

Ice Racing New South Wales Inc

Ice Racing NSW Board Report to AGM/SGM 2026



Board Members as at June 30, 2026:

Jonathan Lam – President (resigned July 14, 2026)

Luke Cullen – Vice President

Jennifer Sheldon – Events and Marketing

Hillary Zhang – Treasurer

Janet Taylor – Secretary and Event Planning

As you know, the last year has been exceptionally challenging for short track ice speed skating in New South Wales.

In spite of that, and thanks to the ice time we've been able to obtain at the **Erina Ice Arena**, we have been able to provide most of our usual program.

The year started with a well-attended camp at Erina Ice Arena in April. This event was supported financially with a grant from **Australian Ice Racing**. This grant made it possible for us to hire a bus to take skaters (and their parents) to and from Erina, which undoubtedly helped with attendance.

Thanks to ice time at Erina Ice Arena and a grant from the NSW Office of Sport, we've been able to run our normal racing events:

the Sprint Cup, the Endurance Plate and the NSW Championships.

Even though attendance was light, participants found the events very enjoyable.

Particular thanks must go to the parents and officials who made the trip to Erina to make these events possible.

Many thanks must also go to Jennifer Sheldon, for the enormous amount of energy and time that she put into the promotion and running of these events.

For various reasons, our Board has been run with a very low number of members, and they need to be acknowledged for their service, which, in most cases, was above what would normally be expected.

Our collective thanks should go to:

Jonathan Lam, who was president for most of the year, but finally had to resign due to excessive work commitments. In his time as president, Jon managed our IT services regarding access to our software by the various office bearers. This is a job that he is willing to continue to do.

Jon also managed the NSW Office of Sport grant program initiated by Scott Weekes who had to discontinue his involvement with the board due to accepting the position of National Sport Participation Manager with the Australian Ice Racing Inc.

Luke Cullen, as Vice President, supported all our activities and efficiently stepped into Jonathon's shoes to run meetings when Jon wasn't available.

Hillary Zhang, our treasurer, who had to keep on top of our on-going decisions as to which grant a claim belonged as well as organising the payment of these claims. This

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meant she could not afford to miss each of our board meetings where decisions were made. Also, during this past year, a switch was made between the brand of software we'd use for our accounts. Due to fast-moving events, there was little time to master one version of software before a better version was found.

Jennifer Sheldon, who seems to have an inexhaustible amount of energy when it comes to our marketing, organising events, allocating helmet covers before each race meeting, and keeping track of the costs of the events. This is as well as handling our communications with Erina Ice Arena and storing and transporting, to and from Erina, a boot load full of equipment for our race meetings, from the Lynx camera and associated equipment. As an organisation, we owe many, many thanks to Jenni.

Janet Taylor who has been secretary over the past twelve months and assisted with event planning

Many, many thanks must also go to the **NSW government** for providing the Learn to Skate grant that has enabled so many of our activities to continue this year.

With the support of our new board, who are yet to be elected, we look forward to our 2026-2027 year. Our main goal will be to get more Sydney-based ice time for our sport.

On behalf of the Board of Ice Racing New South Wales