



Presidents Report – 2020 Annual General Meeting

29 May, 2021

Welcome skating family. As we look back to a difficult year of figure skating in Australia and we continue to meet the challenges of overcoming the Covid 19 pandemic. Together your sport is being rebuilt by the hard working State bodies and officials who are determined to create the pathways for our no. 1 priority – the athletes.

Ice Skating Australia is nearing the end of our 4 year strategic plan (2018-2022), which is the guiding document to provide direction for your Board. Early next year we will start work on the 2022-2026 strategic plan.

The Board and Operational Directors have been busy and have fostered one of the key drivers of the sport – competitions. Communication to Members has continued to be a strong focus with the circulation of Board Minutes and decisions. The process of consultation with our Members to help ensure the work and directions we take are helpful to Members. The discussions at Board level go well beyond the Minutes and the discussion sometimes becomes robust. This is seen as a positive as different views are important. My role as the Chair is to encourage this discussion so as to bring about the reaching of a consensus as this is critical to achieving outcomes.

Fortunately your sporting federation has a strong balance sheet and has funds available for the coming year to help support our Members and to assist our athletes to continue getting back to full training.

We are leading the way in developing strategies to align our athletes and coaches needs to return to training and competition.

We continue to ensure and direction to have easily understood consistent policies and rules to deliver an even playing field, and make it easier to exist and flourish in the sport.

ISA Board

Ice Skating Australia conducts it's meetings via tele-conference. During the year it has used this forum to discuss proposals & make decisions for Members,

The Ice Skating Australia Board members for the 2020 year were:

President & Chair	Peter Lynch
Secretary	Carole Ashworth
Treasurer	Wendy Meik
Board Members	Deborah Noyes, Peter Marcovich, Don Nicholls, Moira Henningsen

The ISA Board of 7 stands for two years who retire by rotation as a 3 and 4 split each AGM. This year, May 2021 meeting, four positions are open for election by members - President, Treasurer and two Board. The Operational Directors positions are two years tenure, and this year all positions are open for election.

Your Board met 11 times during the year and continued to put our athletes first in all decisions.

ISA Standing Committees

The ISA Standing Committees are structured under the leadership of Operational Directors and they exist in the following areas. All positions are elected and 2021 is the election cycle.

Sport Development – Kim Wilson

High Performance – Leslie Amacker

Judges & Officials – Susan Lynch

Technical Regulations – Deborah Noyes

Synchronised Skating – Angelique Clyde-Smith

Athlete Development – Mark Lynch

Coaches Commission – Monica MacDonald

All Directors will present their annual reports to you. We commend their reports to you and thank them for all the great work they have done. Their reports will speak for themselves.

Our administration officer, Jenny Houlahan, continues to provide an experienced and organised conduit for the Board, skaters and Members. We wholeheartedly thank her for her continued service to the sport, and to Ice Skating Queensland for their support and also allowing ISA to share their office.



During the year, Ice Skating Australia provided \$20,000 support to the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia (OWIA) who in turn provided financial support, uniforms and support services for our elite senior athletes. The support ISA provided in 2020 was further supported by Ice Skating Queensland with a further \$5,000. The direct grants to our athletes via the OWIA were far greater than the contributions from our sporting bodies. In 2020 the funds contributed to the advancement of our athletes by the OWIA was \$80,345 – making this a great investment in our athletes.

Brendan Kerry - NSW

Ekaterina Alexandrovskya & Harley Windsor - NSW

Kailani Craine - NSW

Chantelle Kerry & Andrew Dodds – QLD



ISA in 2020 was granted full approval to host the ISU Four Continents Championships in Sydney. The event was subsequently cancelled in the last quarter of 2020. ISA had been through a virtual inspection and approval process as international visitation by the ISU representatives and the need to go into quarantine, made it impossible. Since the cancellation of the event, ISA lobbied the ISU to be reallocated the event and we have been subsequently awarded the event for 2023. A timing that by which, we hope, international visitation might be back on without quarantine.

We continue to work towards the event with the ISA appointed event manager Cheryl McKewen

High Performance

The high performance programme provided incentive and funding assistance to our athletes. However, much of the 2020 international year didn't eventuate. ISA has been successful in being granted AOC funding to assist our athletes trying to reach the Olympics. That funding is currently being utilised in this way.



The Aussie skate programme is present in approximately half of the Australian ice rinks and is the only authorised learn to skate programme in Australia. It helps provide funding for our sport and continues to be well supported. The revised program has been launched and well received, together with the Aussie Skate app. Aussie Skate falls under the guidance of Kim Wilson who is doing an excellent job of engaging and developing new strategies for the programme.

International Competitions & Championships

As the 2020 year got under way, some of our athletes headed off to International events, little did they or any of us know what was to come. Their energy and enthusiasm abroad is mirrored by many athletes at home. We applaud each and every one of them for their dedicated efforts and the well deserved results that follow.

A popular international event for our skaters is the Mentor Cup in Torun, Poland. Australia fielded entries in Senior men's & dance and Junior ladies. Olympian Brendan Kerry delivered an excellent result securing a Bronze medal. Ice dancers Holly Harris & Jason Chan faced off against Chantelle Kerry and Andrew Dodds to finish 12th and 14th respectively in the strong ice dance field. Victoria Alcantara delivered a very respectable 7th place in a field of 14.

Not too far away in Romania at the EduSport Trophy, the ever delightful Amelia Jackson earned the bronze medal in a field of 14 athletes. An excellent result.

The Australian synchronised teams were busy flying the Aussie flag at multiple events. The adult synchronised team – Evolution finished 6th in Austria and then moved on to Croatia for the Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy where they scored a gold medal. At the same event, the mixed age team Southern Sky won the bronze medal.

Later in January at the Hevelius Cup in Poland the senior synchronised team Ice Storm placed 6, Adelaide Ice magic Junior B team won gold, together with the Adult synchronised team who also took gold. Australia fielded two teams in the Challenger series synchronised events – Leon Lurje Trophy in Goteborg Sweden where Ice Storm placed 12th whilst at the French Cup in Rouen, Nova placed 11th. Fabulous results from our busy synchronised teams.

In late January I remember being at the European Championships in Austria and on the news they were talking about this strange virus that had emerged. Then in early February at the Four Continents Championships in Seoul, Korea we were receiving text messages from the Govt. about nearby suburbs reporting cases, and of course we were wearing masks.

Meanwhile, at the Bavarian Open Juan Camillo-Yusti and Cailin O'Keefe were competing in the Junior events to place 12th and 18th respectively. They then went on to compete at the Tallink Hotels Cup in Estonia where they placed 5th and 16th.

At Four Continents, our strong team delivered great results with Brendan Kerry and Kailani Craine both placing 12th in this respective divisions, James Min placed 19th and Jordan Dodds at his first Four Continents placed 24th whilst nursing an injury. Three great ice dance teams performed well – Holly Harris and Jason Chan delivered the highest place among the Aussie athletes, with a top 10 finish placing 9th. They were followed by Chantelle Kerry & Andrew Dodds placing 14th and Matilda Friend & William Badoui placing 15th

Our final two international synchronised events were Junior synchronised Ice Skateers Elite taking the bronze medal in Sheffield England at the Steel City Trophy. Shortly afterwards down the road in Nottingham, the same team placed 13th in the Junior World Synchronised Championships.

The Championships became the last ISU synchronized event Australia fielded a team at. The last singles, pairs and dance event was the World Junior Championships in Tallinn, Estonia where Darian Kapitch placed 28th and Victoria Alcantara placed 42nd.

The figure Skating world then became victim of the virus with the cancellation of the scheduled World Championships in Montreal. As did our scheduled Oceania International Novice event scheduled to take place in New Zealand.



Oceania International Novice
Figure Skating Competition



The year wore on, the whole country shut down for 3 months and skating went into hibernation. The road back was slow with no international events available to Australian athletes. The ice rinks struggled to reopen with drastically limited numbers allowed to skate made the ice rinks uneconomic to open. Eventually this changed and ice rinks opened and the domestic skating scene started to return with some competitions. Frequent border closures ultimately led to the cancellation of the Australian Championships scheduled to be held in Brisbane in December.

ISA was then proactive in starting online benchmark events to allow our athletes to compete from all States, and even if they were training in another Country. Lots of new learning that brought the officials and State bodies together in a mammoth effort of all working for the common good to make it happen.

Our judges and officials worked harder than ever and the home computer became the comfortable judging bench.

On behalf of all the Australian athletes I extend a thank you to each and every State executive, committees and officials for stepping up to make this happen. Thank you

Morgan Innes Foundation



The Foundation was formed in 2007 after the untimely death of a promising young Queensland athlete Morgan Innes. The Innes family raised funds to establish the foundation and annually awards scholarships via Ice Skating Australia. In 2020 the scholarships were not awarded, however will be in 2021, at the Australian Championships in Brisbane.



Vale – Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya

A stellar skating career was cut short on July 17, 2020 with the tragic accidental death of Australian Winter Olympian Ekaterina (Katia) Alexandrovskaya at the tender age of 20. Together Katia and Harley Windsor became ISU Junior World Champions, won two ISU Junior Grand Prix and became the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final Champions. An unprecedented set of results that culminated in the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang. Katia's diagnosis with epilepsy brought her career and partnership with Harley to an end. Katia gave up her Russian citizenship to become an Australian citizen so that she could fulfill her dream to become an Olympian. On the way, she did so much more than that. Katia, we continue to miss you every day.

Thank you and warmest regards,

Peter Lynch

President