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***see Kelvin or Gill if you want some of your photos loaded onto it***

## Prezzy's Report...



That time again. We held our Club Champs in July and what a funtastic night we had; plenty of assessments which all passed. Watch out Nationals here we come. We are entering a Senior Team and a Top Team this year which should be a lot of fun. Thanks to all those people who helped. It was a real team effort. You should all be proud. No hiccups only the weather. Thunderstorms and lightning cutting our power - only for a few seconds thank God. Thanks to Miles and his team for coming up from Harbour City. Also Brent Miles and his guys for coming from Memphis Rockers in Hamilton, who also passed assessment for Nationals.

See you all at Wanganui in October.

The next week we went to Rose City Club Champs for another funtastic night. Well organised. Good music and friendly atmosphere. Thanks to Haari for pulling my number out for the hundred dollar raffle. Very cold night though. Left at 12oclock to return home. Thanks Rose City.

From now on its practice for all entering the Nationals. Good luck to you all. Our club is proud of you all; you are all winners just for getting on the dance floor. Don't forget our working bee 30th July. Thanks Shona for taking this task on board. Well done. Thanks Gill for all your hard work. Also the tutors for running club night. Thanks Kelvin for the music at Club Champs and our Newsletter. Thanks to Pete aka "the flasher" for all the photos. Thats all for now.

Keep on a rockin - Donna.

## Editors Bit...



## NATIONALS UPDATE

Planning is going well and Ticket Prices have now been struck as you can see on the Order Form on the next page.

At our last committee meeting we assembled a fairly accurate budget to work from and grants are being applied for to help with some of the big ticket items, namely Hall Hire, Tiered Seating and Food which has all been booked. This is a huge event for us and Wanganui with over 800 expected.

We have a very enthusiastic committee and group of helpers, and you can be assured we are all doing our best to *guarantee* the upcoming Senior Nationals in Wanganui will be a huge success.

The official Nationals logo on the cover shows what Rock n Roll in Wanganui is all about:- Dancing, Music and Good Times



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**2011 SENIOR NATIONALS • WANGANUI**  
to be held at the Wanganui War Memorial Hall on October 21st - 23rd

**Ticket Prices**  
**Full Weekend Pass: \$105**

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<b>WEEKEND PASS to ALL EVENTS</b>	.....	\$105 <small>(\$100 Early Bird)</small>	\$ .....
Evening Dance Friday	.....	\$15	\$ .....
All Day Saturday	.....	\$45	\$ .....
All Day Sunday	.....	\$45	\$ .....
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DVD Pass Only	.....	\$10	\$ .....
		Cheque Enclosed	\$ .....

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# Fun Challenge

11 June

Rose City was the host Club this year. Taranaki & New Plymouth Clubs were invited to join us in the Central Districts events we have during the year as interest in our Jamboree, which the latter Clubs normally attend, was waning. It was agreed to cancel the Jamboree and all join in to the Central Districts events.

It was a fun evening as all sections are danced with random partners, you never know who you are going to get and points are given to the Club not the individual. The same sex section (where men are involved) is always good for a laugh and this night was no exception.

The various Clubs help with the supper and I know we had a boot full of sandwiches that Christine & Diane Butters had put together.

There was a great spread and plenty of it.

We won the trophy this year when all of the points had been added up which was good. It is an

event worth attending each year because if you make the effort, you get into the Xmas function free of charge.

thankyou  
Jacky A





# Demo's . . . Katrinas Birthday

Held at ?a? Church Hall in Wicksteed St

Quite a large number of our dancers and supporters gathered in the lobby of the church hall to find that the event had been held up due to the Birthday Girl being delivered an hour late. All the guests were just settling down to dinner. We were invited to join the repast, but we declined with thanks, as eating before full-on jumping isn't usually a wise thing to do if the hall doesn't need redecorating.

So we waited in the lobby seating area, passing the time by chatting, joking, posing for and taking photos (as seen on Facebook). Since it was a church I tended to pace quite a lot, the theory being a moving target is a lot harder to hit with a bolt of lightning. I then had some issues when the onsite laptop decided not to recognize our music CD - note to self: always bring a backup USB stick. I eventually sorted the problem out and the only musical hiccup from there was one song played out of order. Sorry John, we didn't mean for you to get Chapel of Love. Slow one, aye?

We did have some further issues: Phils Triples had a hilarious jump confusion; Kath's bracelet flew off and landed right where she needed to put her feet for the next move, so we had to abort it. One lady guest decided to move to a different table right when I was swinging Kath around, and was very nearly collected.

Brandon got up with Karen and danced the dance of his life in front of all his whanau, and he did an excellent job of it. Well done.

# Lady Joy Rest Home

28 May

Bright and early on this showery Saturday morning John, Christine, Helen, Phil, Marlene, Diane, Kath & myself, with support from Gill & Donna and of course DJ Dylan and his sidekick MC Caleb, congregated at the Lady Joy Rest Home in Patterson Street.

As soon as I saw the area we were going to be dancing in I was glad we only had a few dancers for this demo. You could actually swing a cat in the room but, as Douglas Adams once said, only if it was a reasonably patient cat who didn't mind a few nasty cracks about the head. A sloped but low ceiling. A couple of hanging lights. But at least the floor wasn't carpeted as we had expected. Lino was perfectly acceptable with the addition of talcum powder. The question posed to me "Would you like the tables moved out of the way?" was answered with a firm "OMG yeah!". I helped do that then headed back to the reception area to tell Kath "Err... doing the Candle is out".

With the walls and connected lounge filled with residents (and, I was amused to note, a grey and white cat with no apparent head injuries) we decided there could only be room enough for one set of dancers at a time. We chucked the PMD Triples (short for Phil, Marlene, Diane, though I may have to come up with another acronym, this one sounds a bit like a woman's complaint) in the deep end as our opener and everything seemed to go to plan for them. John & Christine went on next, shoes squeaking out an accompaniment to the beat on the linoleum floor. Then Kath and I took the floor for our slow routine - minus the candle. As soon as I heard laughing (particularly the Presidential Cackle) while doing the Back Flip I knew Kath's feet must have clipped one of the light fittings on her way over.

It was essentially a repeat of the above order for the faster songs except John and Helen had a go together while Christine sat it out. Kath and I had to drop the Wilson from our fast routine for fear of launching her feet through the ceiling, but we thought the rest of the jumps were doable. I did, however, find it quite difficult continually trying to line her up between the lights before jumping. A couple of times parts of a flying Kath got quite close to some of the residents. Phil had to abort the throw Marlene had put him into about halfway through it because he thought he was going to kick the same light Kath had hit.

previously. Nice handstand save - I mean exit - by the way, Phil.

We finished with everybody doing a general dance, in particular for one lady who had missed the rest of the demo.

As in all rest homes, it was an extremely warm demo, but still a good one despite the lack of space or height. Both staff and residents enjoyed it and would very much like us to go back again.

Our thanks go to all who attended.

## 3 RSA

28 May

We all know there is a vast difference between Social and Competition RocknRoll. Those of us who regularly take over the usually jam-packed dance floor at the RSA know how frustrating it can be not to be able to do any kind of showy move or a jump when the mood takes us. Despite this, patrons and staff often come up to us and say how much they enjoy watching us dance. We can't help but shake our heads a bit sadly and say "Thank you very much, but you ain't seen nothing..."



It was on that premise that Kath took it upon herself to rectify the situation with a full-blown demo. We obviously couldn't do that while a band was playing but why couldn't we perform a demo during their break? No reason, according to most bands and the Razza hierarchy. Well, that was a good start at least. And the perfect band to get everyone fired up for an awesome night out? TeQuilla. Who else?

So, the goal was to demo our clubs talent during TeQuillas rest breaks. The only issue was that we were initially under the impression that there would be only two 10 minute breaks, and it seemed that everybody from the club (plus others) wanted to be in it. From this response we could gather that a lot of people have wanted to let loose at the Razza for a long time and it was shaping up to be the most popular demo in... well... ever.



To accommodate as many couples and triples as we could, each event would have to be restricted to one song each. Sad, but realistic.

On the night our people were easy to spot as they arrived, the girls sporting full Rock n Roll dresses and drawing curious looks from other patrons. We had

encouraged everyone to get to the Razza as early as possible in order to gain enough space



to seat ourselves together. Unfortunately that was not the way it turned out and we were split into two groups and by the time we had everybody there it was standing room only. Well, draped-over-the-pool-tables-room-only anyway...

First up we had Triples, with Danny, Karen & June sharing the floor with Paula, Gill and myself because we had both opted to perform our slow routines. I don't know about our illustrious Nats '09 winners, but we hadn't jumped our fast routine since the Masters Games in Feb and weren't keen repeating our double armroll collapse just yet. Our Prez womanned the mike and called us to the floor but we couldn't get started due to a last minute pit stop that kept us waiting for a couple of minutes (I am not naming names; let's just say it started with a Pee). Alex, Shona & Kath were up next with Phil, Marlene & Diane, both performing their

fast routines, also after a slight delay with a latecomer frantically getting ready between the pool tables.

After Triples there was still enough time for a few couples, so Brian & Karen DeVee, Gary & Karen B and Michael & Helen had a shot at their slow routines, before a very surprised Paula & Karen G (sorry about that girls) took to the floor with Kath and I to do a fast fast. The doubling up of the word 'fast' just then is not a typo.

We graciously let the band take centre



stage again for awhile and probably should have rested for a bit, but that is next to impossible to do with TeQuilla playing such lively and danceable music. Straight back onto the floor went all the suckers for punishment.



When the second break came, a Top Team consisting of Shane, Karen,

Danny, June, Kath and I displayed the routine we've been working on for a few months. It went... pretty good, shall I say Team? Not perfect, but pretty good. The Triples then graced the floor for a repeat performance before a few more couples danced the last fast song for the evening.

The feedback we received on the night was universally positive. Even TeQuilla stated that although they've seen us dance a lot, they had never before seen us dance competition level Rock n Roll, and that it was an absolute pleasure to watch.

Our thanks go to the RSA for the venue, TeQuilla for the inspiration and controlling the demo music, Kath for the idea and organisation (well done), Pete for his TeQuilla insight, Donna for MC-ing, and all our members who contributed to making a successful and memorable night.

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## Trafalgar Square

4 June 2011

There's not much I can say about this demo, except maybe "poorly attended". I do realize that dancing amongst the general shopping public can be a bit embarrassing for some, but do you know what is even more embarrassing? Trying to fill out a demo in public with only two couples, and one of those being makeshift.

Our huge gratitude goes to all who did turn up: Shane, Helen, Shona, Kath and myself. And we thank the kids for wandering round giving out pamphlets to people.

It took longer to find the kids after the demo than it took to actually do it. All in all, not the best advertising for a great club.

Kath & Scott  
(thanks for the fantastic writeup guys - Ed)

See all these photos and heaps more in colour on our Facebook site . . .

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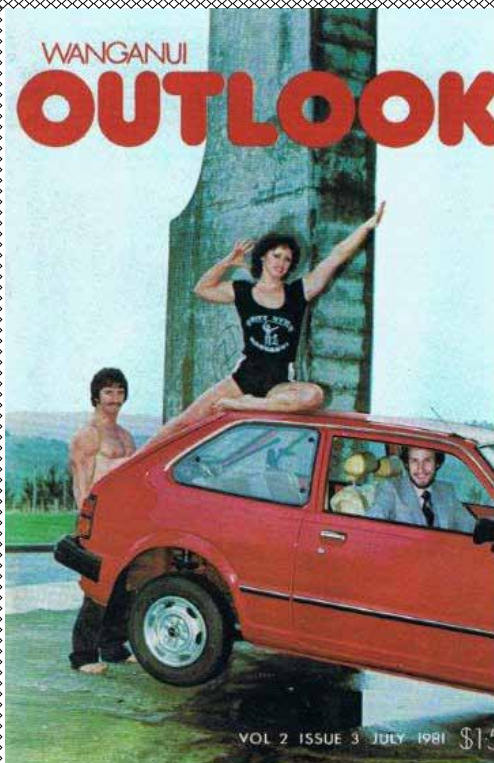
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# Working Bee . . .

12 June

We held a working bee on Sunday 12 June to begin preparing the hall for a major paint job to be done before Nationals in October. Supervised by Shona, we had a great turnout from around 9am till afternoon sometime. This is the first of several more, the next on 30th July. (Above - A picture tells a thousand words)





# A BLAST from the PAST ...

Danny  
& Karen Burns  
a few years back.  
You  
haven't changed  
at all Karen ...

hehe



## The Benefits Of Dance

(Thanks Marie Louise this sums it up perfectly for Rock and Roll as well!!!)

published by Gilly P on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10813298426>

*Dancing isn't just about the steps and music; it's a perfect combination of physical activity, social interaction, and mental stimulation. Dancing enhances your life in so many ways*

### Health

When you dance, your cardiovascular system improves, your muscle tone increases and you burn calories. This low-impact aerobic activity also increases flexibility, strength, and balance. Olympic athletes often dance as part of their training to sharpen their control, agility, and speed. Dancing is great exercise in a pleasant, fun atmosphere.

### Confidence

Dancers possess an aura of self-confidence and an ability to enjoy themselves more in social situations. When you learn how to dance, your entire mental outlook will take on a fresh sense of creativity, motivation and energy. This new self-confidence in your dancing abilities will transfer to other aspects of your life as well.

### Self-Expression

Dance provides an emotional outlet so that you can reflect your feelings through your body movements with passion and flair. Dancing will bring out, improve on, and strengthen your ability to permanently use these expressive qualities even when not dancing.

### Social Life

Dancing lessons are an easy, low-pressure way to meet people. At Wanganui RnR we provide social dance parties where you can practise in a familiar environment, nights out on the town, local, national and international competitions and workshops, as well as fun trips to different locations. Our classes are also the perfect place to rediscover romance! We have had quite a few people meeting their future partners on the dance floor - dance your way to love!

### Relaxation

In today's fast-paced world, we sometimes forget to take a moment for ourselves. Dancing provides a temporary escape from your normal daily activities, a chance to relax, relieve stress and concentrate on yourself.

### Way of life

For many people, dancing has not only become a hobby, or a past time. In many cases it has become a new lifestyle! The more you dance, the more you get to know the people who are in it and the more you will get to know the world of dance. Eventually this could transform the way you live your life forever.

### Fun

Dancing is a great way to add excitement to your life! Although learning to dance takes concentration and dedication, you will be constantly surrounded by artistic, creative and cheerful people who make learning a pleasurable and rewarding experience.

**So join us and have some fun!**

# Harbour City Champs

18 June

Firstly an apology for lack of photographs; but then a big thankyou to Bruce Herdman from Gold Coast for supplying these beauties he put on our Facebook page . . .

Three vanloads of us went to Harbour City Club Champs on 18th June, leaving around 3pm after meeting at the weighbridge over the Cobham Bridge.

Had an uneventful trip down other than a tea stop at Paparaumu Mall where we eat all over the place as there is so much to choose from down there. Some like McD's and KFC and most of our team went to Cobb & Co where I had a feast of pork ribs - very nice too but a bit embarrassing eating a huge greasy plate of them while the others watched in amazement .

I had my sons GPS with me so was very confident we would find the hall easily until

we got to Johnsonville when Katy (our GPS voice) told us to turn left off the motorway. It was then that I realised we would be heading to Marc's place if we took notice of her (dumb blond). Carrying on into Wellington I got a couple of panicky calls from Phil Holloway asking how long we would be and did we know where to go as they didn't. Sorry Phil every man for himself when the chips are down. We were late and didn't expect them to wait for us.

Luckily I remembered how to get to Tinakori Road and Eileen filled in the missing gaps.

It was piddling down when we eventually reached the hall and John managed to get us a park fairly close so we only got half drenched by the time we got in the hall.

By being late we missed sitting with the rest of our team dammit, but found seats not too far away from them.



After a few general dances we were fairly warmed up by the time the competition began.

A good night was had by all and our dancers competed in the Invitation section, putting on a good display and making us all feel very proud to be associated with them.

Great music, great supper. Well done Miles and thanks for your hospitality. It's good to travel to other clubs and participate in their competitions. Even dancing socially with their dancers you get to learn new styles and moves, and meet new people.

Our team (Doug, Michael, Harre, Eileen, Helen, Barry, Jan, John, Christine, Jacky & Me) left at 11.45 for the long trip home. No rain this time thank goodness. I hate driving at night in driving rain, especially when there are a few of us and I am not driving.

Home @ 2.45 in bed by 3, up @ 9 . . .

A good drive by John despite worries with warning light showing gearbox problems. Stalled and bunnyhopped the auto at Himatangi when dropping off Eileen and it must have cleared something cos the warning light went off and we were fine all the way back. Got some great voices in van THREE and some generous passengers with heaps of pineapple lumps and chocolates.

thankyou Jacky A



# Club Champs 2011

9 July

The doors opened at 4.30 for a 5.45pm start for Donna's opening speech. We had two of the judges (Dave & Mary) staying with us and they were happy to come early and hitch a ride with us. Judging the nights competition were Dave & Mary Sayers, Noreen Dillon with Sheryl Ropiha scrutineering. We also had two Armchair judges, Donald Walker & Murray Dillon - good luck guys, on your journey to becoming fully fledged National Judges.

The hall had been nicely decorated and with a fire nicely blazing in the grate, it made for a cosy atmosphere.

Door numbers reached around 95, not bad for an event slap bang in the middle of Winter. It was nice to see members of Harbour City make the trip up from Wellington and especially great to see the Miles family come all the way down from Hamilton to compete in the Invitation event.

The Evening flowed very smoothly with only one dance off, a bit nervewracking for the dancers concerned. A slight hiccup musicwise due to lightning and also another when the second top team were in action, their landing causing the song to skip a beat, but other than that, everything went like clockwork. Competition was great in all sections and as I said previously, nice to see Visitors entering the Invitation event.

Once again, a great supper was provided.

In conclusion I would like to say a big thankyou to the Club Members for making this annual event the success it always is.

Congratulations to those members passing Assessments and to Donna once again winning the raffle, who also managed to do it again the following week at Rose City Club Champs, Grrrr.

thankyou Jacky A





# Prizegiving . . .

## **Best Dressed Girls**

1st Taylor, 2nd Ashleigh

## **Best Dressed Boy**

1st Dylan, 2nd Caleb

## **Best Dressed Junior Couple**

1st Ashleigh & Caleb, 2nd Taylor & Dylan

## **Best Dressed Ladies**

1st Shona, 2nd Kathy H, 3rd June

## **Best Dressed Man**

1st Phil W, 2nd Brian D, 3rd Michael W

## **Best Dressed Senior Couple**

1st Brian & Karen D, 2nd Kathy & Shane, 3rd Helen & Michael

## **Restricted**

1st Haari Plumridge and Shona Hood,

2nd Alex Pirikahu and Karen Gadsby

3rd Garry Pratt and Karen Bullock

4th Phil Walker and Gill Pirikahu

## **Best Dressed Triples**

1st Brian Devantier, Karen Devantier and Karen Bullock

2nd Alex Pirikahu, Kath Mence and Shona Hood

3rd Scott Greenlees, Paula Mosen and Gill Pirikahu

## **Triples**

1st Scott Greenlees, Paula Mosen and Gill Pirikahu

2nd Alex Pirikahu, Kath Mence and Shona Hood

3rd Phil Holloway, Marlene Holloway and Dianne Butters

## **Juniors**

1st Taylor & Brandon, 2nd Ashleigh & Dylan

## **Golden**

1st Scott Greenlees and Kath Mence

2nd Shane Williams and Kathy Hylton

3rd Alex Pirikahu and Shona Hood

## **Masters**

1st Phil Walker and Gill Pirikahu

2nd Phil Holloway and Dianne Butters

3rd Brian Devantier and Karen Devantier

## **Invitation Couples**

1st Brent Miles and Delwyn Miles

2nd Miles Coverdale and Wendy Walker

3rd Phill Miles and Amanda Miles

## **Best Dressed Same Sex**

1st Kath Mence and Shona Hood

2nd Paula Mosen and Karen Burns

3rd Celone Tuka and Crystal Henry

## **Same Sex**

1st Paula Mosen and Karen Burns

2nd Kath Mence and Shona Hood

3rd Celone Tuka and Crystal Henry

## **Unders and Overs**

1st Alex Pirikahu and Te Manihera Pirikahu

2nd Brandon Beamsley and Crystal Henry

3rd Chris Hina and Taylor Hina

## **Invitation Triples**

1st Brent Miles, Delwyn Miles and Jill Carter

**Top Team:** 1st Swingers, 2nd Pzazz

**Most Improved Junior:** Taylor Hina

**Most Improved Senior:** Jacky & Neil Rutherford

**Up & Coming:** Crystal Henry **Most Social Female:** Melanie **Most Social Male:** Michael **Star Award:** Dylan Mence





# Rose City Club Champs

held at Longburn on 16 July 2011

Around 5.30pm Christine, John, Kelvin & I headed for Palmerston North to Rose City's Club Champs stopping off at McDonalds by Cobham Bridge first for some tea.

Other carloads had left earlier and no doubt stopped at McDonalds in Bulls. Start time was around 7.00pm so we got there a little late. The categories never had many entries from the Club in them but good on the dancers that got out there and competed.

Some of our dancers entered the Invitation section - both in triples and doubles and certainly put on a good show, great practice for the upcoming Nationals at Labour Weekend.

As always we look forward to supper knowing we don't have to tidy up or do dishes.

All in all, it was a pleasant evening, especially for our Donna Burns who once again walked off with the raffle prize as she had done the previous week at our Club Champs.

thankyou Jacky A



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and colour photos  
of all these events  
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# Top Team Practice 23 July *yeah right...*



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## **NEXT Newsletter**

Will be out probably before Nats 2011.  
All contributions whether they are articles, clear photos, jokes or anything of interest are most welcome and should be given to Kelvin, the newsletter editor as soon as possible to avoid missing deadlines.

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