

AGM Club Delegate Report 2021 - Skatescool Tauranga

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Club Introduction	<p>Our Skatescool Tauranga Club was newly formed in February 2019 after growing alongside the Skatescool mobile business over the last 6 years and has grown immeasurably with the establishment of the permanent rink set up in September 2018.</p>
<p>What have been your activities this year? (competitions, sessions, classes, Kiwi Skate Day etc)</p>	<p>We have a new Coach on board - Sarah Butler! She has been working very hard with our competitive skaters to continue their development, and beginning to move them towards goals of National and International streams.</p> <p>Due to COVID in 2020 we spent the majority of last year developing skills with our competitive skaters. We attended the Area Competition in Hamilton in 2020, Northern Areas 2021 in Auckland, Laurie Hastie in Palmerston North 2021 and will be taking a team of 26 to the NZ National Championships, of which 17 skaters have also qualified in individual events.</p> <p>We currently have 11 classes dedicated to our recreational skaters, and 11 sessions dedicated to our competitive team across Freestyle, Figures, Dance and Precision, including independent training hours and off skates training.</p> <p>We also run 5 public sessions a week Friday 10am-12pm & 7pm-9pm, Saturday 1pm-3pm & 4pm-6pm and Sunday 1pm-3pm. These are great for introducing the community to skating, and helping fill our grassroots classes to eventually feed into the club.</p> <p>In December 2020 we ran a Showskate event to finish out the year, giving our competition skaters another chance to perform in front of an audience - this is another opportunity to involve the community to show what we are about, as well as give family and friends the chance to come support the skaters that may not be able to attend competitions as they are generally all out of town for us.</p> <p>Kiwi Skate Day did not run ahead in 2021, so instead we applied for the \$400 Sport NZ funding (to assist with advertising in the community) and ran an Open Day at the rink where we invited the public to come watch a demonstration from our competition skaters (also giving them a dress rehearsal with an audience a month out from Northern Areas) and to enjoy a roller disco session. We had over 200 people from the community join this event which was a great success.</p> <p>We partnered up with one of our parents who is a DJ to run a Live DJ Disco evening in April, which attracted many new skaters, and many experienced skaters from all disciplines, inline, jam, derby, artistic, for an evening of awesome skating. We all got involved with skating together with conga lines, shoot the duck trains, glide trains, jam skating in the middle of the rink and exposed everyone to different ways of skating. We had 80+ skaters attend</p>

	<p>this event, along with their spectators and support crew. It was such a success that we've planned another one in August!</p> <p>We ran another successful Skate-a-thon June 2021 (for the 3rd year running) which aligns with 40 Hour Famine - a challenge for our skaters to wear their skates for 24 hours (yes, including sleep!) to raise funds. This is an event that we open to our competitive skaters as well as our recreational skaters, bringing a blend of 40 or so students together to build club spirit and unity, and inspire those on the fence about joining our competitive team to give it a go.</p> <p>We are also in the midst of taking registrations and planning for our Skate Camp that we are hosting in September - it's had a great response so far from clubs all around the country, we are really looking forward to it!</p>
<p>How well have they been going?</p> <p>What have been some successes or things learnt from them?</p>	<p>We have been doing really well this year so far taking a team of 26 Skaters to Northern Area championships across 25 different events - with all of them qualifying for Nationals in Precision, and 17 skaters also in individual events. Not only did we achieve 17 podium placings, our skaters across the board also achieved higher RollArt scores than they had achieved at Hamilton Areas.</p> <p>This year, this means that out of our 26 strong team heading to the NZ Championships, 14 skaters will be attending their very first Nationals.</p> <p>We also took a team of 22 Skaters to Laurie Hastie in Palmerston North, competing across 26 different events and earning 24 podium placings. Sarah also took out the Laurie Hastie Cup! We had a few more personal bests achieved at this competition, and many other competition lessons and experiences that aren't represented by medals, such as how to share the warm up floor with multiple skaters and how to pick yourself up from a performance that didn't quite go as planned.</p> <p>Three of our skaters have achieved their Axel jump so far this year, and we have created an "Axel Club" with T-Shirts to celebrate the hard work, setbacks, mental tenacity and challenges that go with such an achievement - all skaters who achieve this goal will receive a T-Shirt in the future that they can wear proudly to training, public sessions, competitions etc.</p> <p>We have a strong supportive group of families as well, with an exceptional team spirit and sense of belonging and ownership in our rink and club by all the members.</p>
<p>What are your numbers of skaters (club, classes & recreational as applicable)? You may specify by discipline if desired.</p> <p>Has there been growth?</p>	<p>We have around 150 students enrolled in classes each week, with 34 of them in our competition squad.</p> <p>We have had massive growth in our competitive team post COVID as many more skaters have come to roller discos, watched our competitive skaters during these sessions via our "Quad Squad" program and inspired the skaters to want to join classes. We</p>

<p>Can you identify the reasons for growth or decline?</p>	<p>have fostered a very strong team spirit and positive all inclusive atmosphere with our Precision and group skating to teach our skaters how to work together.</p> <p>Fun and Friendship is the foundation on which our club operates, and winning is a bonus.</p> <p>The formation and success of the club has only been possible with the assistance and financial backing of the Skatescool Business. Identifying passionate and talented skaters through our Levels classes who have been brought to us via the Skatescool Business is how we have been able to grow our competitive squad to where it is this year.</p>
<p>How many Oceania / World Representatives do you have?</p>	<p>One, with more to come!</p>
<p>How do you encourage your Senior Skaters to keep involved? (Coaching, judging, refereeing, mentoring etc)</p>	<p>Coaching and mentoring others, assisting at Public Sessions through our "Quad Squad" program which involves teaching the basics of skating, how to fall safely etc, and being an inspiration for new skaters at the sessions.</p> <p>Support and encouragement - sharing a passion for skating by setting an example.</p>
<p>Do you have ways of recruiting volunteers that have been successful?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>What challenges does your club face?</p>	<p>At this stage finding available rink time that is suitable for our families to accommodate all the sessions, classes and competitive skaters. Our timetable is getting pretty full!</p>
<p>Are there any opportunities your club could take up?</p>	<p>Attending further development seminars for skaters and coaches - gaining further coaching accreditations within our coaching team.</p> <p>If we had a club member interested in judging we would love for them to be able to take the opportunity to learn.</p>
<p>How does your club interact with the Community?</p>	<p>We have had several newspaper articles for our skating achievements and for notifying the community of our public events, as well as running radio giveaways for public sessions.</p> <p>We run public sessions during the school holidays, interact with local school holiday programmes, as well as run our own (for registered skaters, and new skaters) birthday parties, and weekend public sessions during the term.</p> <p>Often we have community organisations approach us for vouchers for disco sessions or birthday parties as a gift for fundraising/raffles etc and we try to support as many of these community groups as we can.</p>

	We also have two bright purple vans to assist with external advertising driving around town and attending events such as university open days and schools.
Who are your Life Members? How have they been involved in your club this year?	None.
Any further comments you'd like to make?	None.