



CLUB NEWS

Term 4 2023

Committee update:

The committee recently got together for a full day of strategic planning and learning all things governance so that we can lead you successfully into the future. Guest speakers included past presidents and life members Caitlin and Bodge.

They shared insights and created discussions about governance, our next steps in continuing to be a safe inclusive space for our LGBTQIA friends, and strategic planning.

We reflected on where we've come from as a club, and what our most important values are to keep the club going.

2024 is looking very exciting as we move our Pride Cup to May 18th to align with IDAHOBIT.

Friendly reminder: please pay fees and invoices as soon as practical when received as this helps our club continue to offer the programs we do. If you are having any difficulties please reach out we are here to help and want everyone to be able to access this sport we love!

😊 Dani - President



The committee:

Dani - President

Belinda - Vice President

Sam - Secretary

Kacey - Treasurer

Jess - League Co-ordinator

Mellana - SkateFit Co-ordinator

Sarah - Juniors Co-ordinator

Rah - Media Co-ordinator

Lisa - General member

Mads - General member

Hannah - General member

Stay in touch :

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Juniors enquiries:

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Skate and Gear maintenance

Noticing your gear is a bit stanky after sitting in a bag during the holidays? Now is the perfect time to get that sorted!

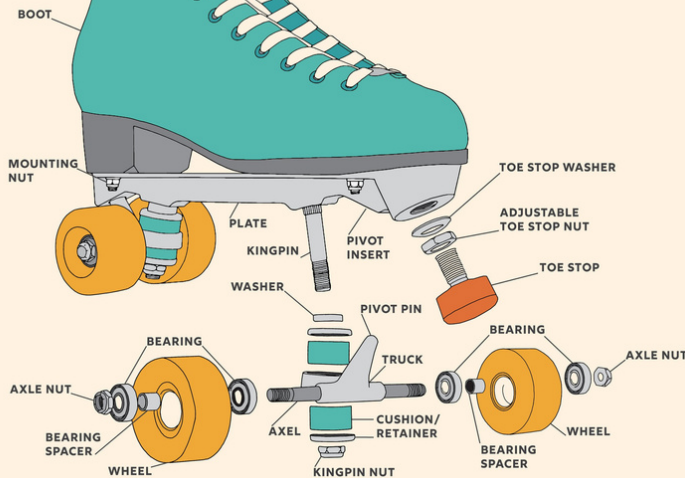
It is important to check skates before you skate each time, as well as performing regular maintenance.

Our website has some great info about this:

<https://tinyurl.com/SkateMaintenance>



ANATOMY OF A ROLLER SKATE



Key Club dates:

October:

- 1st: Junior Rollers Term 4 start
- 2nd: Churchill SkateFit Term 4 start
- 5th: Meenigan SkateFit Term 4 start
- 29th: Krakens vs The World Pot Luck bout

November:

- 19th: PCR scrim @ Westside
- 20th: Trans Day of Remembrance
- 26th: Christmas Parade and end of year celebration (see next page for more info)

December:

- 2nd: Roll 4 Respect @ Kingston

January 2024:

- 21st: Midsumma Carnival stall
- Term 1 2024 start dates:**
- Juniors - 28th Jan
- Churchill SkateFit - 29th Jan
- Meenigan SkateFit - 1st Feb

February 2024

- 4th: Midsumma Parade

PRIDE CUP 18th MAY 2024

We are planning to have skating opportunities for our junior derby and adult derby skaters next year and many officiating opportunities for our members too!



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Christmas Parade & end of year celebration

To ensure it is an inclusive event for all ages (our membership spans ages 6-60) we will be holding our annual end of year celebration as a "dry event" (no alcohol). The celebration will be in two parts:

Part 1: We invite members to walk or skate in the Traralgon Christmas Parade (10am) - check Facebook event for more details

Part 2: We invite members to join us for lunch and award presentations at a central location near the parade. The presentations will follow on from the parade (approx 12pm start time)

Adult members who are keen to follow on from this event somewhere local are welcome to do so!

Please click "going" on Facebook event in your members group, or email your RSVP to gippslandrangesrollerderby@gmail.com



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

GIPPSLAND RANGES ROLLER DERBY

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
32 KAY ST TRARALGON (GPAC)
CHRISTMAS PARADE: 10AM
LUNCH AND AWARDS: 12PM (LOCATION TBC)

ALL AGES EVENT FOR ALL 2023 PARTICIPANTS AND LIFE MEMBERS
PLEASE RSVP FOR CATERING!

Awards voting link

We encourage you to have a think on who you have noticed putting in some really great work this year (on or off skates) and take a moment to vote for them! Scan the QR code below or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/4jdurk3u>





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SkateFit update:

Welcome to term 4 2023 of Skate Fit!

Term 4 has gotten off to a great start, with returning skaters willing to jump up and give help and tips on skills they have learned during their skate fit adventures, as everyone learns differently, all while having lots of laughs.

We are having a few theme nights this term, giving the participants a chance to dress up if they wish to.

This term also see trainers doing their yearly SkateFit program review, this is done to make sure everyone is learning the right skills, in the right order/format all while trying to make it as fun as possible - if you have any feedback on our SkateFit program, please pass it on to one of your trainers so we can include it in the review discussions!

😊 Mellana - SkateFit Coordinator



In the works:

Skate Store partnership:

We are working with Pascal from the new Sumo Skate Store in Moe who is keen to have a whole corner of his shop dedicated to quad skating - roller derby, skatefit and park skating supplies will be there and our members are to receive a 10% discount off RRP!

We have taken a fair bit of time giving Pascal and his team a "wish list" of items we know you'd love to buy locally - the more we can support this local business, the more likely they are to keep their doors open and be available for those last minute skate supplies!



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Roller Derby update:

2023 training recap

What an amazing year we have had! From interstate guest coaches, skater progression, Pride Cup and Statewide Stampede we have had a jam-packed year. The start of the year kicked off with our guest coach of the year Marilyn Tantrum from Newcastle Roller Derby League. As well as a whole bunch of our skaters being star-struck and totally fan-girling over Tantie, we learned some great footwork skills and offensive skills. Another important part of our skater progression has been the availability of low contact scrim, and we have seen our progressing skaters work very hard at getting to scrimmage opportunities at places like SWS and with leagues such as South-Seas, Westside and Kingston, and we are grateful that we can access these for our developing skaters.

Statewide Stampede tournament

Playing with Geelong has been a huge honour and privilege, as we took out 6th place with each game being a well-earned and hard-fought battle. The stand-out game for the season would be our Round 5 win over Kingston City Rollers, it was an extremely close game the entire time, and we took away the win in the final jam - [click here to check it out!](#)

It has been amazing to watch Pivot City progress and gel together as a team over the year, and we are proud to say that we will be competing again as Pivot City Ranges in Statewide Stampede next year.



Upcoming scrim & games

As the year winds down to an end and we enter the festive season we have but a few more scrim and bouting opportunities to squeeze in (check key dates for more info)

Please be mindful of the attendance policy for bouting and scrim eligibility, as well as having up-to-date insurance at the correct level of cover (competition for anything outside regular training).

Scrimmages: 4 out of past 8 sessions prior to scrim date

Bouts and assessments: 9 out of past 12 sessions prior to bout/assessment date



Jess - League Coordinator



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Juniors update:

We have loved having so many kids and teens in our Junior Rollers program this year! We have loved hearing so many of you keen for Junior Roller Derby and are working towards having two streamed options in 2024 - Junior Rollers (learn to skate) and Junior Derby (learn to play roller derby). Skaters will be able to do both programs or just one as they will be held one after the other on a Sunday. We are also planning on having Junior games at our Pride Cup next year - a great opportunity to work towards!



Sarah - Juniors Coordinator

In the works:

Disco skates:

We are in the planning stages of putting together disco skate sessions! Bear with us while we work a few things out, but we hope to see you at a disco skate sometime soon!



Keen to lend a hand?

As a volunteer run organisation we really truly appreciate the little bits and pieces people do to help out!

Keen to help? Here are a few ways you could lend a hand...

- Get to your session early and offer to help set up
- Hang around after your session and help pack up
- Offer to be a welcoming face to new skaters
- Offer to help new skaters with mouthguard fitting and names on their helmets
- Writing this Newsletter once a Term (aiming to be released during school holidays for the following Term)
- Writing grants

Email us to offer your help: gippslandrangesrollerderby@gmail.com



Officials learning opportunity

Committee member Lisa (Rex) is working on getting a guided officials (on and off skates) online learning process happening - please reach out if this interests you!



Policy reviews

We are beginning a policy review process as a committee and welcome anyone with an interest in policy development to reach out & offer a hand!





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NEW Venue update:

The Glenview Park stadium project is full steam ahead!

After GRRD's home shed at the Traralgon Recreation Reserve was lost to flooding in 2021, Latrobe City Council attracted \$3.5 million in funding to build a brand new stadium for our club. It will be located at the Glenview Park Race course in Traralgon and we'll share the space with the Latrobe Valley Dodgeball League and the Ravens Park Riding Club.

A great team of GRRD members including Bodge, Kacey, Belinda, Dani, Jess and Willo have been working with Council on developing the floorplan. It has almost been finalised to allow the project to move to costings and more detailed design. The stadium is expected to go to tender and start construction in 2024. Watch this space!



Bodge - New venue working group coordinator

Gippsland rainbow events:



We are proud to be spreading the word about these incredible events coming up in Gippsland for the LGBTQIA+ community and allies - please contact organisers directly via their socials with any questions!

October:

28th: Meeniyán Marty Gras

November:

18th: Gippsland Pride Festival event #1 - Orbost Outdoor Pool

December:

2nd: Gippsland Pride Festival event #2 - Yarram Outdoor Pool

16th: Gippsland Pride family Christmas - Mirboo North Outdoor Pool

January:

13th: Gippsland Pride Festival event #4 - Poowong Outdoor Pool

21st: Midsumma Carnival - Gippsland Pride and Gippsland Ranges having stalls

February:

3rd: Gippsland Pride Festival event #5 - Trafalgar Outdoor Pool

4th: Gippsland Ranges and Gippsland Pride in Midsumma Pride March

10th: Gippsland Pride Festival event #6 - Yallourn North Outdoor Pool

LGBTQIA+ local orgs & events:

Know of an organisation doing great work? Please let us know so we can shout it from the rooftops!

Meeniyán Marty Gras



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