

Hamilton Roller Skating Club report 2016 -17

The Hamilton Roller Skating Club continues to perform strongly.'

We are in the fortunate position of the rink building being debt-free with only a 'ground lease' to pay to the Hamilton City Council. We are in the fortunate position of having full support from Councillors across the political spectrum because of the asset to the City what we provide at no cost to ratepayers and because we keep costs to the public at a minimum . It is the cheapest family entertainment in Hamilton with a capped family entrance fee and where parents are encouraged to skate with their kids free of charge.

This year have also seen the completion of a world class, International standard, outdoor Speed Track which was also completed debt free. President Kathy Moddy was awarded 'Volunteer of the Year' by speed in recognition of the outstanding contribution to the ongoing health of speed skating in New Zealand .

Our only drawback at present, is that in the lead up to Artistic Nationals we are training in very cold conditions as currently the sides of the rink which, although 'secure' do not protect us from cold winds. To this end holding Nationals later in the year would make training much more enjoyable for all

Given that, our Artistic and Speed Skaters are in the enviable position of being able to train free of charge!

We have achieved this by having packed public sessions which essentially subsidise our competitive skaters and which allow the club to build funds to cope with our ongoing programme of maintenance , improvement and building.

One of our parents has recently volunteered to run a Disco on a monthly basis. The club has installed Disco lights and even in the depths of winter is attracting over 100 skaters...mainly from the public. We expect this to double in Summer.

Our Sunday mornings attract 200 plus every week Thursdays continue to be popular and rink hire to Roller Derby and other interests add to our finances. Our informal 'Learn to skate Sessions'... a combination of games and basic skills continue to attract approx. 100 kids per night during the school terms.

We recently bid a (semi) farewell to Pearl Best, our secretary of approx 37 yrs! Pearls vast knowledge will be missed but fortunately she will still have some

involvement in Club activities and we will see he regularly when she pops over to visit her Mum. . (She is our Team Manager this year)

The good news is, Pearl will be able to enjoy retirement in Sunny Tauranga, while still having contact with us all .

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