard, thought hard, and created the success that has been 2017.

Thanks to those other members who turn up early to dances and help with set up, and pack up at the end of the night, for no other reason than that they are good members who care.

I'd also mention Shaun Birchall who has run junior club, and senior lessons, so successfully over this past year. It's NO

## **September**

1<sup>st</sup> Club night 7-10pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Spring Dance with music by Anthony, Adults \$10, Juniors \$5

## **October**

7<sup>th</sup> Senior nationals demo night  
19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Senior nationals

## **November**

3<sup>rd</sup> Club night 7-10pm  
24<sup>th</sup> All comers No Jumps competition  
25<sup>th</sup> Dancers' workshop details  
TBA

## **December**

8<sup>th</sup> Xmas dance, Ian Mac, Adults \$10, Juniors \$5  
16<sup>th</sup> Last day of hall hire for the year

coincidence that junior numbers, and senior lesson numbers, are so high.

The hard work of the whole team has meant that membership is continuing to grow. Our big hairy audacious goal from 2017 looks sure to be achieved this year. Bring on 200.

To our competitive and social dancers, thank you. You are the engine room that drives the desire to strive for improvement amongst our dancing community, to get out on the dance floor and simply have a good time.

A comment made to me by newcomers to our club after both our January and Birthday dances says it all: these people noted that we have a lovely family atmosphere. I couldn't think of a higher accolade for a dance club, and it is an accolade that reflects upon every member.

And finally a special thank you to Brenda Neill who has stepped down after 20 years of service to the club. Hers is a record of outstanding service. Thank you Brenda.

**Robin Sutton**  
**President**

## **Junior Nationals 2018**

We are so incredibly unbelievably proud of our Christchurch club dancers. The talent displayed over the weekend was and is amazing. As a club our juniors took a huge step up in their dancing and we are so proud! We had so many call backs and the comments made over the weekend assure us we are heading in the right direction with our juniors! A huge Thank you should go out to our Mums, Dads, coaches and managers. Thank you so much! We as a club are very privileged to have these people support our juniors and help them! Every one of the following dancers made finals and semi finals, whether it be a best dressed or dancing!

Our dancers were:

Rhys Lilley

Israel Witana- Halliday

Isla Swords

Max Harris

Lawson Harris

Keithleen Javier

Hailey Smith

Flynn Smith  
Michaela O'Donoghue  
Shelby O'Donoghue  
Alexis Robinson-Curren

Our national titles and placings:

Lawson Harris and Isla Swords: 2nd in Junior Dancing and Junior Best Dressed.

Max Harris and Hailey Smith: 3rd Best Dressed Intermediate Couple

Rhys Lilley and Michaela O'Donoghue: 3rd Best Dressed Restricted Couple

Israel Witana-Halliday and Keithleen Javier: 4th Dancing Restricted Couple

Rhys Lilley: Best Dressed Male 1st place.

Israel Witana- Halliday and Rhys Lilley: 4th Same Sex Dancing

Finally it has been a huge pleasure being the manager of this gorgeous squad! Bring on 2019 Junior nationals!

-Natalie Lilley

## **Hall Hours**

Hall hours are, once again:

Tuesday 6-8pm

Wednesday 6-9pm - Juniors 6-7pm, lessons 7-8pm, general dancing until 9.00pm

Friday 6 - 8.00pm

Sunday 2-6pm

Seniors please remember to put your gold coin in the bucket to help cover hall hire costs. The Hall is only available for club members.

## **Membership**

The Annual General Meeting resolved to keep membership subscriptions the same as for 2017. Your 2018 Annual Membership is now due.

\$35 single

\$25 Junior

\$60 Couple

\$80 Family

You can direct credit to the club's Bank account. Please remember to add your name, and that it's your membership subscription.

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Thanks everyone.

## **Other club venues if you feel the need for some extra 'boogie time**

### **Kaiapoi RnR Club**

Club nights every Thursday **7.30pm** at the Ouruhia Hall, \$2.00 per person door entry. These guys regularly support Christchurch club events, so why not pop out and see them too.

<http://www.kaiapoirocknrollclub.co.nz/>

### **Southern RnR Club**

Lessons and club nights upstairs at the Woolston WMC, Mondays from 7pm.

## **Senior Nationals 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018**

If you wish to go to Senior Nationals 2018, Labour Weekend in Wellington and would like to stay with the club, please email Connie by 15th April. We have secured some accomodation at Midway Pacifica Lodge, Petone, Lower Hutt, and will be asking for deposits to secure your rooms.

If you are a new club member and would like more information, see Craig, Connie or Karyn on Wednesday at the Hall.

## **Club Champs**

Club champs are a little earlier this year, on 26 May, so get thinking and practicing. Challenge yourselves by stepping outside your comfort zones. You know you want to.

## **Your committee for 2018/2019**

**President:** Robin Sutton

**Vice President:** Bev Brash

**Secretary:** Karyn Thomson

**Treasurer:** Connie van Slooten

**Committee members:**

Craig Blaikie

Colleen Harris

John Rickerby

Lorraine Sutton

## **Senior Nationals 2018**

Walter Nash Stadium, Lower Hutt

Accommodation pencilled in at Midway Motel, Petone.

Please register your interest now with Connie.

[connie@vanslooten.co.nz](mailto:connie@vanslooten.co.nz)

We will require deposits to secure rooms.

## **Junior Nationals 2019**

The 2019 Junior Nationals are being hosted by the Invercargill RnR Club

## **Senior Nationals 2019**

The 2019 Senior Nationals are being hosted by the Christchurch RnR Club