

Nelson Artistic team report 2018~2019

The 2018-2019 year has been another busy year of competing, club development and re-structuring.

Championships attended by Nelson.

Four skaters represented Nelson at the 2018 Nationals Championships in Whanganui, the team brought home 2 golds and 3 silvers.

One skater represented Nelson at the 2018 Oceania Championships, bringing home a bronze 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 2019 in Christchurch, all skaters qualified for Nationals.

Successful medal tests were held in Nelson in February, three 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 2019. This year we have started operating in a term fee and term enrolment system for patch classes two and above to increase structure and consistency of the classes. We have been trialing the casual fee approach for patch one class to encourage numbers. The changes have 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.

Education of the RollArt judging system has been ongoing with Hayley attending a seminar in Christchurch late last year. Nelson also hosted a seminar where Imelda presented the latest content specific to our skater's needs.

Next weekend a team of three skaters will be attending the practical RollArt training weekend held in Upper Hutt.

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.

2018 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.