

Club Committee

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2018 AGM President's Report

The 2017-2018 has been another year full of plenty for the club to be proud of and plenty more to follow going into next year which is in the process of being planned on behind the scenes.

As I mentioned in last year's report that Our club is seen in high regard within our community. This year is no exception. Where ever the club goes or wherever our members are seen, we are asked all sorts of questions from helping out with other community events, doing tuitions around Southland or just wanting to know what the club is all about and how to be part of it. Our name is stronger now than ever before and it mainly comes down to a number of committed members of this club. You have all helped in some part, if it's doing demonstrations, rock n roll events, fundraisers, publicity with the media or just spreading the word on our club. It has all helped and added to how our club has become that successful. Thank you to everyone for doing your part for the club.

The first major topic to mention is hosting the up and coming 2019 junior nationals which will be held at the stadium. With our club being the largest junior club in New Zealand, this is our chance to showcase all our juniors and the amazing club we have to welcome all the clubs from around New Zealand with our kind and friendly personalities. We have a great sub committee behind it all with everything is full motion being organised at the moment. With only 6-7 months away time is fast ticking away as the committee know but our amazing subcommittee is hard working and realise how much there is to do. The major battle now is to get the word out, advertise and get these clubs from throughout New Zealand to venture do south and be a part of this nationals. We will be needing as many helpers as possible on the weekend of Easter so if your free and feel you need to help the club out then let us know.

The other major event that will be in motion very soon will be our 4<sup>th</sup> Rocking With The Stars in September next year. By doing this event we have had major success with it approx. totalling to around 38 thousand dollars over the past 3 we have run. We cannot turn our back on such a great fundraiser and now we know how to put on such an event it's not too hard to put it on. All it needs is a good 4-5 members to put it all together and of course some good stars. So watch this space as we will be putting the wheels in motion shortly after the new year.

This year the committee needed to look more closely at helping our senior members and giving them what they have been suggesting for over the past year. We then introduced our very first rock n roll winter ball in July. This was a small risk for the club with hiring a band and a catered supper but it did paid off with all that attending commenting on how successful the night was. We will be running this now as an annual dance in Winter along with the lessons on Wednesday night. I would like to thank Brain Kirker and Russell Forchner for teaching these classes and coming up with ideas so the night was a rewarding success.

Also for seniors we have included more advanced classes and have just starting Intermediate classes which have all paid off with seeing members taking advantage of these classes and keeping new members actively coming along weekly which is our major aim. Our next goal is to start up a 60+ basic tuition most likely on a Monday night which will hopefully see some old faces come back so keep and ear out for this.

Financial our club is in a very nice position this year and all this solely comes down to the watchful eye of Nicola Fleming and her wisdom and experience. We have been slammed with some pretty large bills over the past financial year but with Nicolas help we have managed to pull the club around and head it in the right direction into the green. If you have studied the accounts to can see we have made some good inroads with introducing and including the following:

- Term fees for all competing couples

- National entry fee charges

- 2 very successful fundraisers

- Introducing club night cards

- Large donations with one of 1000.00 for a tuatapere demo and one 500.00 unknown donor

All of these have contributed our club being in a fantastic financial position and also listening to you as the members. I would like to congratulate Nicola on a job well done and going above and beyond as this committee position takes a skilled member to get it to this position, well done Nicola.

Future areas to address:

We still need more work done to keep our senior side of the club active and attending on a regular basis. Our clubs nights sometimes are far and few between. Any ideas would be appreciated.

I would like to see more dances in our club. We use to have one a month 15 years ago. I don't think we could get to that again but introducing a couple more throughout the year would be achievable but we need to support behind it for it to work. If we see more attending dances then we can plan for more.

I would like to see more members being involved in our club activities. If it's demo's, workshops, working bee's, fundraisers or social events more members need to help out. We see the same members coming along or helping out so we need to share the load and be united as a club.

There needs to be more improvement in our music. That could be one reason club nights are running low is our music on the night is getting boring. There is a huge selection out there to use, we just need to pro active and somehow put together some improvements.

Our club website needs a huge upgrade. I'm not sure if you have been on it lately but it hasn't had an overhaul for at least 5 years. With our nationals coming up, other clubs will be trying to find info on our website and we have nothing. We need a dedicated person for this job and someone that knows their stuff. Please let us know if you can help.

The hall over the past 4 years has been an ongoing issue. With every year passing the hall is getting more and more run down and the club needs to spend money to maintain it. The committee has had many ideas put forward but the idea that makes more sense is to rebuild. We have looked at different prices, plans and talked to various people that deal with building a place of this size and it could be the only sensible option moving forward. We will discuss this more in general business.

To make this club run the way it has over the past year month to month is our committee. I have had a great hard working team behind me striving to keep this club as successful as it should be. I would like to thank the following outgoing committee, Susan Burke, Nicola Fleming, Cheryl Cross, Colleen Brown, Tarin Young, James Phillipson, Claire Atkinson and Rebekah Lay for having the drive, passion and determination for this club, thank you.

This will also be the last meeting for Susan Burke, Rebekah Lay and Tarin Young. Susan you have been on the committee for approx. 5 years with being our treasurer. You have brought great ideas to the committee along with a sensible business-like approach. Tarin has been on the committee for only a year but he has also given the club some valuable ideas and with his past history of being part of other clubs, he has share some good info of what other clubs have done that we should be looking at. Lastly Rebekah, you started on the committee as a person that didn't say much but your skills on the newsletter and taking the reins of editor really showed your talent and skills. Once confident you put forward valuable ideas and presented a fresh outlook in bringing to the table some good thoughts on matters discussed. All three members will be missed but thank you for your contribution into the rock n roll club.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## August

3rd Leanne Parker  
Sualo Lafoga  
8th Courtney Manson  
Sue Hewitt  
15th Cameron McIntosh  
18th George Hope-  
Johnstone  
Nicole McKenzie  
22nd Brenda Gray  
Zoe Gray  
28th Nola Calvert  
30th Russell Falconer

## September

2nd Rebekah Lay  
3rd Emma van Milten-  
burg  
5th Maxwell Sutton  
7th Katie Herman  
11th Marcia Campbell  
13th Trevor Oliver  
15th Pauline Rodan  
Rochelle Robins  
26th Amber Grantham  
28th Kelly Lafoga

## NEW MEMBERS

Grier Goodall  
Jamie Gray  
India Brown  
Bailey Clay  
Craig Dudfield  
Jessica Lake  
Ashton North  
Stuart Robertson  
Lorraine Rowe  
Meah Somerville  
David Thomson  
Jessica Thomson  
Jaguar Band  
Brian Harris  
Jessica Harris  
Jack Herman  
Max Herman  
Miah Smith

# Club Notices

1. We are still searching for new committee members so please get in touch with Karl if interested in becoming one.
2. The club would like to thank ICC Creative Communities for the grant we received for the September workshop.

## Club Night

Every Wednesday  
at 7.30pm

*Members \$2*

*Non-Members \$5*

If you are dining or drinking at the Kelvin/Level One, The Invercargill Rock 'n' Roll Club have a 'company card' set up. All you need to do when paying is mention the number (#3728) and we will accumulate points.

## APPAREL

CLUB T-SHIRTS: SAMPLES OF THESE T-SHIRTS CAN BE FOUND AT THE HALL.

### PRICES:

MENS TEE-\$ 12 POLO-\$22

LADIES T968 TEE (SPANDEX)- \$22.50

### ADDITIONAL COST FOR PRINTING:

PRINT ON FRONT-\$3.50

PRINT ON BACK-\$9.50

WE WOULD LIKE AT LEAST 20 ORDERED BEFORE WE PUT IN AN ORDER AS THE CLUB HAS TO PAY A SETUP FEE FOR EACH ORDER. PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## TUITIONS

*Tuitions commence October 17th*

*Any questions regarding tuitions, up and coming classes or wishing to enrol in a class?*

*Please contact Cheryl Cross*

## MEMBER PROFILE

### *Mike & Sue Hewitt*

*How did you get involved with the Rock n Roll Club?*

Through our daughter Katie Herman.

*Your favourite Rock n Roll song?*

Sue's favourite Rock N Roll song is Lollipop and Mike's is Pretty Belinda.

*Your favourite event?*

Watching the club championships.

*What do you enjoy most when dancing?*

We enjoy the music and being able to rock n roll.

*What would you do if Elvis walked in?*

Mike would ask him to sing Follow that Dream and Sue would ask him for a dance.

*What is your main aim in dancing?*

Exercise and to learn new moves and get better at it.

*What other hobbies do you have?*

Motorhoming, Mike likes to fish, gardening and our farmllet, Sue likes the same not so much the fishing and some crafts eg crochet, card making and scrapbooking.

*You favourite TV show?*

Mike's is The News! And Sue's is Coronation Street!

*What would you do if you won 10 million dollars?*

Sue would give 1 million each to the children and invest the rest and live off the interest. Mike would keep it all to himself and give it out gradually to the family and live on the interest.

*Who has inspired you most in life?*

Our Christian faith is very important to us so our greatest inspiration comes from reading the Bible and our belief in God.

*What do you enjoy most about the Rock 'n' Roll Club?*

The music and the people.