

Auckland Waitakere Roller Sports Club

Report to Artistic Committee AGM 17 July 2017

- ❖ AWRSC still uses The Trusts Stadium Arena in Henderson as our main training venue and for Learn to Skate classes. We were once again successful with getting significant funding assistance from The Trusts Charitable Foundation (TTCF) for y/e March 2018. We continue to suffer some disruption with floor availability due to accommodation of other sports and major events at the stadium. We are doing further assessment of alternative venues in the area.
- ❖ Attendance at our Learn to Skate Classes continues to be strong. We have already had 105 LTS club registrations for 2017, approximately half this number on the floor each week spread across the three levels. The switch to Tuesday classes (being a more reliable time slot at The Trusts) still provides good continuity and skater retention, and exposure at a community facility works in our favour too. I must thank all our wonderful volunteer coaches, skaters and committee for their ongoing dedication at this entry level of our sport, in particular Leanne & Heather for their organisation.
- ❖ We have 25 club skaters competing at these NZ Champs, which is down six from 2016. There are three precision teams competing, plus a combined quartet with Mt Wellington. Our Masters skater, Lisa Garrud has also competed successfully at Australia Championships in Mt Warren this month.
- ❖ Four of our club skaters have nominated for Oceanias at Mt Warren, Queensland being held in September 2017 – Madison Collis, Emily Clague, Andrew Rae and Lisa Garrud. We have no skaters nominating for Worlds 2017.
- ❖ We wish to acknowledge and thank our coaches (Leanne Raffles, Andrew Rae, Madison Collis, Emily Clague, Laura Strangward, plus Macarena Carrascosa and Rachel Melrose) for their continuing hard work with individual lessons, precision teams and Learn to Skate. We also acknowledge our trainee and other coaches helping with badge classes – Gillian, Sam, Lisa, Shardè, Victoria and Bella.
- ❖ We are looking to reinstitute some group lessons after Nationals which will also assist with coach development and mentoring. There have also been discussions around concentrating on some medal tests in the last quarter of the year, when we often experience a “lull” in attendance and concentration.
- ❖ We have a number of officials in our club – Jane Reason (international judge), Leanne Raffles (NZFRS Secretary), Samantha Reason (judge), Deb Collis (announcer), Sarah Reason (judge) and Sarah Mays (judge), Heather Mays (marshall), Marilyn Switzer (marshall) and Jill Campbell (marshall). Thanks to all these volunteers for their time and energy dedicated to roller skating.
- ❖ Our Region is looking at another Auckland Open Day in November 2017, following on from the success of the last two events (November 2015 & 2016). The competition always includes artistic, precision and speed events and we hope it will once again be well attended by Auckland Waitakere, Mt Wellington & Hamilton Clubs. Thank you to the Regional Committee and club volunteers helping to make this annual event such a success.
- ❖ Our Regional Championships was held at Trusts Stadium on Sunday, 9 April 2017 and was a great event, with excellent assistance from Auckland Waitakere and Mt Wellington club volunteers making it a successful day.

Thank you.

Deb Collis,
AWRSC President