

TOKOROA ROLLER SKATING – CLUB REPORT 2019

This year has been one of revival with the return of Dianne Gunson to the club and the international competitive arena, and Nicole Willson. We also welcomed other competitive members to the club as well.

Our club now has a balanced cohort of skaters/parents/supporters and officials. Whilst our club members are further spread than Tokoroa, utilising school gymnasiums, community halls and smaller stadiums for training; we still remain a close knit supportive club. We have members that volunteer their time at Learn to Skate evenings in Hamilton and support skaters from other clubs within the Waikato/BOP region on a regular basis.

The club's Judges, Peter Willy, Dianne Gunson and Amy Sharrock continue to be well utilised at competitions, medal test days etc. Peter's wealth of knowledge is very appreciated as he continues to pass it on to both Dianne and Amy, which assists them immensely in their judging, coaching, and skating roles.

This year has been an exciting time for our officials with the implementation of RollArt. One of our officials attended the Australian RollArt Seminar in Melbourne, bringing back information and encouragement for fellow club officials to get involved and learn more about the system moving forward. Our cohort of officials and volunteers includes coverage across the judging of the White System and RollArt, Marshalling, Artistic Committee, NZFRS Board, Regional and Area Committees.

Our congratulations go to Dianne Gunson who on her first outing since her return to the club was to represent NZ at the 2018 Oceanias Artistic Championships held in Rotorua in the Advanced Masters Figures, where she won the Gold Medal.

Congratulations to MacKenna Ellis who passed her No 3 Figure Medal Test at the Waikato/BOP Regional Medal Test Day.

The club was excited about the return of the Waikato/BOP Regional Championships, giving our skaters the chance to put routines on the floor before the Northern Artistic Area Championships were held.

We initially had 4x skaters entered to compete at the Area Championships, and it was unfortunate that Nicole had to withdraw due to illness.

We have 3 skaters, Dianne Gunson, MacKenna Ellis and Dave Gillet-Witters representing our club at the NZ Artistic Championships this year and 4 officials/volunteers assisting in the officiating roles as mentioned above, we wish them all a successful and enjoyable championship.

While we continue to grow, it is unfortunate that we are still hindered by the lack of a local venue in which to skate, however we have a great focus on supporting our club members based around the Waikato/BOP and look forward to another successful year.

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President

