

2018 WAISA President's Report

2017 was a challenging year for WAISA Council in many ways. However, inspired by the consistent dedication and hard work from all of the athletes, Council managed to overcome many of the challenges and produce another outstanding year for the Association.

The 2016 Organizations Sustainability Program Funding was again successfully acquitted to the Department of Sport and Recreation and the \$8,000 in funding released to the Association. The 2017 acquittal is in hand and will be submitted shortly.

Financially it was a year of investment for the future.

- \$17.383.18 was invested in our athletes including:
- \$4,400 to IceSynchroWA for their development camp
- \$2,700 to the WA Figure Skating Club for their development camp
- \$4,839 to the Athlete Development Program
- \$1,600 to Infusion Senior for their attendance at the 2017 World Synchronized Skating Championships
- \$4201.50 to athletes travelling to the 2017 Australian Figure Skating Championships
- \$3,750 to Officials for their attendance at the 2017 Australian Figure Skating Championships
- The replacement and upgrade of the old International Judging System computers cost a total of \$16,144.44.

WAISA ran 4 competitions and one championship in 2017 covering events from Aussie Skate Level 4 to Senior and Adult divisions. Once again Officials from all over Australia were invited to form a part of the Judging Panel and Technical Panel at WAISA events. We were very fortunate to have Ice Skating Union Officials Susan Lynch, Debbie Noyes and Angelique Clyde-Smith together with International Official Robi Chalmers and ISA Official Tara O'Connor happy to travel to WA to assist us. I thank them for donating their time to assist WAISA with the running of our events.

WAISA athletes travelled interstate and overseas to compete. Infusion Mixed Age competed at the 2017 Mozart Cup in Salzberg, Australia at the beginning of the year followed in April by Infusion Senior who competed as Team Australia at the 2017 World Synchronized Skating Championships.

I would like to congratulate all of the WAISA athletes on their performances throughout the year.

WAISA Officials also travelled interstate and overseas to serve on Judging Panels and Technical panels. Clarence Ong, Kylie Yacopetti, Maria and Evgueni Borounov all travelled to International events. Kylie Yacopetti was successful in passing the Ice Skating Union Judges examination in Oberstdorf, Germany. This is a great achievement and I would like to congratulate Kylie and wish her continued success with her judging career.



There were 8 test sessions successfully completed with a total of 131 tests attempted during these sessions.

With a membership during 2017 of 257, which is predicted to rise in 2018, the Council once again struggled with the lack of volunteers to assist in the running of the Association and events. The burden of the work was again carried out by a few dedicated volunteers.

I would like to thank the current WAISA Council for all of their hard work and dedication plus all of the volunteers who have assisted us during 2017. A special mention goes out to Katrina Harburn who works tirelessly to assist WAISA in so many areas and to Brad Scott who is a great asset to WA skating and has assisted in the purchase and upkeep of the International Judging System computers.

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