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Sarah-Jane Jones

Student, three times in-line freeskating world bronze medalist.

Twenty year old Sarah-Jane Jones is passionate about artistic roller skating. It's that passion, six days a week training and determination to succeed, that has led her to the top of this sport as the current Oceania champion in artistic freeskating, figures, solo dance and inline freeskating. She's also the only New Zealander to have ever won three artistic skating world medals. When she's not training, competing or coaching, Sarah-Jane loves to spend time downtown with her friends and family. "Wellington is a fun city – there's something to do 24/7."

Sarah-Jane's favourite haunts:

For a great coffee... Espressoaholic on Courtenay Place. It's open till 3am on the weekends so you can go for a coffee after you've been out somewhere else - it's always buzzing. They use a great Italian brand of coffee (Piazza Doro) and for a snack there's heaps of choice from their counter food, which is all home-made and yummy.

For cheap eats... Hog's Breath Café on Courtenay Place. For their fun and tasty curly fries and their quick, relaxed dining with plenty of choice. No-one ever goes hungry.

For shopping... Lambton Quay – I love clothes and shoes so it's like going to heaven. In a few hundred metres you can get trendy surf labels at Amazon, something dressier for a party at Max or something casual and fun for the weekend at Glassons. Favourite spots for shoes are Shoe Connection and Overland, because they always have the latest styles.

For a night out... Sandwiches on Kent Terrace. The atmosphere is great and the music even better - the DJs are the best you'd get anywhere.

For relaxation... A movie at Reading Cinema's Gold Lounge in the Courtenay Central Complex. There's no better way to relax and wind down after a hard training session than in their comfortable seats with a drink and a snack.

For indulgence... Butlers Chocolate Café on Willis Street. They have liquid hot and white chocolates - true indulgence!! For chocoholics like me, they have all sorts of chocolate treats as well as being able to choose from over 30 different types of loose chocolates. If you're lucky, you get a free chocolate with your hot drink – yum.

For free... Oriental Bay. In summer I love swimming, sunbathing or just walking along the beach - there's always something going on.

To take visitors... A ride up the cable car or the inverted bungy on Taranaki Street – though I'd never do it without moral support. For a fun way to see the sights, it's also great to hire a Crocodile Bike with friends and pedal around.

For a drink with a view... Dockside, on the waterfront. The drinks are always good and there are stunning views from all four sides. In good weather there is nothing better than enjoying a drink with friends in the sun.

"Traveling overseas to compete, I've visited lots of cities and Wellington's downtown is up there with them all. It's alive – there's always something happening!"
Sarah-Jane Jones.

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