



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Iceworld Figure Skating Club



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IFSC AGM

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Welcome

Welcome to the 2024 IFSC Annual General Meeting.

The club had a successful year providing competitions, events and development opportunities for members whilst ensuring the club remains viable and sustainable into the future. The Athlete Development program was very successful and well attended.

With the current changes to the ice schedule and the rinks temporary operating hours, we face a number of challenges around training as well as the opportunities the club can provide to members.

You will notice that we no longer have our monthly Saturday evening private ice hire. Instead, we were offered one hour every Thursday except for test nights. The Management Committee felt it was more important to have more figure training sessions, so we gave this time back to be used for training. Please take advantage of this time so we do not lose it.

The IFSC Management Committee will continue to lobby for improved ice time and conditions for our members.

Regarding the Acacia Ridge redevelopment, the ISQ have commissioned a feasibility study for the site with the intention of remaining open during the rebuild.

A public meeting will be held in the Museum on 21st March, 2024 and I encourage you all to attend.



Treasurer's Report

As of the 31st December, 2023, the Iceworld Figure Skating Club made a net profit of \$8,927.47.

The closing account balances were:

Everyday account	\$ 23,411.57
Investment deposit account	\$ 13,289.97
Competition future fund	\$ 9,645.44
Debit card	\$ 339.80
Total cash	\$ 46,686.78

Our club events have continued to grow during 2023 and we have continued to see increases in numbers at our competitions. We changed our fun skates to athlete development nights giving our skaters some extra training sessions and we provided on and off ice classes.

Competition profits:

• Crosslands/Bannister/Apollo	\$ 2,159.76
• WinterSun	\$ 9,297.26
• Club Championships	\$ 2,522.97

Event Profits:

• Easter	\$ 949.63
• Halloween	\$ 656.74
• Christmas	\$ 2,460.12

During 2023, we have been able to continue to provide subsidised benefits to our members. The club has again provided jackets for our state team members, subsidised the athlete development nights as well as putting on our Annual Club Presentation dinner.

During 2024, we have reintroduced our financial assistance policy and those who are attending tonight are able to apply for these, please see the website for further details.

The Auditor has confirmed that the financial report presents fairly and in accordance with the Associations Act.

The club is in a good financial position, can continue to pay its accounts and continue to provide benefits to its members.

Regards

Allison van der Kooi

IFSC Treasurer



Membership

Membership numbers for 2023 are well up from 2022 with a total of 266 members, 164 of those are active skating members.

Sub-Junior	(Aussie Skate)	69
Sub-Junior	(Aussie Skate adults)	19
Junior	(Under 18 with Prelim)	40
Senior	(18yrs+ with Prelim & Adult)	36
Ordinary	(Parents/Guardians)	102

We continued recognising our members that represent the 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

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do!

Thank you for donating your time and skills so we can provide the opportunity for our skaters to feel part of a club, develop skills, compete locally, and form a life-long love of skating.

In 2023, we did struggle to get volunteers for fundraising events and the Bunnings BBQ's and we encourage you to participate in these fundraising events so we can continue to provide benefits that members receive.

In 2024, we will ask volunteers to register their hours themselves. The link can be found on the IFSC website under the 'Volunteers' tab.



Athlete Development

The Athlete development program was very successful and well attended, in particular by the Aussie Skate to Elementary group and the Adult group.

The Squad Training sessions consisted of one hour of dance or drama followed by one hour on ice, training as a group with 3 coaches. Coaches were cycled through the program.

We ran 5 sessions over the year, one for Basic Novice – Senior, 2 for Aussie Skate – Elementary and 2 for Adult level skaters.

For term-based training, we provided two dance classes and one drama class, one per term.

In July, we ran the Technical Review Night for skaters and their coaches to receive feedback on where they can improve.

Competitions

All competitions held in 2023 were very successful and exceeded the number of entries from previous years. We now have them located in the ISQ Calendar in the best possible place for their success.

Last year, we created the IFSC Competitions Sub-Committee, which served us very well in both sharing the workload and passing on valuable skills to new people. The sub-committee has no financial power, and all decisions are still required to be approved by the Management Committee. Members are welcome to join the Sub-Committee.

The Crossland Rosebowl competition continues to grow. It is a good starter competition and a great introduction for newer skaters to start participating in the competitive stream.

Apollo Artistic Trophy saw a few less entries than last year and hopefully this will pick up in 2024.



Bannister Trophy was again successful with a growing number of adult skaters from both figure skating clubs enjoying competing in their own competition.

The IFSC Club Championships, open to all levels from Tiny Tots to Adults continues to grow with more entries than last year and we encourage all members to participate, whatever your age or abilities.

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 had a good number of Interstate entries this year and we hope this will trend will continue as this is beneficial to skaters development. We offered a \$100 Fuel Voucher for early bird registrations which worked very well with just over half the entries being received earlier assisting us in our planning.

Our athletes excelled this year in all competitions, including the Queensland Competition, Queensland Championships and the Australian Figure Skating Championships in Sydney.

We had a number of skaters compete in international competitions in Asia and other countries around the world, including Charlton Doherty who competed in his first ISU Four Continents Championships.

Subsidies

Unfortunately, no one applied for financial subsidies in the 2023/24 season and accounts for the increased profit for last year.

We encourage you to apply for the subsidies this year so long as you meet the eligibility requirement.

We have changed the subsidy policy to provide more time for applications to be received, in addition we have also changed the payment of subsidies to be the end of December. This allows members the remainder of the year to complete their volunteer hours.

The subsidy application can be found on the IFSC website.



Events

We continued to run successful club promotional events through the year including the Easter, Halloween and Christmas Fun Skates.

These events are promoted to club members and participants in the Iceworld Acacia Ridge, Aussie Skate program, attracting a large population of family and friends.

We encourage our members to attend and have a fun skating experience outside of training. These events actively promote the club and encourage the transition from Aussie Skate into competitive skating, building our membership from the Aussie Skate cohort. For general public, this maybe their first time at the rink and we promote the Aussie Skate program.

With the new Ice Schedule, we have retained the normal schedule for these events with the exception of the coming Easter Fun Skate. This year the event will be held on Sunday, 24th March, 2024, 3:30-5:30pm to allow the Speed Skating club to prepare for their State Championships.

Our Christmas Fun Skate was sold out reaching the rinks entry capacity and was the most successful so far.

We often struggle to get volunteers at these events. We hope that members understand the value of these events being successful, both financially and the intangible benefits of promoting the club and the sport with the long term goal of increasing our membership.

Presentation Dinner

The culmination of our skating calendar and the most anticipated event of the year is the IFSC Club Presentation Dinner. Over 200 attendees including skaters, families, friends and coaches were present at the 2023 dinner where we took the opportunity to celebrate and cheer for the achievements of all our skaters, from the first time competitor to the international competitor.

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.



Fundraising

Bunnings BBQ's remain the main fundraising event for the club with the goal of doing 2-3 times per year; 2 in the early part of the year and one later in the year. This avoids the competition season when we are all focused on competitions.

We chose the Bunnings BBQ's as the club's main fundraiser as we can raise more money in a couple of BBQ's than we can running many smaller fundraising events throughout the year.

In 2023, we participated in two Bunnings BBQ's and after the initial setup costs we raised a net profit of \$2,462.90.

The gift stalls at competitions remain a popular fundraising event.

Management Committee

It is important to recognise the members of the Management Committee. Little is seen of the time and commitment that they give continuously throughout the year, with the common goal of seeing our skaters succeed, and building a strong and united club that continuously improves and grows into the future.

Finally, on behalf of club members I would like to thank retiring member Allison van der Kooi who has been on the Management Committee for a number of years, firstly as a general member and then the club's Treasurer. Allison has also been looking after the club's social media and is responsible for loading all the music for competitions. We appreciate her contribution, and she will be sorely missed.

We are looking forward to a busy but exciting year ahead and we hope you will participate once again to ensure our many competitions, events, fundraising, and development programs are successful.

Thank You
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