



# UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

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## UPPER HUTT DRAMATICALLY CONTRIBUTES TO NZ'S SUCCESS

Upper Hutt skaters representing New Zealand at the recent Oceania Roller Sports Championships in Sydney contributed more than half New Zealand's total medal tally. Our club skaters won 19 medals between them, with NZ bringing home a total of 31 medals. Upper Hutt skaters won six solo gold medals and one team gold medal – our gold medalists and Oceania Champions are **Emma Patrick** (Senior International Ladies Figures, Senior International Ladies Freeskating), **Wil Cooper** (Senior International Mens Solo Dance), **Kyra Thomson** (Junior Ladies International Ladies Freeskating), **Grace Cooper** (Youth International Solo Dance), **Katelyn Kennedy** (Cadet International Figures) and **Kapital Kids** (International Mini Precision). Congratulations to all our Oceania Champions!!!! Upper Hutt skaters also brought home nine of 11 silver medals and three of four bronze for NZ. Our club medalists are:- **Emma Patrick** (Gold Senior Ladies Figures, Gold Senior Ladies Freeskating), **Kyra Thomson** (Gold Junior Ladies Freeskating, Silver Junior Ladies Figures, Silver Junior Ladies Solo Dance), **Grace Cooper** (Gold Youth Solo Dance, Silver Youth Ladies Figures, Team Gold as a member of Kapital Kids Precision), **Katelyn Kennedy** (Gold Cadet Figures, Bronze Youth Solo Dance, Team Gold Kapital Kids Precision), **Terriann Randle** (Silver Cadet Ladies Figures, Silver Cadet Solo Dance, Team Gold Kapital Kids Precision), **Wil Cooper** (Gold Senior Mens Solo Dance, Team Gold Kapital Kids Precision), **Paula Boulcott** (Silver Masters Solo Dance, Bronze Masters Dance Pairs), **Roger Boulcott** (Silver Masters Mens Figures, Bronze Masters Dance Pairs), **Jordan Bougen** (Silver Youth Solo Dance, Team Gold Kapital Kids Mini Precision), **Emma Hazelwood** (Bronze Senior Ladies Solo Dance), **Martina Steiner** (Silver Ladies Inline Freeskating), **Abigail Evans**, **Kirsten Foley** **Shania Freemantle** (Team Gold Kapital Kids Precision)



**PATCH PASSES** Learn to Skate class is going well, with new skaters coming through regularly and more skaters moving through the patches in March. Congratulations to the following members who passed patches in March:- Patch 1: **Jacoba Gurney, Aaliyah Munro, Charlotte Braddock**. Patch 3: **Jack Stonnell, Bella Stonnell**. Patch 6: Tracey Behrent, Olivia Munro-Tupangaia. A big thank you to everyone who has helped with coaching during term 1 – our head coaches **Emma Hazelwood, Sarah Jane Jones, Nika Thomson, Laura McKenzie** and **Wil Cooper** who are giving their time voluntarily to lead the class this year and our assistant - **Josie Durney, Hayley Patten, Zoe Greer, Thaylia Evans, Jordan Bougen, Abigail Evans, Emma Greer, Samantha Whitham, Shania Freemantle, Katelyn Kennedy, Grace Cooper, Hollie Goldstone**, who also give their time voluntarily each week to help new skaters progress their skills. Just a reminder - Head coaches will decide who in their patch is ready for testing and put their names forward for the monthly testing – not the skater.

**NO LEARN TO SKATE IN THE HOLIDAYS** A reminder there will be no Learn to Skate classes in the school holidays. The last session for term 1 is Tuesday April 16. Classes resume again on Tuesday May 7.

**COACH THE COACHES SESSIONS** All patch class assistant coaches are asked to attend Coach the Coaches sessions on Tuesdays April 23 and April 30 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Head coaches will be teaching all assistants how to coach the patch content they will be working with in term 2.

**NEW MEMBERS** Welcome to **Michelle Cooper, Lucy van Heesch, Taylor Courtney, Charlotte Braddock, Ashton Prince** and **The Gillies Family – Adam, Jacoba, Glen and Sarah**. We hope you enjoy your new sport and being a part of the UHRSC.

**CAR PARK** *Please* - no parking on yellow markings or in front of doorways. These areas **MUST** be kept free for safety reasons. Ensure there is always room to allow another vehicle to leave if parking behind another.

**UHRSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013 to start at 6.30 pm and be at the rink. All reports will need to be a written one. If you can't be at the AGM please send or give to Fiona so can be read at meeting and entered into records. Please note – no skating while meeting on. Thanks

**CENTRAL DISTRICTS LEAGUE AND LOWER MEDAL TESTS** The Central Districts League and Lower Medal Tests will be held In Upper Hutt on April 20/21. The medal tests will start at 5pm on Saturday April 20 with the League starting at 6pm. League will run from 8am to approx 4.30pm on Sunday. We wish all our skaters who are sitting tests and competing the best of luck. If you are not entered please come along and watch and support our skaters.

**CLUB UNIFORM** The committee is to provide a tracksuit and top for all skaters who qualify to compete at National Championships 2013. For those of you who already have track suits and singlet tops / T shirts, please try them on urgently and check if they still fit. If they do, please confirm with Chris Hazelwood that your tracksuit is the right size and you will be retaining it. If they do not please return it to Chris urgently so she can arrange for a track suit in your size. We not only need to know whether those who have tracksuits still fit, we need to know what may be coming available for others who need them for the first time. **Please do this by April 30.**

Just a reminder to those of you who have club uniforms - they look fantastic and we want them to stay that way. These items of uniform may be retained (on loan) by the skater, but must be returned when requested or if you cease skating competitively, before then. As they belong to the club they can only be worn when approved by the club and must be looked after with care. Those skaters with the uniform may wear it at the April League competition, Laurie Hastie Competition and Upper Hutt Open Competition but all items must be worn together. The jacket may only be worn with the tracksuit pants or over a leotard or skating pants. The pants may only be worn with the club singlet or singlet and jacket. No "street" clothes are to be worn with any piece of the uniform at any time.

**YELLOW NIGHT DISCO** In the spirit of the colours of Wellington, our next night disco is a "Yellow" disco. It will be held on **Saturday May 11**. Dress in yellow and you could be up to win the best dressed club member prize. There will also be a prize for the best dressed non club member. The more the merrier so get your friends and family organized and bring them along for a fun night. 7pm-9pm.

**Laurie Hastie Open Competition** The Laurie Hastie Open Competition will be held in Palmerston North on **May 18/19**. Entries close with the Upper Hutt Club on Tuesday April 23 at 6.30pm. The entry form is on the noticeboard now. The cost is \$35 for one event and \$40 for two or more events. If you are thinking about entering please discuss this with your coach and ensure you have your name and grades on the entry form and fees **paid in full** before the close of entries.

**HIGHER MEDAL TESTS** Central Area Higher Medal Tests are scheduled for **May 25** in Palmerston North. Entries close with the Upper Hutt Club on April 30 so anyone wanting to sit tests at this centre must be entered **AND FULLY PAID** by this date. Total cost is the medal fee as set down in the medal test schedule, plus a sitting fee. The sitting fee varies depending on the level of the test. Tests 1 & 2 are \$5 plus the medal fee, Tests 3-7 are \$10 plus the test fee and tests 8-10 are \$20 plus the test fee. If a skater pulls out of a test the sitting fee will be forfeited (it is not refundable), the medal test fee is refundable. Skaters considering sitting tests are reminded to check that they are training the correct content as there have been some changes to the medal test schedule effective Jan 01 2013.

**UPPER HUTT OPEN COMPETITION** The Upper Hutt Open Competition, which is one of the highlights on the local club calendar, will be held from Friday night June 14 to Sunday June 16. This will include all National schedule grades as well as some beginner grades. A schedule has just gone onto the notice board. Entries close on May 24 with the club. Cost is \$25 for one event or \$40 for two or more events **AND MUST BE FULLY PAID** by this date. All competitive skaters should mark this in their diary and plan on competing. Please discuss your grades and entries with your coach. **No late entries**

**RETURN UPPER HUTT OPEN COMPETITION TROPHIES PLEASE** Skaters who won trophies at last year's Upper Hutt Open Competition are asked to make sure these are engraved, cleaned and returned by the end of May in order that they can be catalogued and awarded again this year.

**COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON INTER SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS** We will again host the CSW Wellington Inter Secondary School Championships. These will be run in conjunction with the Upper Hutt Open Competition. Entry will be open to all skaters at Colleges in the Wellington area (Kapiti to Upper Hutt and south) who are also federated with Skate NZ and members of a registered skating club. This means Years 9-13 at Colleges and Years 7-13 at schools which have a Year 7 as long as the skater is skating up a grade which is a college age grade. Entry forms will be sent to the colleges soon. Skaters please make sure you enter through your college immediately after the holidays. Anyone with queries about whether they are eligible to enter can talk to Mary-Anne Thomson before seeing their school sports co-ordinator.

**MEDAL TESTS IN UPPER HUTT IN AUGUST** The committee is prepared to arrange medal tests at the rink on August 10/11 if there is demand for local tests. We have not had confirmation from the artistic committee yet as to what tests we will be able to sit in our newly enlarged rink but we know that we can already do Figures 1-10 and the lower Freeskating and Solo Dance medals. We are hopeful that we will be able to do higher medals as well. At this stage we need expressions of interest from skaters and coaches as to what tests people would like to sit so we can arrange appropriate judges. A sheet for expressions of interest will be on the noticeboard by the end of the week. Expressions of interest close on April 30 so please get your name up with the medals that you would like to do and hopefully we will be able to accommodate them.

**NEW PRECISION TEAM** A new precision team is being formed for beginner precision skaters. The group is open to skaters currently in patch 3 or above who are interested in competing as a beginners precision team at Upper Hutt Open Day. The training time has not been formalized yet but the hope is to have it on Sundays from 8.30am-9.30am until Upper Hutt Open Competition. Anyone who is interested should talk to their current coach if they have one and with your coach's agreement contact Grace Cooper for more information. Phone 5279550

**FUNDRAISE TOWARDS THE COST OF YOUR RINK FEES BY SELLING WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

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 year's books are again \$60 and for \$60 the buyer receives \$15,000 of valuable offers. Anyone who has one will tell you it pays for itself in a very short time. The **club member who sells the book gets \$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 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. Upper Hutt Vouchers this year include:- The Traditional Thai Restaurant, Fig Tree Café, Garage Espresso, Curry Workz, Espresso Garden Café, Go Cake Yourself, Ascot Cinema, Staglands, H2O Aquatic Centre, Hutt and City Taxis, Rasha Taylor Couture, New Leaf Skin Care, Video Ezy, KFC, Burger King, McDonald's, McCafe, Domino's, Esquires Coffee, Wendy's Supa Sundaes, China City Restaurant, Buttercup Café, Café Romeo, The Art Of Pizza, Yatra, Silverspoon, Little India and Furnace plus many online shopping, travel and leisure services. Of course there are vouchers for Lower Hutt, Wellington City, Kapi Mana area and more.

**FUNDRAISE TOWARDS YOUR SKATING EXPENSES BY SELLING NUTRIMETICS**

Sarah-Jane Jones is a Nutrimerics Consultant and is offering a deal to skating families to help them raise funds towards their rink expenses by selling Energizing Shower Gels. The gels come in a gift box of 5 x 250ml bottles and retail for \$35. \$5 from every gift pack sold will be donated to the seller's rink account by Sarah-Jane. By selling just 10 gift packs you can raise \$50 – sell more, raise more. Plus...for every gift pack sold Nutrimerics will donate \$1 to Special Olympics New Zealand. The selling period for this is June 1-21 so start taking orders for an early June delivery. For more information talk to Sarah-Jane direct.

**FREE TIMBER/FIREWOOD** There is a large amount of waste wood and other bits and pieces outside the door of the rink in the car park. This needs to be gone before the medal tests on April 20 so anyone who wants it should take it **NOW**.

**MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:**

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

- April 20/21 Central Districts League Competition and Lower Medal tests. Upper Hutt. **Entry closed.**
- May 11 Yellow Fever Night Disco, 7-9pm Upper Hutt Club rink
- May 18/19 Laurie Hastie Competition, Palmerston North **Entry now Open.**
- June 14-16 Upper Hutt Open Competition, Upper Hutt. **Entry now Open**
- July 19-21 Central Area Championships, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
- August 3 Night Disco, 7-9pm Upper Hutt Club rink
- August 10/11 Medal Test Upper Hutt (tbc)
- August 24/25 Central Districts League Competition and Lower Medal tests, Palmerston North.
- Oct 1-5 Artistic National Championships, Jubilee Stadium Wanganui.
- October 19 Night Disco, 7-9pm Upper Hutt Club rink
- Nov 31/Dec1 Speed King Tour, Upper Hutt
- December 7 Christmas Night Disco, Upper Hutt Club rink 7-9pm
- December 14/15 Upper Hutt Club Championships, Upper Hutt Club Rink.



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