REPORT TO NZ ARTISTIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 19 July 2021 – 6.00 pm

Summary of NZAC activities

Covid saw the world and skating activities change for 2020/2021. Nationals, Oceania’s and Worlds were cancelled and lots of training time was lost as we were unable to access venues and people rediscovered working in the Covid World. NZ coaches Macarena and Katelyn did a great job of working together and stepping into the online support of skaters. Kylie Shirley worked towards skills training as performance opportunities and meet ups were taken away from skaters.

Behind the scenes the NZAC worked hard to develop Kiwi Skate so it is ready for the Artistic Committee to roll out officially Wednesday night. I am sure you will agree that the resources are amazing. Many thanks to Rachael Parkinson-Turner for her expertise in the presentation & foresight of the resource. Many late hours were involved by both Rachael and the Academy.

The end of 2020 NZAC saw new incumbents onto the Academy:

Rachel Melrose into the project coordinator’s role, Katelyn Kennedy and Sarah Butler into the coaches role on the Academy.

Unfortunately, early this year Jacqui Mitchell (Innes) left the team, due to other commitments, she has such a breadth of knowledge on free skating and has been a valuable asset to the team. Thanks to Jacqui for her input over the years.

2021- we have been reworking our 5-year plan as the old one needed updating to fit into the new covid world. Our 5-year plan focuses on coach and skater- development, wellbeing and support.

As part of this process, we have updated our vision and values document to align with our role.The new vision is: **To support the NZ Artistic Committee in building a sustainable future for artistic roller sports in New Zealand.**

Our main drive is to educate coaches that we are available to help. We understand the new RollArt rules can be overwhelming for coaches and the NZAC are just an email away if you want advice on interpreting the rules or need help with your skaters. We also put a lot on Social Media, so make sure you are logged into those.

The current projects we are undertaking are:

Star Skate, Skaters Kete, Updating Level 1 exams, producing Level 2 exams, coach development online and in person opportunities.

Star Skate Levels will follow on from Kiwi Skate and replace our current medal test system. They may provide an alternative for competition for our recreational skaters. Star Skate levels will consist of a combination of progressively more complex specific skating skill levels as well as discipline specific levels, there will be levels that involve just skills and/or routines. We will align the judging of these to fit more with RollArt judging and skaters will receive a skill specific tick list on skills. – These should be clear on where the skater has achieved and where work needs to be done.

Skaters Kete – will be an online resource for skaters helping them with competition preparedness as well as nutrition and stretching. – We are hoping to start the roll out of this at the Oceania development squad in October 2021.

Discipline specific Level 2 coaches’ exams – to be available to give coaches a pathway and get recognized for their improved skills

Skaters and Coach – development and training opportunities through online and in person squads.

During the Oceania development camp in October we want to provide an opportunity for not just skaters but coaches as well to improve.

We have had 22 Coach Accreditation Certificate papers and 9 Sports Specific papers passed in 2020 and 7 Coach Accreditation Certificate papers and 4 Sports Specific papers passed in 2021 with 11 in progress at the moment. So it has been a busy time over the 2 years.

We will be providing support for the new coaches with a coach mentor and the NZAC is always here to help with any questions from our newer coaches. The only silly question is the one you didn’t ask.

We look forward to working to support all coaches and skaters in the 2021/2022 season.

We are here when you need us.

Big Thanks,

New Zealand Academy of Coaches Team

David Hook, Imelda Coleman, Kylie Shirley, Rachael Parkinson-Turner, Macarena Carrascosa, Katelyn Kennedy, Sarah Butler, Rachel Melrose and Beverley Cooper MNZM.