



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

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Our membership has stayed roughly the same at around 180 members with approximately 100 skaters.

Two of our senior skaters have taken over the running of our patch class this year. They have been doing a wonderful job and the number of patch coaches that are coming regularly has increased slightly. We have 40-50 skaters per week in our patch class however we are still finding it difficult to get skaters to move from patch class into private coaching and competition with only 5 or 6 making the transition so far this year.

We have had 2 skaters earn their Sports Specific Level 1 Coaching accreditation in the last year. Katelyn Kennedy and Hayley Patten (Freeskating). Victoria Edwards has received her Class 4 judges commission in all disciplines.

We had 15 skaters who made the national team for Oceania's and 2 skaters who went to World Champs in 2016. Of special note are the skaters who won their events at Oceania's; Katelyn Kennedy (Junior Intl Ladies figures, Youth Intl Ladies Freeskating) and the X's and O's – Laura McKenzie, Hollie Goldstone, Victoria Edwards, Tracey Behrent (Quartets). Our two Worlds skaters did us proud with Emma Patrick placing 33rd in Senior Ladies Freeskating and Abigail Evans placing 22nd in Junior Ladies Solo Dance. This year we have 3 skaters who have been named in the Worlds team (Emma Patrick, Abigail Evans and Katelyn Kennedy).

To help recruit new members and to pay for the lease and operating costs (lease approx. \$80,000 p.a., operating costs approx. \$15,000) we hold a public session every Saturday 3.00 – 5.00 pm (averaging 80 skaters) and during school holidays Monday to Friday 1.00 – 3.00 pm. These discos are particularly popular for children's birthday parties and at times there are four parties at a session. The rink is hired out for birthdays and other functions (Youth groups, etc.) on Saturday evenings and during school term holidays to the Holiday programmes organized by Councils, Schools and Private groups.

We have 5 Saturday evening discos with a theme during the year. These are wonderful events and the Pizza Party that we had earlier this year was especially popular. The funds raised from these discos go directly towards helping club skaters attend National, Oceania and Worlds Champs.

We also have schools using skating as a recreational sport during school hours. This year we have had Fergusson Intermediate coming to rink once a week for a term with about 40 - 50 kids skating each time. We hope to capitalise more on this in future.

All of our (approx. 210) sessions whether for the public or private bookings, are manned by club members on a voluntary basis. All sessions have 2 – 4 volunteers on duty. We like to make all public sessions very family orientated, so an adult with a child 8 years or younger gets Free entry if they wish to skate.

The rink is leased on Thursday and Friday nights to the Rimutaka Inline Hockey Club, and on Sunday nights to the Hutt Valley Derby Brats.

This year we have had a very successful Club Champs competition (December) and have just hosted our Open Day combined with the East/West Regional Champs and CollegeSport Wellington Artistic Champs.