



## 2010/11 'Bayside Blades Junior Series'

- The Skate Victoria Speed Branch will again be running the Junior Development Program for Silver level skaters, who are **under the age of 15 years**.
- The program being run by Michael Byrne and Andy Finster, is aimed at children who are proficient in general skating skills and wish to progress into 'racing'. Due to the structure of the sessions, novice 'beginner' skaters would not have the necessary skills to participate.
- Your Club Coach is in the best position to determine whether or not your child is ready to join the program and must nominate each skater before participating.
- For the 2010/11 skating year, the program will consist of **10 general sessions** and **2 race meetings**. Each session covers different components of racing including cornering, passing, starts, relays, strategies and rules. As no two sessions are the same, a new skater may join the program at any time throughout the series.
- For all new skaters to the 2010/11 series, **the cost is \$50**, payable to your club. This covers all 10 general sessions and 2 race meetings and will carry over to the next skating year ie 2011/12, if necessary for the skater.
- All 10 general sessions and 2 race meetings, will be held on Sundays, at 'The Shed' Greaves Reserve off Bennet St, Dandenong, 1.00pm - 2.30pm as follows:  
**2010: 18<sup>th</sup> July. 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. (races)**  
**2011: 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> May. 5<sup>th</sup> June. 19<sup>th</sup> June. (races)**
- The Speed Branch recommends that all skaters successfully complete all 10 general sessions plus the 2 race meetings prior to upgrading to a 'Gold' Skate Victoria membership. However, if in the opinion of Michael Byrne, Andy Finster and their Club Coach, a skater completes at least 5 sessions plus 1 race meeting and demonstrates competency, then they may upgrade their membership to Gold level and leave the program.
- Skaters who successfully complete at least 5 sessions plus 1 race meeting and decide to leave the program, will receive a 'Certificate of Achievement' along with various prizes, at their final session. Once a skater has upgraded to Gold level, they cannot return to this program.
- **For further details on the program, please contact Jon Evans, Skate Victoria Speed Branch Chairman on 0438 651168.**