



Ice Skating Victoria

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Ice Skating Victoria AGM
President's report

Dear Skating Community,

I would like to welcome everyone to the 110th Annual General Meeting of Ice Skating Victoria and thank you all for your participation this year. We come here to elect a Board that will carry on the good work of the previous Board and continue to be innovative in the representation of our broad cross section of members.

It has been a privilege to be President of a Board that genuinely works very hard to foster the best possible environment and outcome for our skaters. In creating a vibrant and exciting atmosphere, the Board intends to challenge our skaters to realise their full potential. Board members who are responsible for portfolios have done an outstanding job in bringing out the very best from the time and resources available.

Our athletes have had a great year in the 2022 season on the back of some very tough times during the pandemic and it has been a delight to see them all doing so well. Our representation across all divisions has been solid.

Holly Harris and Jason Chan (Senior Dance) had a very busy season culminating in personal best scores at the World Figure Skating Championships in Saitama, Japan. Victoria Alcantara (Senior Women) participated in the Cranberry International and Challenger Series (Lake Placid) in USA while Vinceman Chong (Junior Men), Athena Avci (Junior Women) and Celine Zhang (Advanced Novice) represented Australia for the first time.

Thank you to our core of judges who are very generous with their time either for test sessions, competitions or judges' feedback. It is wonderful for our skating cohort to have such dedicated people officiating. Our international judges all officiated overseas at various events in 2022/23.

Our ISA test sessions have been managed very well by Pamela Nicol and I would also like to acknowledge Lexi Tilley for the many years she looked after these sessions. There is quite a lot of work that goes into running all the sessions over a season and that can be glossed over when the sessions run so well. The general feedback from the judges at these sessions is that the quality of candidates is very high and credit must be given here to both athletes and coaches.

It is very encouraging to see our athletes working on the harder elements and then being able to perform them in competition. Some athletes are now working on higher level elements which are coming together in competition and GOE scores are going up which indicates the quality of what our athletes do. It is an ongoing process to both improve the GOE scores and the levels for spins and footwork and our athletes and coaches are working very hard. Well done to the ISV coaches who are developing their athletes, listening to judging and technical feedback as well as keeping an appraising eye on the competition, both locally and interstate.

Team Victoria competed very strongly at AFSC 2022 in Brisbane and were a credit to ISV. We secured podium places and division wins while also competing strongly through all the levels.

Our High Performance State Squad is following a new format this season with the intent of being the best resource possible for our athletes and I would like to thank Jane King and Diane Di Gemma for their coordination of logistics and time to get a strong program together along with their focus on Athlete Development.

I am very encouraged by the new volunteers who are assisting on competition days with the running of the IJS (International Judging System). There are a lot of roles for interested people and it is enjoyable to be right in the middle of the event learning more about skating. Thank you to William Tong for stepping up and learning the intricacies of the IJS and helping us with events.

My thanks go to our affiliated clubs (Melbourne Figure Skating Club, Oakleigh Figure Skating Club, Century Figure Skating Club and Victorian Synchronized IceSkating Club) and their volunteers for making this season's events a wonderful experience for our athletes and officials.

I am honoured to be the President of the 2022 Board who have contributed so well all year and are so committed to making Victoria a very strong skating state. It truly has been a pleasure to have worked with you all. ISV would encourage new members to take the opportunity to stand for the ISV Board as it provides a continuity of knowledge for our state and a chance to bring new ideas and thought processes to bear.

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Andrew Taylor and Lexi Tilley for their time with ISV. Both have moved onto other pursuits after very long tenures with this great sport and we wish them well.

Wishing all our athletes and their support teams the best for the 2023 season and I look forward to them competing at a higher level, improving their skating and know they will continue to strive to extend their goals and make Victoria proud.

Mark Storton
President, ISV