



### **Tauranga Roller Skating Report - 2019**

Tauranga Roller Skating is a club that has a real desire to spread the word of artistic roller skating to the wider community. What brings back memories for many of the public, is a sport that really becomes a passion with many of our school aged children right through to the younger adult community.

It has been another year of growth for the Club, celebrating the continued expansion of the membership bringing new skaters into the sport. Tauranga is a growing city with many new families moving into the area and the Club is frequently looking at ways of introducing the sport of skating to the new members of the city.

We continue to seek a home, and this provides the biggest challenge for our members. Finding a space that suits the needs of our sport is something that remains top of mind for our committee and members. As mentioned Tauranga is a growing city and there are many demands on spaces in the city that are not being met by what is on offer for the citizens.

The Club is always looking at ways to fundraise and help the members. We've been a frequent at Mitre10 providing sausages to its customers, we hold roller discos at many of the community halls in Tauranga and celebrated Skate Day at the newly laid club rink at Memorial Park. This year we will be seeking sponsorship for our Christmas event and looking to secure some grant funding to help us provide an opportunity to hire bigger halls to provide that opportunity for our skaters to skate in a bigger foot print which is critical for competitive skating.

Our skaters have enjoyed great success this year with many of them enjoying the taste of victory at the various events that are offered by the fantastic artistic roller skating community in New Zealand such as the Laurie Hastie event, the Regionals at Hamilton and the Areas at Rotorua to mention a few. We've travelled to Whanganui, Palmerston North, Auckland and we send five skaters to the

Nationals in New Plymouth this year up on three last year which is an awesome achievement. They will represent the club with pride, keenness to do well and extend themselves and show the depth of their efforts in practice over the last year to reach the pinnacle of the Nationals.

We are keen to see how the new RollArt method features at the Nationals and welcome the new standard of competing and scoring ensuring all skaters benefit from a more even playing field than was on offer before. We believe it can only promote and encourage our skaters.

We're delighted to welcome a new group of beginner skaters that are keen to develop in the art of skating and our Coach Michelle Webb is bringing all of her experience nationally and internationally in providing them with a taste of what the sport of artistic skating is all about. They are keen to learn the very basics and build their skills so they too can start to build their competition records at the many different events on offer. It is an exciting time for the club to build on our solid foundations and to develop our skaters at all levels and to ensure those children, young adults and adults have the ability to enjoy their sport and recreation time.

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