



# UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

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## GOOD LUCK OCEANIA SKATERS

Good luck to our club members who will soon travel to Runaway Bay, Queensland to represent New Zealand at Oceania Roller Sports Championships. We wish **Emma Patrick** (Senior International Figures, Junior International Figures, Junior International Freeskating), **Nika Thomson** (International Inline Freeskating, Junior International Freeskating, Junior International Figures), **Kyra Thomson** (Youth International Solo Dance, Cadet International Freeskating, Cadet International Figures), **Paula Boulcott** (Masters International Dance Pairs, Masters International Solo Dance, Masters International Figures), **Roger Boulcott** (Masters International Dance Pairs, Masters International Figures), **Alan Thomson** (Masters International Figures), **Stefanie McCallum** (Junior International Solo Dance), **Grace Cooper** (Cadet International Solo Dance), **Tanja deWilde** (Youth International Figures, Youth International Solo Dance), **Jack Patrick** (Youth International Figures), **Angela Pratt** (Junior International Solo Dance) and **Martina Steiner** (Youth International Freeskating) safe travels, good skating, good fun and good health. Special good wishes to Tanja, Jack, Angela, and Martina who will be skating at their first Oceania's. **Thanks to the hard work of those who have helped out with fundraising, the club is able to offer some support to the 12 who will represent NZ at Oceania Artistic Championships in April. Cheques will be presented to those club members at a special presentation at patch class at 6.15pm on April 12. The committee asks that all Oceania skaters receiving support attend in your New Zealand tracksuit to show your gratitude for the club's help.**



**60'S AND 70'S REVISITED NITE DISCO:** Anyone seeing these eight youngsters getting out of a car at the rink recently could have been forgiven to think they were seeing the Jackson eight – so convincing was their 70's attire.

Pictured (back row from left) Rhayarna Hardcastle, 8, Akyra Edmonds, 3 Tylah-Anne Charles, 6, Unique Edmonds, 7 and from left in the front row Issac Walker, 7, Troydon Hardcastle 8, James Walker, 7 and Amos Walker 8 were attending our 60's and 70's revisited night disco.

Tylah-Anne's Mum who made the costumes, says getting the boys in white lycra pants was a bit of a mission, but once they were completely dressed up and the black lights at the disco made their pants glow, none of them minded.

Rhayarna, Troydon and Tylah-Anne are Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club members and won the best dressed in theme club member prize of a warehouse voucher, while the others who weren't members, were runners up in the best dressed non club member section. The winner was an adult whose glittery flares, kaftan top and flowing locks would have fitted perfectly at any disco in the 70's. He won six months free skating at public sessions.

Approximately \$600 was raised to help our Oceania skaters with their expenses.

**Next disco May 14<sup>th</sup> Country and Western Night Disco, Upper Hutt rink 7-9pm**

**NATIONALS SKATERS PLEASE SUPPLY A PHOTO:** We would like to put a photo of each of the skaters who represented the Central Area at Nationals 2011 on our website. So we can be sure you like the photo we ask that every Nationals team member supplies an action photo of themselves skating. Please e-mail this photo to [alicejgreer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alicejgreer@xtra.co.nz) ASAP. If you do not have a suitable photo please let Mary-Anne Thomson know so she can try and source one.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome **Victoria Thompson, Patrick Ward, Hayley Myatt, Jade Bennett, Dallas and Toni Malton, Troydon, Rhayarna and Julie Hardcastle, Jason and Kane Walker, Tarah Smith, Elizabeth Baker, Courtney Pember, Kamryn Bucknell, Reuben and Lily Masseurs and Catherine Jamison** to the club. We are sure you will enjoy your sport. If you have any queries just ask, there is always lots to learn.

**PATCH PASSES:** *Congratulations* to the following people who have passed recently **Patch 1 Brook Mclean, Kaitlyn Ingram Patch 2 Emily Walford, Thaylia Evans, Katie Hawley, Tracy Behrent, Maisie Behrent, Tiana Fisk, Olivia Munro-Tupongaia, Courtney Robinson, Lucy Behrent Patch 3 Emily Walford, Thaylia Evans, Holly Yeatman Patch 6 Johanna Hey**

**LAST PATCH/KIWI SPEED/DANCE CLASS FOR THE TERM:** Our last Patch class for the term will be held on Tuesday April 12. Patch will start again on Tuesday May 3. Our last Kiwi Speed class for the term will be held on Wednesday April 13 – Kiwi speed will resume again on Wednesday May 4. Our last Dance Class for the term will be held on Saturday April 16. Dance Class will resume again on Saturday May 7. We hope you have all enjoyed the first term of 2011.

**RETURN CLUB SKATES FOR HOLIDAYS:** All club skates out on loan to members must be returned for the April School holidays. This means we can check their condition and do any maintenance required as well as having them available for public sessions over the holidays. Please ensure that all skates are returned by the end of Patch class on April 12.

**CLUB AGM:** Our club AGM will be held at the rink on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm immediately after Patch class. We ask all members to attend this meeting. There will be no skating during the meeting which is expected to finish between 7.30 and 8.00pm. Anyone with any remits for the meeting must have them to the club secretary, Fiona Patrick by 6.00pm on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in standing for the committee should talk to a current committee member to find out what is involved – each committee member is expected to have responsibility for some area of the club's operation as well as attend meetings. Nomination forms will be on the notice board soon. These forms must be returned to Fiona by Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm.

**COACHES REPORTS:** Any coaches wanting to table a report at the AGM should hand this in writing to Club Secretary, Fiona Patrick by May 9<sup>th</sup>. Only reports received in writing by this date will be able to be tabled. Those who have tabled reports may read them to the meeting or nominate someone else to do so for them. No verbal reports will be allowed on the night from coaches who have not tabled reports.

**CENTRAL DISTRICTS LEAGUE COMPETITION:** The first Central Districts League competition for the year will be held in Hastings on May 7/8. This is a great competition for beginner skaters with special beginner grades as well as National Schedule grades for non-international grades. If you think you would like to compete you will need to be having private coaching. If you don't have a coach please see Chris Hazelwood to discuss options available. If you have a coach please discuss this with them as they can tell you about grades which are suitable and plan your coaching and training to involve the competition. Closing date with our Club is 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**CENTRAL DISTRICTS MEDAL TESTS:** There will be medal tests held in conjunction with Central Districts League in Hastings on May 7/8. This will be medals 1 and 2 only. Closing date with our Club is 15<sup>th</sup> April. If you are having private coaching and think you might like to sit a medal, please discuss this with your coach. There will also be Medal Tests for Medal 3 and above in Napier on June 11 and 12. *Please watch notice board for closing date*

**DEVELOPMENT SQUAD** Artistic Committee plan to have a squad here in Upper Hutt 18/19 June. On Saturday 18 it will be at the Riverstone Recreation Center (Civic) and on Sunday 19 at the rink. These squads are aimed at the lower grades and newer skaters. Please watch notice board for details. We will ensure all are informed of details once known.

**LOCAL MEDAL TESTS:** The committee is looking at providing a local medal test opportunity for lower medal tests, possibly in July or September. Would all coaches please let Fiona Patrick know who they may have wanting to sit medals if such an opportunity was available. Please let Fiona know by April 15.

**PATCH TESTING:** The system for patch testing in 2011 will be the same as last year. Skaters are welcome to put their name on the list to be tested when they feel they are ready. Patch testing will be held once a month and those on the list will be tested on the figures rink by commissioned coaches and judges with experience in freeskating. The first testing session for term 2 will be Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you think you are ready to pass your patch then make sure you add your name to the list before this date.

**SELL CADBURY CHOCOLATE BARS:** Our Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser is going well. Congratulations to **Grace Cooper** who won a \$50 voucher of her choice for being the person who sold the most boxes by March 15. We still have plenty left to sell so if you would like more boxes these are available through Chris Hazelwood.

**GET \$12 CREDITED TO YOUR RINK ACCOUNT FOR SELLING A WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOK:** We are again selling the popular Wellington Entertainment Book. Anyone who has one will know how great they are to save money not only on meals but also on movies, takeaways, accommodation, DVD hire, dry-cleaning etc. This years books again contain hundreds of vouchers for 25 percent off, 50 percent off or buy one get one free. There are even vouchers for Ascot Cinema this year. The cost is \$60 with **the club member who sells the book getting \$12 per book credited towards their skating expenses. So the more books you sell the more you make.** This is a great way to help pay your skating expenses. The system is that you take the orders and payments from your friends, family and work colleagues and then let Mary-Anne Thomson know how many books you require and she will order them for you. You make payment to the club in your name for that number of books and payment will be receipted in your name for that number. Then \$12 per book will be credited to your skating club invoice – this can be used to offset your rink fees. Mary-Anne had fliers available if you want to distribute them door to door, at work or wherever. If you buy a book for yourself, you will pay \$60 but \$12 will be credited to your rink fees. So start selling straight away. You can make one order as soon as you have payments, and then if you sell more make another – that's no problem.

**MYSTERY BOTTLES:** A fundraiser we would like to get onto soon involves Mystery Bottles. These are bottles of "something" wrapped so you don't know what you are getting. It might be home made tomato sauce, it might shampoo or a nice bottle of wine or wine vinegar...anything goes and it's a bit of fun. We ask that all families donate a mystery bottle. Please see a committee member with your bottle or hand it in to the desk on patch night. Thanks for your support

**COACHES MEETING:** A successful coaches meeting was held recently and attended by the majority of coaches. As a result of the meeting coaches have been encouraged to talk with each other more and work in together more. The online calendar will be used by all coaches and no more than two dance coaches will be able to operate on the floor at any one time. Club President Bruce Crosby has been asked to monitor requests from coaches asking to come onto the floor and coach dance when there are already two dance coaches operating. So coaches please check the calendar when thinking of changes to plans and are sure not to apply for coaching/coach when there are already two dance coaches operating. Bruce has also been asked to deny requests from coaches wanting to coach on the main floor when there are already three coaches on the main floor and monitor requests for figures when there are already three coaches on the figures side. So please be sure to check the calendar to find suitable times to reschedule lessons or take new lessons because if there are already too many coaches operating you will be denied. It was also agreed that times it is not sensible to schedule beginner skaters' lessons at a time when the floor is busy with more experienced skater's lessons. New skaters to be explained about rink etiquette before lessons start

**RINK ETIQUETTE:** Coaches also agreed there was a need for consistent rink etiquette to be taught to new skaters and practiced by all skaters and coaches. The committee will be coming up with rink etiquette guidelines. In the meantime please make sure that you are aware of other skaters on the floor and give way to those being coached when you are training. **NO FREESKATING ON THE FIGURES SIDE AT ANY TIME WHEN SKATERS ARE BEING COACHED OR TRAINING FIGURES AND LOOPS. NO FIGURES OR FIELD EDGES ON THE MAIN RINK WHEN ANYONE IS BEING COACHED OR TRAINING FREESKATING AND DANCE.**

**RIVERSTONE RECREATION TRAINING:** Because it worked well last year, the club has again organized two training sessions at civic per week for full card members and those on an appropriate nominated day part card only. There is to be no coaching priority at these sessions – they are training times only with all who are their sharing use of the floor and sound system. Any coaches must stand to the side of the floor and not expect their skaters to have floor or music priority. There will be no charge to members for these sessions. They are: - Tuesdays from 8.00-9.30pm (Freeskating and Dance only), Thursdays from 7.30-9.30pm. On Thursdays from 7.30-8pm is Figures only from 8-9.30 is Freeskating and Dance. There will be weeks when we are booked out of civic as the club is paying a discount rate for the time. The hall will usually be open ready for use – however if you don't usually go to civic and get there and find that its not open, please contact Chris Hazelwood for a key. Please do not arrive at the hall any earlier than 10 minutes before the start of the session as others have private hire and skaters are not entitled to take the floor until 8.30 on Tuesdays and 7.30pm on Thursdays. If you are the last one in the hall please ensure you turn off the sound system and lock the cabinet, remove any rubbish, return any chairs etc used to their original position and turn the lights off and lock the door. Failure to do this will jeopardize use of the hall for everyone. Please also ensure that you leave promptly at 9.30 as the hall is only paid for till this time.

**MUSIC USE DURING BUSY TIMES:** As the rink becomes increasingly busy it is harder for skaters to get use of music for training. Please be aware if you want music at a busy time ensure asked all coaches first. Have your music by sound system. Also if you need someone to start your music you cannot hold up the queue while you skate off the rink and ask someone to start it for you – ask someone at the machine – they don't mind. Once you start your routine, finish it, don't expect a restart if you make a mistake.

#### MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

Please Note: Dates/Venues maybe subject to alteration. Please check with event management.

April 17-22	Oceania Roller Sports Championships, Runaway Bay, Queensland.
May 7/8	Central Districts League Competition, Hastings.
May 7/8	Central Area Medal Tests (Medals 1 and 2 only), Hastings.
May 10	Club AGM, 6.30pm at the rink.
May 14	Country and Western Night Disco, Upper Hutt rink 7-9pm.
June 11/12	Central Area Medal Tests for Medal 3 and above, Napier.
July 29-31	Graeme Sheppard Challenge, Napier.
September 17/18	Upper Hutt Open Competition, Upper Hutt rink.
October 14-16	Central Area Championships, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui.
Dec 10/11	Upper Hutt Club Champs, Club Rink.
Dec 31- Jan 07 2012:	New Zealand National Championships, Christchurch.
Sept 29-Oct13 2012:	World Championships, Auckland.