

Nelson Roller Sports Club, Artistic Club Report

The 2017-2018 year has been another busy year of competing, club development and re-structuring.

Championships attended by Nelson.

One skater represented Nelson at the Laurie Hastie Open Day in April 2017.

Three skaters represented Nelson at the 2017 Nationals Championships in Rotorua, the team brought home 2 golds and 2 silvers.

Two skaters represented Nelson at the Oceania Championships in Queensland in September 2017, where we got one silver medal.

Nelson Club Championships was a debut competition for our young skaters, this event included the Learn to Skate skaters as well.

Southern Area Championships 2018 in Blenheim, all skaters qualified for Nationals.

Successful medal tests were held in Nelson in February, five skaters from Christchurch came up.

Club development.

The learn to skate classes running on Saturday mornings 0945hrs to 1110hrs has had a steady growth over the last year with many skaters returning after the Christmas holidays to continue skating in 2018. This year we have started operating in a term fee and term enrolment system to increase structure and consistency of the classes. So far this has had a positive effect on the skaters, parents and coaches.

The skate fitness class on Tuesday afternoons has attracted many adult skaters and ex skaters, a few from this class have also joined the club.

New Zealand high performance coach Imelda Colman continues to come down to Nelson on a regular basis to coach the artistic skaters and give advice to our coaches.

Two young skaters and a coach attended a figure training weekend delivered by world class Argentinian figure coach held in Upper Hutt in December. They have shared the new knowledge with the junior skaters and other skaters who could not attend.

The code sponsored to send our coach Hayley to a symposium in Perth at the end of 2017 to gain knowledge from the top international coaches from Italy. The symposium focused on the new RollArt judging system along with the basics of free and dance skating. This was a valuable experience to interact with other experienced coaches and keep up to date with the latest movement. Personal thank you from Hayley to the code for funding this trip as it would have not happened otherwise. She was very honored to take part then, as one of the coaches who came over tragically passed away early 2018.

Club events.

We continue to celebrate the success of the learn to skate skaters with a shared morning tea following the end of term patch tests. These tests give the skaters something to work towards and maintains their motivation.

2017 finished with the traditional Christmas show skate where learn to skaters could display their new skating skills to their family and friends. The artistic skaters also performed their routines.

Inter and intra club relationships.

We are maintaining our relationship with the Roller Derby Code through providing half time shows at their bouts. The derby girls have stepped in to skate with us when we have had skaters out of town.

Over the few years skaters from Christchurch skaters continue to come up to Nelson a training weekends. These skaters have now joined the club as associate members and values their training in Nelson.

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