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President's Report 2017

2017 has been an amazing year and the Council has worked hard to lift Victoria's profile in the Australian skating scene.

Whilst the Australian Figure Skating Championships are effectively in the Council's 2017 year, I can't pass up the opportunity to congratulate the Council and our Victorian volunteers on creating "the best AFSC ever!" Victoria "raised the bar" for Championship events – quotes from ISA President Peter Lynch and Michael Santer in OzSkater. I can't thank everyone enough for the amazing effort that everyone put in both in the lead up to the event and during the event. We were all faced with challenges of varying degrees and we emerged with a greater skill level and depth of knowledge.

Andrew Taylor proposed that a new judging system be purchased and it worked exceedingly well at AFSC. Victoria now has the knowledge and equipment to run any skating event. The equipment is cutting edge! ISV is very fortunate to have Andrew on our council!

Our Volunteers are amazing! We are all volunteers in this sport! The sport is fuelled by our passion for skating – whether as a skater, parent, official or administrator. Ice Skating Victoria acknowledges and appreciates our unpaid, unrecognised and unsung heroes! Our reward is in the outcomes.. athlete successes, successful skating events, guidelines and policies for our athletes, and a sense of community!

The Council:

The ISV Council has had a good year working together! So much so that most have signed on for another year!

The Council has ensured that every Council member has a job on the Council and therefore contributing to council outcomes.

Wendy Meik – Competition Convenor
Lexi Wooderson – Secretary, Test Convenor, Vic Squad, Fundraising.
Sharon Hedley – Treasurer
Therese Caravetta – Membership, Proof of Age, Working with Children
Mark Storton – Judging Convenor
Andrew Taylor – IT
Maryann Johnstone – Merchandise
Del King - Grants
Phil Bisset - Vic Squad

Outgoing Committee Members:

Del King - We are all so sad to know that Del King is so sick and on life support. She contributed to our meetings both on an official level and with her dry comments! Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Maryann Johnstone - I would also like to thank Maryann Johnstone for the outstanding thought and effort she has put into designing the current uniform and keeping it fresh by adding new items.

Sharon Hedley is stepping across from Treasurer after 3 years in the role into the Vice President's role.

I thank the outgoing committee members for their efforts and support!

Team ISV has worked hard and well together – particularly through AFSC. You deserve a round of applause for your efforts this year.

Our Clubs – we have a new figure skating club – Victorian Synchronized Iceskating Club – based at O'Brien Group Arena. Which brings our affiliated clubs to three in number. (The other two are Melbourne Figure Skating Club and Olympic Figure Skating Club.)

Our Athletes – work hard and are beginning to reap those rewards with International Assignments, podiums, and personal bests.

We were very proud of Team Victoria's performance at AFSC 2017. Podiums were achieved in the following events:

- Basic Novice A – Ladies – Josephine Sudiro – Gold
- Basic Novice B – Ladies - Victoria Alcantara – Bronze
- Intermediate – Ladies - Chloe Di Gemma - Silver
- Advanced Novice Ladies – Cailin O'Keefe – Silver
- Adult Silver Ladies (18-35)– Alyssa Wood – Gold
- Adult Gold Ladies – Margaret Riddington – Gold
- Adult Masters Elite – Deborah Toms
- Adult Synchronized – On Edge – Bronze medallists

Our athletes travelled – to New Zealand Nationals and other international events. Our Mixed Age Synchronized Skating team – Eclipse - travelled to competitions Switzerland and Austria in January 2018. Our Adult skaters competed in Egna, Italy, and Oberstdorf, Germany.

Our athletes participated in – various shows at O'Brien Group Arena as well as the annual Disney on Ice preshow.

What does ISV do? I went through this list last year – but it bears repeating!

- Provided Judges for Test Sessions and Competitions
- Judges feedback sessions
- Provide training for judges, IJS accountant and data entry, and video cutting
- Provided the ice time for the Test Sessions
- Hold State Championships and Southern Cross Trophy, and other high level events
- Developed our competitive skaters with Development Team in 2017 providing on ice and off-ice training.
- Designed and provided uniforms and branded items
- Provided the framework for our sport in Victoria under the ISA/ISU umbrella and with our own policies and guidelines
- Send delegates to Ice Skating Australia meetings to contribute to the Australian framework for our sport
- Pre-AFSC ISV assisted our Victoria Squad skaters with additional ice time and judges feedback
- Assisted financially with extra performance opportunities such as Disney on Ice pre-show, and additional ice rink performances.
- Provided funding to our Victorian Team that attended AFSC and also to our overseas competitors

It has been an amazing year! ISV is proposing to bid to run AFSC in 2019, and is looking at hosting a Junior Grand Prix in 2020.

New rinks – There are two new rinks on the horizon – Reservoir rink – IceHQ – is supposed to open at the end of April, and Pakenham rink later this year!

I am stepping down as President as this is the end of the 3rd term of office allowed by our Constitution. I will be supporting our incoming President in the Treasurer role.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wendy Mc". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

President
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