



Newsletter September 2026

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2026

September

7th FREE Beginners' classes 6.45-7.30pm, Club night 7.30-9.30pm, DJ Gordon
14th FREE Beginners' classes 6.45-7.30pm, Club night 7.30-9.30pm, DJ Brenda, 'Blue' night
21st FREE Beginners' classes 6.45-7.30pm,, Club night 7.30-9.30pm, DJ Shaun
28th Club Night 7pm-9.30pm Live music with Gazza

October

5th Learn a move 7.00-7.15pm, Club night DJ Gordon 7.15-9.30pm
12th Pre Nationals 'Demo' and club night, DJ Brenda 7.00-9.30pm
19th Club Night 7pm-9.30pm Live music with Les Donaldson
20th Last Tuesday hire of Hei Hei fHall or the year
26th Labour Day - No Monday Club Night

Calendar 2027

Later in this newsletter you'll see the first draft of our calendar of events for 2027. The live music events are 'locked in' at this stage so mark your calendars. The other events (workshops and lessons) may still be subject to change, but you'll see that we are planning on bringing you yet more wonderful RnR dance opportunities.

Free lessons

Once again we are thrilled to offer another set of Beginners' lessons FREE in September, this time sponsored by the Christchurch Casino Charitable Community Trust.

November

2nd 'Learn a move', 7.00-7.15, Club night DJ Gordon 7.15-9.30pm

9th 'Learn a move', 7.00-7.15, Club night DJ Brenda 7.15-9.30pm

16th 'Learn a move', 7.00-7.15, Club night DJ Shaun 7.15-9.30pm

23rd Club Night 7pm-9.30pm Live music with Ian Mac

30th Speed Dance: four moves in 40 minutes, 6.45-7.30pm, Club Night 7.30-9.30pm

December

7th Christmas Dance Live music and date to be confirmed

Please note: Live music evenings and other events may be subject to change.

Great turnout to this year's Spring Dance ...



Hei Hei Hall hours 2026

The Hei hei Community Centre hall is only be available Tuesday evenings 7.15pm - 9.15pm. Please note that anyone using the hall for training needs to contribute \$20 pp towards the costs (per the 2021 ACM resolution).

Market Day

Coming next year, Rock and Roll Market night, a chance to sell that unwanted rnr gear, those shoes you no longer use, that dress that' now too big. Watch out for the date and details.

2027

January

25th Live music with Anthony

February

1st Learn a move

8th No club night, Waitangi holiday

15th Learn a move

22nd Live Music with Ian Mac

March

1st No club night, venue unavailable

8th Beginners' lessons

13th Birthday dance, music with Drama Queens

15th Beginners' lessons

22nd Beginners' lessons

29th Club night

April

5th Speed dance moves

12th Speed dance moves revision

19th Learn a move/Line dance

26th Live music with Gazza

May

3rd Beginners' lessons

10th Beginners' lessons

17th Beginners' lessons

24th Club night

31st Live music with Tracey Rockhouse

Nationals 2026

Nationals Labour Weekend 2026 being held in Wellington will be the first ‘combined nationals’ featuring competitions for both juniors and seniors over the weekend.

Nationals Ordered Early bird tickets have been purchased and will be available from Connie at the motel in Wellington. Venue tickets are limited, however if you still wish to purchase tickets, contact Wellington Club Directly. Check their website for details. <https://www.wellingtonnr.org.nz/>

June

7th King's Birthday No club night
14th Triples workshop 6.45-7.30pm
21st No club night, venue unavailable
28th Triples workshop 6.30 - 7.00pm Live music with Ian Mac

July

5th Beginners' Plus
10th Club Champs
12th Beginners' Plus
19th Beginners' Plus
26th Live music with **Lino**

August

7th Geraldine RnR Club annual dance, Woodbury Hall
14th Interclub Competition
30th Live music with **Tracey Rockhouse**

September

4th Guest workshop David and Jodi Tavite, style and attitude on the dance floor, ... date TBC
4th Spring dance, music with **The Coyotes**
27th Live music with **Gazza**

October

18th Live music with **Anthony**

November

29th Live music with **Ian Mac**

December

6th Christmas Dance, live music with **Flipside**

Up for some additional training?

The Hornby Club and training

In case you didn't know, we hire our venue in the Events Centre at The Hornby Club from 5.30pm each Monday. We do this to provide a training venue for members. Please feel free to come along and use the floor space, available to members from 5.30 until lessons, or club night, begin.

Additional training venue

The Templeton Community Centre on Sundays between 3.15 and 5.15pm (excluding October 18th). We will maintain this hire until Labour weekend.

Please note that we won't have a sound system there, so you'd need take your own - perhaps a boom box that you can bluetooth off your phone.

Membership

The new Membership year runs from 1st April 2026 - 31st March 2027.

The membership subscription fee is \$35 per person per annum.

A family concession is offered on inquiry.

The club exists for the benefit of its members. It needs members to exist. If you haven't already done so, please do make sure you renew your membership soon.

Bank Details for Direct Credit are:

Christchurch Rock n Roll Club Inc 02 - 0874 - 0296279- 000

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 member only admission charges 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.
- Access to club night concession cards - giving 1 or 2 free nights per card.
- For new members a first set of lessons at normal cost, subsequent lessons free
- We periodically offer workshops for dancers at all levels
- 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 elsewhere 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

A final thought on membership

Membership is our lifeblood, and serving our membership is our ultimate purpose. There is a whakataukī in te reo which is commonly used in this regard (it does have multiple translations, so be careful):

'He waka eke noa' .. usually translated as 'we are all in this boat together' .

If we stick to the classical translation, it captures this truth about membership. We are stronger together than apart. It's called collective action. We are all stronger if we support each other.

The same applies to our club. The club exists for the benefit of its members. It needs members to exist. If you haven't already done so, please do make sure you renew your membership soon.