



New Zealand Academy of Coaches

New Zealand Artistic Roller Sports Committee Inc.



NZAC Annual Report - 2023/2024

This year the NZAC team underwent a significant change with Beverley Cooper (MNZM) stepping down as Principal Manager after years of leading the team. Beverley has been a part of this Committee since the beginning, pioneering incredible progress within our sport and guiding many coaches along their personal development journeys. She is an incredible leader, team member and completely irreplaceable. We would like to take a moment to thank Beverley for all she has done on this committee and for our coaches nationwide.

Sarah Jane Johnston has taken on the role of Interim Principal Manager under Bev's guidance. We have also seen the addition of two team members throughout the year with Alana Caunter and Sarah-Jane Jones joining the committee and bringing with them years of experience and knowledge.

This year we as a committee have undertaken a considerable workload, managing multiple projects alongside offering numerous personal development opportunities for our coaches.

Current Projects:

Coach Accreditation Renewal:

The Coach Accreditation points renewal system was re-established this year after being put on hold previously due to the disruption of Covid. Although there were a few issues in implementing the new processes, the committee have taken on all feedback provided and are looking to make a more streamlined system for 2024/2025.

Coaches Passes:

Our coaching passes underwent a make-over this year, harnessing the incredible graphic design skills of Rachael Parkinson-Turner. We have heard great feedback about the new designs and are thrilled by their positive reception.

Coach Accreditations - SSL1 Mentoring Program:

The brand new SSL1 Mentoring Program is now complete and ready to be rolled out after this National Championships. We look forward to seeing the impact of this program within our coaching community and would like to thank Alana Caunter for all of her hard work leading this project.

Star Skate:

The new proficiency test system has seen significant progress this year through the incredible combined efforts of the NZAC and a team of our lead officials. The freeskating tests are in their final



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stages with Dance and Skating Skills close behind. The NZAC will be giving a presentation on the new system later this week.

Events:

Artistic Conference:

The 2024 Artistic Conference held in conjunction with the NZ Artistic Committee was held in Upper Hutt in February and was an incredible success, with coaches in attendance from all around the country. It provided a great opportunity to provide introductory presentations on the new SSL1 Mentoring Program & updates on the new proficiency test system ("Star Skate"), in addition to creating an incredible learning environment for our nations athletes, coaches and officials. We would like to thank Sarah-Jane Jones for her work in the organisation of this event.

Coaches Roadshow:

Macarena, Katelyn and Rachael of NZAC were successful in applications for Prime Ministers Coaching funding to attend a World Skate Coaches Workshop in Italy. Unfortunately, this workshop didn't come to fruition, but fortunately we were allowed to keep the grant money, repurposing it to deliver free workshops aimed primarily at coaches across the country.

Macarena, Katelyn & Rachael traveled to Upper Hutt, Christchurch and Auckland delivering the new knowledge obtained from their online World Skate trainings to both athletes and coaches. These were well attended, and it was fantastic to return to the South Island to deliver the first workshop in many years.

It has been a huge year for our team managing all of our projects alongside organising and delivering so many well received events for our skating community. At times it was difficult to manage everything alongside our personal coaching commitments - however with a bit of team work we were able to achieve all the goals we had set for ourselves as a committee.

We are excited for this coming year with the release of the new SSL1 Mentoring Program and Star Skate and look forward to continuing to provide programs and events to support and develop our nations coaches.

Yours in skating,

The NZAC Team

Sarah Jane Johnston (Interim Principal Manager), Beverley Cooper MNZM (Advisor), Rachel Melrose (Project Co-ordinator), Rachael Parkinson-Turner (Coaches Representative), Kylie Shirley, Katelyn Kennedy, Macarena Carrascosa, Alana Caunter and Sarah-Jane Jones.