

## ISA COACH COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 was once again a very difficult year for all stakeholders within our sport with COVID lockdowns once again disrupting the training and competitive season.

During this period the Committee met with Debbie Noyes to discuss the athlete development online training which we fully support and see it as a positive experience for all those involved.

We both congratulate and thank Kim Lewis for all the work she has done on the Aussie Skate™ program. Having a Nationally recognised learn to skate program is so important to the sport to assist with participation growth and sustainability.

I would like to thank Angelique for her continued endeavors to improve and further develop both ice dance and synchronized skating across Australia.

There have been a number of ideas put forward during our committee meetings but given the circumstances during 2021 and the upcoming ISU congress the committee deemed it more appropriate to look at these areas in the upcoming year. As the sport is at the end of a 4 year Olympic Cycle there will no doubt be many changes proposed at the ISU Congress and it is important that we wait to see the direction the individual Technical Committees have decided to take.

It is as always the goal of the committee to support ISA through recommendations, suggestions and by working with other committees to assist with the further development and continued improvement of the sport in Australia and to be able to put forward the opinions and views of the coaches who are the ones interacting on a daily basis with the participants whether at the grassroots level of Aussie Skate™ or at an Elite level.

We are looking forward to the new season ahead with hopefully less disruptions than in the previous few years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the skaters who continued to pursue their Olympic Dreams during very difficult times and whilst not everyone saw that dream come true they all displayed a level of determination and dedication that the Australian Skating Community should be very proud of. Special congratulations to Brendan Kerry and Kailani Craine who represented Australia, the OWIA, ISA, NSWISA and their clubs with pride in Beijing.

I look forward to another year chairing the coach committee.

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