



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

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GOOD LUCK TO OUR OCEANIA SKATERS

Our club has 13 skaters representing New Zealand at Oceania Roller Sports Championships in Auckland this month. They are **Kyra Thomson** (Junior International Solo Dance, Youth International Freeskating, Youth International Figures), **Jordan Bougen** (Cadet International Figures, Cadet International Solo Dance and Mini Precision), **Terriann Randle** (Cadet International Figures, Cadet International Solo Dance, Mini Precision), **Emma Hazelwood** (Junior International Figures, Junior International Solo Dance), **Emma Patrick** (Senior International Ladies Figures, Senior International Freeskating), **Paula Boulcott** (Masters International Solo Dance, Masters International Ladies Figures), **Grace Cooper** (Youth International Solo Dance, Mini Precision), **Alan Thomson** (Masters International Mens Figures), **Sarah Jane Jones** (Senior International Solo Dance), **Will Cooper** (Senior International Solo Dance), **Jack Patrick** (Junior International Figures), **Tanja deWilde** (Junior International Solo Dance) and **Kirsten Foley** (Mini Precision). Special Congratulations to Jordan and Terriann who have been selected in solo disciplines as well as the team discipline, precision for the first time and to Kirsten who has been selected to represent NZ for the first time in precision. Club member **Chris Hazelwood** is also part of the team in the role of assistant team manager. As well we have several other members performing official's roles at the championships. Good luck and safe travels to you all.

SPACE AGE NITE DISCO: Our first night disco for 2012 brought out some exciting space age costumes. Well done to **Abigail Evans** and **Hayley Patten** who were the winners of the best dressed club member prize. They sure looked awesome. Thanks to everyone who supported the event we appreciate you helping our international skaters fundraising in this way.

PUNK ROCK NITE DISCO: Our next night disco is on Saturday May 12 from 7 - 9pm. The theme is Punk Rock so let your imagination go wild and design the best costume ever. These events are the most fun when they are well attended to please encourage your friends and family to come along. There will again be prizes for the best dressed club member and best dressed non club member. Members only \$5 entry

\$50 VOUCHER FOR MOST CHOCOLATE SALES: Congratulations to **Wayne Greer** who won the \$50 voucher for selling the most chocolates by March 13. We appreciate your efforts Wayne.

LOCAL LOWER MEDAL TESTS: The club will be running medal tests at the club rink on Tuesday July 10 between 5.30 and 6.30pm. These will be for medals 1 and 2 Figures, Freeskating and Dance only (no Precision). Anyone who thinks they may be interested in sitting these medals should discuss it with their coach so planning can be made now. Entry forms will be on the noticeboard soon.

HIGHER MEDAL TESTS: Higher medal tests will be held at Jubilee Stadium in Wanganui on June 16 and 17 and Pascal Street Stadium Palmerston North on August 4 and 5. Skaters/Coaches are reminded that anyone wanting to qualify for **Worlds 2012** or **Oceania's 2013** must have the appropriate medal at the time the **nominations close**.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD UPPER HUTT: The artistic committee will be running a development squad in Upper Hutt on Saturday and Sunday June 9 and 10. The squad will be held at Riverstone Recreation on Saturday and the rink on Sunday. This is a great opportunity for our non-international skaters to learn Figures, Freeskating, Dance and Precision from some of NZ's top coaches while enjoying mixing with skaters from other clubs. Registration will be available soon. If you think you would be interested in attending discuss it with your coach.

RIVERSTONE RECREATION USE: Because the squad is using the rink on the Sunday before higher medal tests, the club will cover the cost of training at Riverstone Recreation on Sunday morning June 10 for full card holders or those on a part card with Sunday as their day. A sign-up sheet will be on the notice board soon. Please indicate your interest so we can work out how much time to book and how much time to allocate for each discipline.



NEW MEMBERS: We welcome **Casey Norden, Nicole Richmond, Lena Busch, Maia Bevan** and **Kahu Bronsson-George** as new members. Welcome to the sport – we hope you will really enjoy it.

GRAEME SHEPPARD CHALLENGE: GSC will be the qualifying competition for selection for the 2012 World Championships. This competition will be held in Wanganui from July 13-15. More details later. Skaters wanting to put their names forward for selection for world championships must have the appropriate medal qualification at the closing of nominations.

OCEANIA SELECTION COMPETITION: Because of the change in timing of our artistic calendar, this year a special Oceania selection competition will be run. It will be held in Jubilee Stadium Wanganui from August 24 to 26. It will be for Oceania grades only. More information soon.

SPEED NEWS: Speed is well and truly back into it for the year, with some skaters undertaking extra coaching to build their outdoor skills, in particular. **Hadley Beech** and **Patrick Ward** recently attended a Speed League meeting in Palmerston North and were placed 16th and 23rd (out of 41) respectively. Really good results, so well done to both boys! The next event that involves Speed is Laurie Hastie, also being held in Palmerston North during the weekend of May 19 and 20, so it would be good to see as many skaters there as possible wearing the Club skinsuits! Registrations for Laurie Hastie are open so make sure you enter. If you want more information about what is involved, fees etc speak with Donna Beech.

WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2012 – PLEASE SELL THEM TO

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: We are again selling the popular Wellington Entertainment Book. Anyone who has one will know how great they are for saving money not only on meals but also on movies, takeaways, accommodation, DVD hire, drycleaning etc. This year's books again contain hundreds of vouchers for 25 percent off, 50 percent off or buy one get one free. Businesses include:- Burger King, McDonalds, Dominos, Kapai, Butlers Chocolate Café, Jamaica Blue, Event Cinemas, Wellington Zoo, Zealandia, Wagamama, Fig Tree and much more. The cost is \$60 with **the club member who sells the book getting \$12 per book credited towards their skating expenses. 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 has 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.

AGM: The club AGM will be held on Tuesday May 8 at 6.30pm. We ask all members to attend this meeting. It is anticipated it will last for around one hour. There is to be no skating at all during this time. Anyone wanting a remit considered at the meeting must make sure it is in the hands of club secretary Fiona Patrick by April 29. Nominations for the position of committee member, close with the secretary on May 6. Nomination forms will be available closer to the time.

LAURIE HASTIE OPEN COMPETITION: Laurie Hastie Open Competition dates have been set as May 19/20 at Pascal Street Stadium, Palmerston North. This competition covers all National schedule grades but does not include CSD unless it is part of the combined Cadet International event. There are also some beginner grades. The entry form is on the noticeboard now. Please make sure you enter and pay by the local club closing date – there will be no late entries accepted and if you haven't paid your entry will not be processed.

UPPER HUTT OPEN COMPETITION: The Upper Hutt Open Competition, which is one of the highlights on the local club calendar, will be held on June 30/July 1. This will include all National schedule grades as well as some beginner grades. All competitive skaters should mark this in their diary and plan on competing. More details later.

UPPER HUTT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Our Club Championships are a must for all Upper Hutt skaters and includes grades for everyone from patch 1 up. This will be held at the club rink on December 8 and 9. Set those dates aside now so you can make sure you are available to compete.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012: The 2012 World Roller Sports Championships will be held in Auckland New Zealand – WOW!!!!. The dates are Sept 29 to Oct 13 2012. Unpaid volunteers are needed in many capacities to make this event a success. Volunteers – both skaters and non skaters - will be required for all manner of jobs such as producing signs for each country, carrying signs for each country, carrying flags, ushering, catering, hosting, chaperoning and much more. If you are interested in helping these championships be amazing – please see Bruce Crosby or Chris Hazelwood for information about how to apply for a position.

OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013: The 2013 Oceania Championships will be held in Liverpool, Sydney, Australia. Dates to be advised closer to the time, but it is anticipated it will be in April.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

April 28 - 29 Central Districts League Competition, Bell Hall, Palmerston North. **Entry now closed.**
 April 28 - 29 Lower level medal tests, Bell Hall, Palmerston North **Entry now closed.**
 May 8 Upper Hutt Club AGM, 6.30pm at the rink.
 May 19 - 20 Laurie Hastie Open Competition, Pascal Street Stadium, Palmerston North.
Entry form on the noticeboard now. Close with UHRSC 21st April at Noon
 June 9/10 Development Squad, Upper Hutt. More details coming soon.
 June 16 - 17 Higher Medal Tests Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui. Details soon.
 June 30 - July1 Upper Hutt Open Competition, Upper Hutt Club Rink, Upper Hutt **Entry forms coming soon.**
 July 10 Lower Medal tests Upper Hutt Club Rink. **Entry forms coming soon.**
 July 13 -15 Graeme Sheppard Challenge Jubilee Stadium Wanganui. More details later.
 August 4 - 5 Higher Medal Tests, Pascal Street Stadium Palmerston North.
 August 24-26 Oceania Selection Competition, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
 Sep 29 – Oct 13 Artistic World Championships, Auckland.
 Dec 8/9 Upper Hutt Club Championships, Upper Hutt Club Rink

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