

NEW PLYMOUTH ROLLER SPORTS CLUB (INC) REPORT TO AGM 2019

This year we have been extremely busy one for the Figure Skating Branch with the hosting of the New Zealand Championships and we would like to welcome you all back to New Plymouth and hope you have an enjoyable week with us.

This year we have some disruption to our times while the small rink was resurfaced. Our figures are now permanently painted on the floor. The floor is now great to skate on, but unfortunately the big rink still has its tiles.

We had 17 skaters qualifying via Area Championships for NZ Championships this year and this is one of the largest team of qualifiers for many years.

Our Coaches Michelle and Tania are still doing an excellent job coaching our skaters. Michelle offers private lessons for dance with Tania only able to offer group lessons for Figures and Freeskating and this year she also took on 2 quartet teams. Both coaches are a real asset to the branch.

We were also proud to have had Michelle nominated as team manager for the World Team going to the World Games in Barcelona. New Plymouth also has team members and officials in Roller Hockey and Inline Hockey attending these games.

As you are aware club caters for four sections of Roller Sports and this makes rink times challenging to be able to fit in all the requirements of the various sections. It is hard to make it understood to other branches that we actually comprise of 4 different sections that all need to have time.

The club still runs 2 Public Sessions on a Friday night 5.6.30pm for Pre Teens and 7-9pm for all ages. Attendances for these have still be excellent showing an increase in skating popularity, with many skaters now on quads.

Our long running Saturday morning Learn to Skate Group has been getting 40-50 skaters each week. Unfortunately we were unable to run in term 1, due to rink repairs and other users on big rink. Most of those coming a very beginners and time will tell how many continue to come along and pass the certificates and eventually integrate into the club. Coaching is done voluntary by members of the Figure Skating and Roller Hockey branches.