



Newsletter

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President's Report

In a world where nothing seems to be what we believed, where opinions seem to matter more than facts, there is no taking away the facts about our achievement, and Christchurch Rock n Roll Club can yet again stack up a wide range of achievements.

Regardless of age or energy, our dancers have continued to acquit themselves well on the local, regional, and national stages, and they know that they carry with them our support, our aroha. We applaud every dancer who takes to the competition floor. Theirs are acts of bravery in many ways, because putting yourself out there in front of your peers, and an audience generally, is a scary, nerve wracking thing.

But so too do we applaud every social dancer who takes to the floor. Yours is the fuel for the competition in the same way that competition is the fuel for our social dancing. These two approaches to our sport go hand in hand. We separate the two at our peril.

So, hearty congratulations to Christchurch name - I am pleased to say that there are too many to name. You know who you are.

2019

April

3rd Beginners' lessons
10th Beginners' lessons
14th Junior Mini Nationals 2.30-6pm
17th Learn a move
19th-21st Junior Nationals Invercargill
24th Learn a move

May

1st Learn a move
8th Beginners' lessons begin
17th Club night, Hei Hei hall. 7pm
19th Top Club and Senior Team trials, 2.30pm, Hei Hei Hall

June

2nd South Island champs, 2-6pm
21st ChCh Club night, Hei Hei Hall
22nd Timaru Mid Winter Dance from 7pm with Th'Art of Cheese. Timaru Town and Country Club, 99 Douglas Street Timaru.
29th Ashburton RnR Club mid winter Christmas dance

And similarly congratulations to everyone who has simply stood up on the floor and danced, or who has opened up the hall for others, who has partnered a learner, or just enjoyed the spectacle of people dancing. I think that human beings were born to dance, it is perhaps the most natural of activities for us.

Thanks to Shaun for teaching both junior club and senior lessons over the past year, and to everyone who has helped. Shaun's request to step back from junior club left a vacuum that frankly terrified us, but we were thrilled when Karina Lilley agreed to step in and take on the challenging role. Thank you to you both, and to everyone else who helps out.

Thanks to the committee members who work so hard to keep things functioning. To them the praise for everything that has gone right. For me the blame for everything that has not... that's the way it is.

We have become increasingly aware that support amongst South Island clubs may not be what it once was, and so we took the initiative during the year to call together presidents from all of the clubs across the South Island. Most were able to attend, and as a result I think we have begun an era of renewed support for each other, whether at social dances or at competitions.

Looming large in our thinking has been a shift in administrative policy from the Christchurch City Council as to the hire and use of our hall. This will be open for discussion later in the meeting. It is important that the incoming committee hears your views. We have met with staff from CCC, and I think it fair to say that they listened to our concerns with genuine desire to help. This is however unlikely to change the need to find a new venue for dances.

2019

July

6th ChCh RnR Club Champs, Prebbleton Hall
19th Club night, Hei Hei Hall, 7pm

August

16th Club night, Hei hei Hall, 7pm
24th Kaiapoi RnR Club 25th Birthday – details TBC

September

20th Club night, Hei Hei Hall, 7pm
28th ChCh RnR Club Dance, Band

October

18th Club night, Hei Hei Hall, 7pm
25th Club night dance at Lincoln Events Centre, for the start of senior nationals, **VagueAs Brothers** 25th – 27th Senior Nationals, Lincoln Events Centre

November

29th Club night, Hei Hei Hall, 7pm

December

7th Christchurch club Christmas dance, Prebbleton Hall, Anthony
13th Timaru RnR Club, Spooky's Christmas

And of course finally we are set to host the 2019 senior nationals at the Lincoln Events Centre. This will be another great event, the third Nationals we have hosted in the past 10 years. Please make sure you spread the word, and think seriously about getting involved, whether as competitor or supporter.

2019 is shaping up to be another great year. But it will only be great if you all dance the hell out of life, if you shout out the word about our amazing sport, and enjoy yourselves like you've never done before. After all, rock and roll dancing is the best fun you can have standing up, isn't it?

Kia tau te mauri
Robin Sutton
President

Membership is now due

Your 2019 Annual Membership is now due.

\$40 single
\$30 Junior
\$65 Couple
\$85 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.

Hall hours

Hall hours are:

Tuesday 6-8.00pm

Wednesday 6.00 - 9.00pm - Juniors 6-7.00pm, lessons 7-8.00pm, general dancing until 9.00pm

Friday 6 - 8.00pm

Sunday 2-6.00pm

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.

Your committee for 2019/2020

President: Robin Sutton

Vice President: Bev Brash

Secretary: Karyn Thomson

Treasurer: Connie van Slooten

Committee members:

Craig Blaikie

Colleen Harris

John Rickerby

Lorraine Sutton

Mandy Partleton

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, venue confirmed as Lincoln Events Centre

Junior Nationals 2020

The 2020 Junior Nationals are being hosted by the Drifters RnR Club in Hamilton

Senior Nationals 2020

The 2020 Senior Nationals are being hosted by the Whakatane RnR Club