



## New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



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### October 2017 Newsletter

#### **2017 Senior Nationals**

A huge thanks to Hutt Valley Rock'n'Roll Society for hosting such a fantastic Senior Nationals in the Walter Nash Stadium over Labour weekend. You can all relax now after doing such a great job. The venue was spacious, and the dance floor excellent. There was a wonderful "holiday" atmosphere with the weather cooperating to enhance the theme!

To the officials — thank you for giving up your time to officiate over the weekend. Your dedication is very much appreciated.

And of course, a huge congratulations to all competitors and place getters. The official results are now available online and the scrutineer sheets will be available soon.

DVDs of the event can be ordered through the Host Club, Hutt Valley or directly through Rotorockers at [info@rotorockerproductions.co.nz](mailto:info@rotorockerproductions.co.nz)

#### **Trophies**

Trophies presented at a national competition are recognition that the winners are the best in New Zealand in that section. Please ask the trophy holders in your clubs to value and look after them. We recommend getting the engraving done early to eliminate a last minute panic when they are recalled next August/September.

#### **Correspondence**

Any correspondence regarding the Senior Nationals should be forwarded to the Association Secretary. Email [brendaneill27@gmail.com](mailto:brendaneill27@gmail.com)

#### **2018 Junior Nationals Hosted by City of Sails Rock'n'Roll Club**

To be held in Auckland over Easter weekend 30th March - 1st April 2018 at Somerville Intermediate School, 39 Somerville Road, Howick, Auckland

Entries for Junior Nationals will close on 31 January 2018.

Fees are \$50 for couples and \$75 for all teams (including triples).

Please email entries to [brendaneill27@gmail.com](mailto:brendaneill27@gmail.com) with details of payment or post/courier to PO Box 5188 - Papanui - Christchurch 8542.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the Association website or if required, the Association Secretary can, on request, email a Word document version.

#### **Trophy Return**

Clubs holding trophies will be advised by email of the return date and address. Perhaps check now that they are engraved ready for their return.

## **Assessments**

A reminder that assessments must be advised to the Head Judge prior to them taking place, and the results must include the Assessment cover sheet, which is available on the Association website.

## **NZARRA Song List**

Clubs wishing to update the music list can request a memory stick file from the Association Secretary. For clubs not already holding a memory stick with the former list the cost is \$50.

The song list has been reordered and all songs are now listed by title and in mp3 format. We acknowledge the work of Duncan Jury who completed this task, from which we will all benefit. Any clubs who have had difficulty with the first updated memory stick can email the Secretary for details on how to obtain the reformatted list.

The range of years from which Nationals songs can be selected has been extended from 1951 to 1964.

Clubs can ask for songs to be considered for either inclusion or removal on request to the Executive Committee.

Any new songs submitted for consideration can be sent to the Association via Dropbox ([brendaneill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brendaneill@xtra.co.nz)), or sent on a memory stick to PO Box 5188 – Papanui – Christchurch 8542. Songs should be in MP3 format, and accompanied by a list with the title, artist, recording date, beats per minute and length.

Existing songs clubs want considered for removal should be advised to the Association with the reasons for removal clearly stated eg. "a beat change 30 seconds in".

A reminder that the following song has been removed from the National Playlist:  
"Sitting on the Balcony" By Eddie Cochran 142 bpm & 2.00 min

## **2018 AGM**

We have been advised that the Wellington Airport Conference Centre will not be available for the 2018 and 2019 AGMs due to reconstruction. The Executive is seeking an alternative venue and clubs will be advised as soon as possible. We are firm on keeping the AGM date to the third Saturday in May.

## **Judges News**

As advised above, the Combined Judges Workshop on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, is also affected by this venue cancellation. We ask that Judges do not book flights until a venue is confirmed.

Kind regards



Brenda Neill, **Secretary, NZARRA**