

President's Report

Dear Skating Community,

It is with a sense of both reflection and anticipation that I address you at the 113th Annual General Meeting of Ice Skating Victoria. This past year has been marked by a continued dedication to fostering excellence among our athletes.

Governance

Firstly, I would like to thank the current board of Ice Skating Victoria for all their hard work over the 2025/2026 season. There are an enormous number of volunteer hours that go into running Ice Skating Victoria for our community.

A key focus for the Board in 2025 has been on strengthening our organizational framework. Driven by insights from both current and former board members, we have undertaken efforts to enhance our processes and procedures and embark on director training. This commitment to continuous improvement aims to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of ISV, ensuring a robust foundation for future growth and success.

Competitive Highlights & Athlete Achievements

Our athletes continue to be a source of immense pride, with results at domestic and ISA Champ Series events continuing to impress and serve as a benchmark for the rest of Australia. Our athletes at all levels are showing marked improvements in skating quality and technical ability with our top singles skaters progressing to the Double Axel and small triples along with improvements in Steps and Spins and higher rewards from the judges with their GOE and Component scores.

International Excellence: Holly Harris and Jason Chan

Our ISV skaters, Holly Harris and Jason Chan, continue to excel and improve on the international stage at the highest level. Every performance this season has been a step up improvement in what is arguably the strongest field in many years:

- **Bolero Cup (Sheffield, UK):** 3rd place
- **ISU Skate to Milano Figure Skating Qualifier 2025 (Beijing, CHN):** 2nd Place
- **Olympic Winter Games 2026 (Milano/Cortina, ITA):** 18th place
- **ISU Figure Skating World Championships 2026 (Prague, CZE):** 14th place

Special acknowledgement goes to ISV's Tricia Moritz who was selected by Ice Skating Australia to officiate at the Olympic Winter Games in Milano Cortina, ITA. This is a huge accomplishment and well deserved.

National Success: AFSC Brisbane 2025

Congratulations to all athletes who represented the State Team in Brisbane in December, 2025. Notable individual achievements include:

- **Vinceman Chong:** Achieved a truly remarkable and unprecedented Junior National Champion trifecta for 2023, 2024, and 2025. He also secured an 8th place position at the Junior Grand Prix in Bangkok, Thailand.
- **Michael Yuchen Duan:** Secured the Novice Boys champion title for the second year running, following his Basic Novice Boys championship in 2023.
- **Victoria Alcantara:** Her strength and artistry earned her a well-deserved silver medal in the Senior Women category.

We also congratulate our Adult skaters who competed in the inaugural Adult Australian Figure Skating Championships (AAFSC) in Brisbane in March 2026 with some strong results and podium places.

ISV successfully ran the hugely popular ANZAS event in February 2026 which celebrated our Adult skating community across the country. ISV would like to thank Wendy Meik for her hard work and Brooke Crawford for his engagement and direction.

Community Appreciation

The accomplishments of our association are a direct result of the collective effort of our community:

- **Athletes & Families:** These achievements reflect the dedication and talent of the skaters and the unwavering support of their families.
- **Coaches:** We thank our coaches for their mentorship and expertise in developing our athletes to meet international benchmarks and for the improvements our athletes are making. We also commend our coaches for the quality of ISA test candidates who are being presented at test sessions.
- **Officials & Judges:** Our dedicated judges, officials and technical volunteers play a crucial role in the success of our events. Their time and expertise are invaluable and we are pleased to see a growing number of former and current athletes transitioning into technical roles. This will assist them with their future skating careers and coaching roles if they decide to pursue that avenue.
- **Volunteers:** We acknowledge the "behind-the-scenes" work of our volunteers and affiliated clubs that keeps the association running and ensures our events are a success. There is an enormous amount of experience and expertise sitting behind all the events that are run in Victoria and ISV encourage more members of our community to get involved with volunteering in order to ensure successful succession and retain the corporate knowledge involved with running the competitions

Future Outlook

As we look ahead to 2026, we anticipate another busy and exciting year. We will continue to build on our successes, address any challenges, and strive to further elevate the sport of ice skating in Victoria. We look forward to watching our athletes continue to improve and develop a strong affection for the sport and for our officials to gain increased experience and confidence.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Ice Skating Victoria. I wish all our athletes, coaches, and support teams the very best for the 2026 season. May the year be filled with success, personal growth and pride in representing Victoria.

Sincerely,

Mark Storton

President, Ice Skating Victoria