

Hastings Skating Club Report for 2018-2019

2018 has seen positive growth in numbers of new skaters within the Hastings Skating Club. Many of these skaters have come to the Club through Bay Skate, and after a year of skills and fun they have competed for the first time, in Laurie Hastie, Areas and League Day events in 2018. There is wonderful camaraderie amongst these new skating families and this has provided a wonderful team feel to the Club. We welcome a family from Gisborne and a scooter woman, competing at the World Roller games, as new Club members.

The Club had 4 skaters compete at the 2018 New Zealand Championships and we experienced success with our skaters achieving medal status and trophies in the events they were participating in. Congratulations to these skaters for representing the Hastings Club and achieving these results.

Special mention and thank you to all the Officials our Club provides for all artistic and speed events and competitions. 2018 has seen the introduction Roll Art to our National and International events and all artistic officials are going through a learning of “how” the system works, “how” to use it, with the hope of bringing NZ skating in line with World skating judging and officiating.

Congratulations also go to Hastings Skaters who participated at 2018 Oceania Championships.

The Hastings Sports Centre is used on a Monday for Club and Learn to Skate night. The numbers attending this session is showing growth and it is great to see lots of young ones coming along and keen to skate. We are now averaging 15 – 20 skaters per week, and the numbers are still growing. The Club is still actively involved in “Learn to Skate” sessions at Bay Skate. The Rodney Green Centre is used on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sundays for lessons and practice time for all Hastings Skating Club members.

Bay Skate is a huge asset for the Hastings Club to draw on. They are supportive of the Hastings Club / Skate HB and we are invited to participate in all their “skating” events. A huge thank you to Kyle Hamilton from Bay Skate who organised the Federation “ Kids on Wheels” Day. Numbers this year were down on 2017 and the format and structure will be revisited for 2020.

2019 has seen the start of a new Club face book page and this is proving to be a successful avenue for advertising and promoting the Hastings Skating Club. Our page is also linked into the Bay Skate Face book page.

Hastings Skating Club
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