

# Victorian Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame Inductees 2025

The VRRDA established the Victorian Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame to recognise those special people who have made a notable contribution to Rock 'n' Roll dancing over a significant period of time.

## Grant and Maryanne Richards

Grant and Maryanne Richards have been involved in Rock'n'Roll in various forms since 2009. They are well-respected rock'n'roll competitors, and dance teachers, having run their own dance classes at Team Richards Dance Studio since 2012. They have worked tirelessly to successfully increase the number of children who have taken up rock'n'roll dancing in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne and have encouraged and supported their students to compete in many dance competitions. They have contributed greatly to the wider rock'n'roll dance community, holding regular dances at Hampton Park, teaching classes at Rosebud Rockers, working with young people through the Bridge disability services, and hosting dance competitions.

Maryanne and Grant first met at Mordy Rock in 2009 and started rock'n'roll dance classes with Kevin and Carol Ross at Fourmost. They also had many lessons with Jeff and Angie Beck from Star Belle. They entered their first rock'n'roll dance competition over in Adelaide in 2009, and from that time on, they were hooked on competition dancing. They have since gone on to successfully compete in many competitions including State Championships in Victoria, NSW and Queensland.

In 2012, Maryanne and Grant began running kids classes every Saturday morning from their home studio. It wasn't long before classes started growing. With the help of donations, they provided rock'n'roll gear for the kids and paid the kids' competition entry fees. In 2018, they purchased Team Richards jackets for every child, so they all felt part of the team, and so Team Richards was born. The kids have competed in Melbourne, Sale, Queensland and Perth. Some will compete in the Worlds in June, and the whole team is going to the Sunshine Coast in August for the Australian Nationals.

Maryanne and Grant started teaching adults in 2019. They were approached by the Hampton Park Progress Association to assist them in running their monthly dances at Hampton Park, which raises money for local charities. They have also taught classes at Rosebud Rockers. They have supported many charities, and performed at Dementia Cafes, Dance for Dementia, church fundraisers, nursing homes, retirement villages, school fetes, and many festivals. Team Richards also hosted the Australian National Championships in Melbourne in 2023, and ran the Victorian Allcomers competition in 2024.

