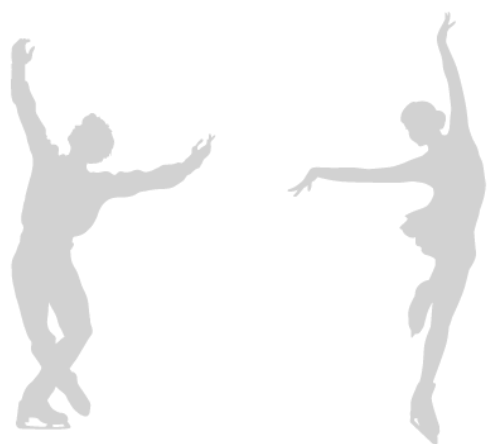




2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Iceworld Figure Skating Club



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IFSC AGM

19 March 2025

Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 IFSC Annual General Meeting.

It's been a busy year filled with competitions, events and fundraising activities.

We are pleased to see our members taking full advantage of the subsidies offered for competitive skaters with around 10 applications being approved.

We've also focused on enhancing our governance. This has involved updating and creating new policies, and we've started the process of revising the 'Club Rules' to reflect new government requirements and strengthen the club's governance. The first draft is ready for the Management Committee to make further decisions on options to take.

This year, we've operated with a smaller Management Committee. However, we've been fortunate to have several members stepping up to take on roles that support the committee's objectives. Notably, our Events and Competitions Sub-committees have been instrumental in driving initiatives forward, with at least one Management Committee member involved in each. In addition, Allison Van der Kooi was responsible for the IFSC State Team jackets, and Amanda Bessel has been managing our social media presence.

My heartfelt thanks to all those involved this year.

A continuing challenge we face is securing enough ice time for our club programs, including athlete development. While Iceworld offers a High-Performance program, it's limited selection excludes development opportunities for the rest of our members. As a club, we may need to reevaluate the programs we offer and consider how best to provide additional support to our members, ensuring that we address these challenges and continue to foster growth across all levels.



Financials

2024 was a busy and productive year for the club. Key points regarding the club's financial position and activities are detailed in this report. I encourage everyone to refer to the audit report for a more detailed breakdown of our financials.

Our **subsidy expenses** for 2024 totalled **\$2,630**, compared to nil in 2023. This is a positive development as these funds went directly towards our skaters, which is a key priority for the club.

Fewer **athlete development** programs were run by the club in 2024, due to reduced access to ice time and the availability of similar programs through Ice Skating Queensland (ISQ). Despite this the net profit for athlete development was relatively similar to 2023, once again incurring a small loss.

The **Club Dinner** was a significant expense at **\$6,701.62**, but we hope members found it to be a worthwhile investment. The **IFSC state jackets**, presented at the dinner, were also a significant expense at **\$2,044.50** but are an important way of recognising our athletes hard work and dedication. The expenses incurred by the club are made possible by fundraising.

The club's Easter, Halloween, and Christmas **fun skates** were enjoyable and successful event, raising approximately **\$5,000**. The Christmas Fun Skate, which also involved a raffle and bake sale, was particularly profitable and we thank everyone who supported these events.

We held three **Bunning's barbecues** in 2024 which generated a **net profit of \$5,268.96**. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped run the barbecues and to GMN Vegie Prepi for donating the sliced onions. Another notable **donation** was a \$500 cheque generously donated by Isabelle Martino.

Competitions were a source of revenue, with all our 2024 competitions returning a profit. I would like to thank the competition subcommittee for their hard work organising these and a huge thank you to all the volunteers —these events would not be possible without you. Entry fees for our benchmark competition, **WinterSun**, increased in 2024 but were kept lower than other interstate benchmark competitions. WinterSun was less profitable in 2024, compared with 2023, due to reduced entries and increased costs. The biggest costs were \$7,000 for ice time, and \$4,400 for live streaming. Looking ahead to this year, we plan to explore options such as incorporating advertising, during live streaming, to help reduce costs.

We made several updates to improve our **financial management**. Two of our bank accounts were moved from low-interest accounts to managed funds, which offer higher returns and will benefit the club's long-term financial health. Additionally, our Square payment system setting was changed to automatic daily transfers which has streamlined our processes and improved cash flow.



I am pleased to report steady growth in current year earnings and bank assets, as shown in the table below.

	2023	2024
Current year earnings	\$8,927.47	\$9,187.87
Total bank assets	\$46,686.78	\$54,245.89

In accordance with the IFSC Management Committee Remuneration and Benefits policy, the following is declared:

1. ISQ Membership Reimbursement:

Two (2) Management Committee members had ISQ Membership fees refunding in accordance with the above policy to the value of \$110 per person, totaling \$220.

2. IFSC Cub Dinner Tickets:

Five (5) Management Committee members received a complimentary ticket to the Dinner to the value of \$35 per person, totaling, \$175.

Membership

Membership numbers up to March 2nd, 2025, is around the same as membership for 2024 with 256 members.

The total number of active skaters is 161, with the following breakdown:

- Sub-Junior (Aussie Skate): 57
- Sub-Junior (Aussie Skate Adult): 14
- Junior (Under 18 with Prelim): 46
- Senior (18yrs+ with Prelim): 10
- Senior (18yrs+ Adult): 34

Total number of ordinary members including parents/guardians: 95

We continued recognising our members that represent IFSC at the Queensland State Championships by providing a fully subsidized IFSC State Representative Team jacket. This team building initiative unites our athletes and provides great representation at the event.

Volunteers

This report summarizes the volunteer hours contributed by individuals for various events organized by the IFSC in 2024.

The data reflects the dedication and commitment of our volunteers, who play a crucial role in the success of our events.



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A total of **52** volunteers contributed **288** hours in total across multiple events, including Bunnings BBQ events in January, March and November, the Easter Fun Skate, Crossland Rosebowl, Apollo Artistic Trophy, Bannister Trophy, WinterSun, IFSC Club Championships, Halloween Fun Skate and the Christmas Fun Skate and so on.

Their volunteer roles include but are not limited to setting up and packing up the events, selling tickets, cooking, serving customers, registration, managing the gift shop, gift retrievers, playing music, announcing, loading of music for competitions, videography, and social media management.

The volunteers for the 2024 IFSC events have shown remarkable dedication and effort. Their contributions are invaluable to the success of our events. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers and look forward to their continued support for future events.

In 2024, we drafted a volunteer rewards program which the committee is hoping to implement in 2025.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and commitment. Special thanks to the top contributors for their outstanding efforts.

Events

We continued to run successful promotional events through the year including the **Easter, Halloween** and **Christmas Fun Skates**. Again, ice time is getting harder to secure and the best available time for the club now are on Sunday afternoon which worked well this year. These events are aimed at club members and friends, Aussie Skate participants and friends with the objective of having fun, encouraging the Aussie Skate participants to join the club and to engage with first time skaters to promote the Aussie Skate program.

The **IFSC Club Dinner** is the highlight of our calendar and the most anticipated event of the year. Over 200 athletes, families, coaches and friends attended the night to celebrate the achievements of all our skaters, from the first time competitors to the international competitors.

IFSC were honoured to recognise Mr. Peter Rankin OA, for his achievements in figure skating and his support and friendship with our club by launching the inaugural Peter Ranking Achievement Award. This is awarded to the skater who has the largest points difference between first place and second place in any category. The winner for 2025 was Marandi Korf. Winners of the perpetual trophies are up on the IFSC Website.

Once again, we presented our IFSC State Representative Team Jackets to those qualified to compete in the Queensland Championships.



Competitions

IFSC Competitions have continued to be successful and the committee feel they are now appropriately schedule in the year.

The Competitions Sub-Committee has been working efficiently and with great focus, which has helped reduce the workload for the IFSC Management Committee. This has also provided additional opportunities for members to get involved, without necessarily joining the Management Committee.

Crosslands and Apollo Artistic had 89 skaters around the same numbers as last year, and Bannister Trophy had 25 skaters. This event was well received and having the Friday evening dedicated to the Bannister Trophy works very well.

The IFSC Club Championships, open to all levels from Tiny Tots to Adults continues to grow and we encourage all members to participate, whatever your age or abilities. Around 91 skaters entered the event.

WinterSun, a champ series event is a national competition and the first local opportunity for where skaters can achieve the ISA benchmarks for both entry into the Australian Figure Skating Championships and international competitions. We continue to be the cheapest Champ series event to encourage more interstate entries. The early bird entry raffle remains popular, with the winner receiving a \$100 petrol voucher and does encourage early entries. This year we had 113 entries as opposed to 133 last year. This could be due to the timing of Swan Trophy International at the end of September.

We provided the live streaming again this year, a little more expensive than 2024 which reduced the profit. We have the opportunity to recruit sponsorship and sell videos of each athlete to reduce the cost. In addition, paid for two interstate officials to attend, which for this year has been included in the profit and loss.

Our athletes excelled this year in all competitions, including the Queensland Competition, Queensland Championships and the Australian Figure Skating Championships held in Melbourne and the committee congratulates them all.

Changes to competitions in 2025

With the exception of WinterSun, affiliated clubs will no longer be able to run competitions on Saturday mornings, and as a result Crosslands and the IFSC Club Championships will be held during the week. This change is a result of the expansion of skate school and the early public session on Saturday.



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We also attended a meeting with the CEO, a representative from the Judges Committee and the BIFSC. We discussed the number of competitions for Aussie Skate levels and clubs were initially asked to remove them from all competitions. We defended our position and for 2025, Aussie Skate competitions will only have Tiny Tots to Level 10. Crosslands and WinterSun will be limited to Free Skate 1 to Free Skate 4. This is where most of our entries came from anyway. IFSC Club Championships will have Tiny tots to Free Skate 4 remaining unchanged.

Management Committee

It is essential to acknowledge the dedicated members of the Management Committee, whose cohesive and productive teamwork drives the success of our club. The time and commitment they contribute throughout the year often goes unseen, yet they remain steadfast in their shared goal of supporting our skaters' success and fostering a strong, unified club that will continue to grow and evolve in the future.

Lastly, on behalf of all club members, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following retiring members of the IFSC Management Committee.

First, Jane Wang, who has served as our Volunteer Coordinator for the past two years has been an invaluable member of the committee, leveraging her extensive network of parents and friends to effectively manage this role. In addition, she also took on the time-consuming task of downloading and managing the music for competitions. She will be greatly missed, and her contributions to the Management Committee have been truly appreciated.

Leanne Boge is retiring from her role as Secretary. Throughout her time on the committee, Leanne has been a dedicated and hardworking member, contributing significantly to our events and competitions. She has selflessly cooked meals for judges, participated on the Competitions Sub-Committee, and fulfilled her duties as Secretary with great care and attention. Leanne's calm and thoughtful approach has been an asset to the committee, and she will be deeply missed for her unwavering commitment and valuable contributions.

As most of you know, I will be stepping down as President, and while it's a bittersweet moment, I want to take this opportunity to express how truly grateful I am for the experience. Serving on the Management Committee has been an incredible honour, and witnessing the growth and transformation of our club has been an absolute pleasure.

Throughout the years, I have been fortunate to receive immense support, both from my fellow committee members and from all of you, the members of the club. There's nothing more rewarding than watching our skaters embark on their journeys, and for many of them, seeing them grow into strong, young men and women. Thank you all for your dedication, your passion, and for making this journey so memorable.

Kind Regards,
Cheryl McKewen
IFSC President



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