

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Junior Report AGM 2021

On the local front, a group of local juniors (the Birkie Junior Ski Team!) have been meeting each Monday after school for some roller skiing skills and agility sessions. This group has been organised by Paul Gray, Tim Retchford and Kate Duggan along with some assistance from other parents. The latest session saw 21 keen juniors turn up. A big thank you to Mount Beauty Secondary College for their assistance with boots and poles and to Paul, Tim and Kate for creating this great pre-season opportunity for these juniors. Also, to Esther Bottomly and Nic Blackwell who will be doing some coaching with this group. Our club has agreed to buy extra roller skis and equipment that is needed with money raised with BBQ fundraising at Vic Juniors and donated funds allocated for our junior program.

On the National front, four Birkie Juniors athletes are in the National Junior Team and include Hannah Price, Brianna Oldis, Lily Murnane (based in Tahoe USA) and Adam Barnett. An U18 and U16 Development Squad included Hannah Gray, Clancy Harvey, Tommi Silvester, and Jayden Spring. Whilst no overseas programs were offered for 2021 summer, athletes were invited to on-snow and dry-land camps at the AIS and more recently in the ACT over the 2021 Easter period to coincide with the Australian Roller Ski Championships at Mt Stromlo.

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