



PRESIDENTS REPORT - 2017

It was a busy year with many positives, some negatives, but always something to learn from.

- AIR / Korean Coaching Agreement
- New mat covers
- Nationals & camp prior
- Large IRNSW member presence on National Teams
- Scott Weekes Youth Olympic Games Coach
- Jae Su Chun camp

Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink & manager Wayne Disbery must be thanked for their positive attitude to working with clubs within the rink. In addition to normal competitions, Wayne made available ice for Nationals, the camp prior and with very short notice, ice time for the Jae Su Chun camp. These are opportunities which we may otherwise have missed out on.

Macquarie Ice Rink & management, Monica MacDonald & John Dunn, are thanked in working with the ice times to provide an earlier Friday night club session and additional times to attract & develop SSS members.

To club committees, as always, you provide the structure and commitment as the face of the sport. Beng, Krish, Alison, Damien, Peter, Janet & Grant (previous Arrows President), have given their time, raising sponsors, conducting come & try's and providing feedback & advice to IRNSW for our council meetings with AIR.

Our coaches, Scott Weekes, Jessica Jung, Maggie Holland, Alison Throssell & Peter Vanderhorst, all have a passion to see our sport develop & grow, and I thank them for the support to their clubs & IRNSW.

NSW is also extremely lucky to have so many officials that we can call upon or seek advice from: Margaret Blunden, Jim Hewish, Andrew Morgan and Brett Throssell. They all generously give their time to run events.

IRNSW colleagues, Judith Li (Treasurer), Janet Taylor (Secretary), Maggie Holland (Coaching Advisor), Darren Heath (Vice President) & Chris Robson (Board Member), thank you for your work and recommendations over the year.

A special thank you to:

Judith as Treasurer, for involvement with competitions, collection of money, mat order, AIR council meetings & Nationals

Janet as Secretary for assistance with competitions, Nationals & reporting.

Maggie Holland for everything. Maggie guides me through the year, arranges ice times & competitions, and still has the passion to see members improve.

Our Volunteers are the best, with Nationals just proving to the rest of the country, what we knew. Families from both clubs must be thanked for working through all our competitions last year. Your support is appreciated.

Our members / skaters are what we all work towards. Recreation or international, we work to provide opportunities for all to achieve their goals.

It is great to see new members progress, achieving “personal bests” and enjoying the sport & its opportunities.

Last year we congratulated a number of members who were selected for the National Teams:

Keanu Blunden
Denali Blunden
Luke Cullen
Simon Francis
Liam O'Brien
Michael Pickup.

The NSW Department of Sport & Recreation continues to support us as a State Sporting Association. They again provided \$5,000 to develop our sport.

We need to continue to find ways and knowledge to drive the sport forward. No matter how small you think your contribution may be, that is website, sourcing grant opportunities, helping with the pads – it is all appreciated.

Please talk with those associated with IRNSW, Arrows or Sydney Speed Skating. We would welcome your input.

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President – Ice Racing NSW