



## Manawatu Skating Club Artistic Report July 2017

MSSC Artistic member's numbers have stayed relatively the same to previous years, we have 17 skaters attending Nationals this year which is similar to last year's team.

Of those skaters we have 8 who have competed internationally in the past year at Oceanias and Australian Nationals with our skaters medalling in many events. One skater attended World Championships in Novara, Italy.

We need to look at how we retain skaters once they get over the age of 16 as school, work and University commitments often mean skaters leave the club.

We have had increased learn to skate numbers with 40 skaters regularly attending our Tuesday Learn to Skate classes. Five of those skaters are moving into competitive skating at league events and hopefully further in the next year. A couple of our senior coaches have been running a group class on Sundays to help with transitioning skaters from learn to skate classes to further coaching and competitions. This formula appears to be working and we are thankful to our coaches who are helping with this.

We have 5 Artistic coaches at level one or higher, this includes two HP coaching commission coaches. We have a group of 5 skaters who teach our beginner skaters under the guidance of Lisa Thomas, four of them have completed their coaching certificates and the fifth will start the process after she attends Nationals this year.

Manawatu Skating club holds regular fun sessions on Friday nights and during the school holidays. We have seen a major increase in numbers attending these with 100 skaters attending one of the Friday night sessions during the last school holidays. We have been doing regular advertising on the radio and on our public skating club Facebook page, both of these avenues seem to be working well in getting the information out about our sport and events.

We have attended various community events in the city e.g. Skating in the Santa parade and at Esplanade day. We also ran a club open day at Memorial park rink earlier this year which was very popular.

We have been involved in redevelopment of the outdoor rink at Memorial Park and hopefully this will promote our sport to the wider community.

MSSC is looking forward to a success in the upcoming NZ National Championships and Oceanias.

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