

ISQ Members Update

Ice Skating Queensland Inc

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WELCOME to the 2017 Season!

Ice Skating Qld Inc would like to welcome all our new members and members returning to the 2017 ice skating season! It is going to be a very busy and exciting year with the Junior Grand Prix and Australian Nationals being held at Boondall. Best of Luck to all our Queensland skaters competing at home, interstate or overseas in the coming months. We hope you all have a very successful season.

Vale Robyn Symons



It was with great sadness that the skating community learnt of the unexpected passing of Robyn on the 16th February. Robyn made a huge contribution to the sport of ice skating in Queensland, as a judge. Her energy and warmth will be sorely missed. ISQ Council is currently considering an appropriate way of honouring her contribution to the sport. Our condolences go to her family, Maree, Melanie, Sue, Louis and Alexandra.

Changes at Iceworld

As you are aware ISQ owns and operates the rinks at Boondall and Acacia Ridge, under the Iceworld banner. As well as providing affordable access to ice for skaters in Brisbane, the revenue from public skating at these rinks funds the development of the sport. In early 2017 Council completed a strategic review of Iceworld operations. Accordingly there have recently been several significant changes in our commercial operations.

Appointment of Keith Fullerton as General Manager



After a recruitment process, Council has appointed Keith Fullerton as General Manager of Iceworld. Keith was a standout candidate from a strong field of applicants, having been GM of a leading golf club in New Zealand, CEO of Bowls Queensland and spent many years in sports development.

Immediately on his appointment, Council asked him to conduct his own review of the operations of Iceworld. The result has been a restructure of the facilities management function.

Council has set Keith and his team the challenge of upgrading the Boondall facilities in time for upcoming major competitions (see below). Without giving away his plans, you can expect significant improvements in the presentation and amenity of the Boondall rink by mid-year. Not to forget Acacia Ridge, an upgrade of the cooling tower is on the cards for 2017 as well.

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Departure of John Bradbury

As part of the organisational restructure following Keith's appointment, the role of Facilities Manager has been made redundant. John Bradbury completed his employment with Iceworld on the 3rd March. For over 25 years John has dedicated himself to maintaining the two rinks in Brisbane for the benefit of the ice skating community and we want to publicly acknowledge his contribution to the sport and wish him well in his future endeavours, which are rumoured to include caravanning.

Appointment of Don Nicholls as Project & Maintenance Manager

We have been very fortunate as a sport to have had a President who is also an expert in project and maintenance management, from decades of experience with organisations such as Qantas and the Australian Defence Force.

The revitalisation of Iceworld is a strategic imperative to ISQ and to achieve this will require the dedication of a full time member of staff who can drive the upgrading of facilities and to support the General Manager with maintenance of the rinks. Council felt it was unreasonable to ask Don to work 40+ hours a week on a voluntary basis and after consultation with Don and Keith, the role of Project & Maintenance Manager has been offered to Don and he has accepted this offer.

Junior Grand Prix—Boondall 21st—27th August

ISQ has been fortunate to have its bid for a JGP accepted by ISU. This will be the second time a JGP will be hosted in Brisbane. This will give the opportunity for local skaters and ISQ members to see world class competitive skating (singles and dance). Recently calls for participation in the organising committee were put out and the first meeting of the organising committee was held on the 8th March. It is vital that everyone get behind making this event a success - we need you to both volunteer for the event and to spread the word to your friends so we have maximum audience attendance. As entry is free this represents the best value sporting experience in Brisbane in 2017.

The next LOC - JGP meeting will be held at Iceworld, Boondall on Wednesday 5th April at 7.00pm. If you are interested in volunteering or assisting with the organising of this event, please attend this meeting (no RSVP required). Volunteers still needed for Registration Desk, Music playing, Announcing. Merchandise sales, Gatekeepers.



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Australian Figure Skating Championships-Boondall 2-8 December

Nationals is once again in Brisbane! There is great advantage to our local skaters in having the premier competition in Australia hosted at our local rink, both in avoiding the need to travel, familiarity with the ice and local support base cheering them on. Of course, once again we will need your support as volunteers to make this a success, and we are looking to each of the affiliate clubs to promote the benefits of volunteering with the membership.

ISQ - Annual General Meeting

The AGM of ISQ is coming up. Pending the completion of the annual financial audit, we expect the AGM to be held on Thursday 4th May. Notice of the AGM will be issued shortly by the Secretary. We encourage maximum attendance.



Upcoming Competitions

7th & 8th April	Crosslands Rosebowl/Apollo Artistic Trophy - Acacia Ridge
17th & 19th May	Towne Family Trophy - Boondall
17th June	Aussie Skate Competition - Boondall
28th June –1st July	Wintersun - Acacia Ridge
5th July	Fun in the Sun TOI - Acacia Ridge
21st - 27th August	Junior Grand Prix - Boondall
9th September	Aussie Skate Competition - Acacia Ridge
10th September	Qld Synch Club Championships - Boondall
15th & 16th Sept	IFSC Club Championships - Acacia Ridge
20th/21/22nd Sept	BFISC Club Championships - Boondall
18th -22nd October	Qld Figure Skating Championships/Qld Comp. - Boondall
2nd-8th December	AFSC - Boondall, Brisbane



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Athlete & Coach Development Seminar - 10th—14th April

We are happy to announce that internationally renowned coaches Christy Krall and Eddie Shipstad have made themselves available to work with our skaters during the April School Holidays. We are also discussing with QPSA the potential to integrate a coach development seminar into this visit.

Christy Krall is well known for her work with Dart Fish video analysis software, while Eddie Shipstad is a heavily used harness coach by many top level athletes.

The seminar will be held at Iceworld Boondall from the 10th – 14th of April from approximately 6:30 – 12:00 daily. Seminar is open to figure skaters with a minimum of Primary Free Skate AND Technical Patterns level. Ice Skating Queensland members only. Application form is on ISQ website www.isq.org.au



Ice Sports Administration Development Seminar - Boondall - July 2017

ISQ will be running a weekend development seminar for officials and administrators of ice sports clubs. This will be open to all affiliate clubs as well as other ice sports associations. On Saturday, a leading educator on not-for-profit governance will be providing intensive training in the role and duties of association officials and committee members, including practical advice on how to run a committee.

On the Sunday, we will be running an ice sports planning day for ISQ, which will include participation by affiliated club representatives, Iceworld management, ISA representatives, Athlete Development Committee and professional associations such as QPSA. This will include sessions on club development, athlete development, the best use of our facilities, managing relationship with coaches and coaching associations, running competitions, and developing the sport towards 2020. A formal announcement and invitation will be sent out shortly.



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Skaters' Successes:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Skater/Team</u>	<u>Placing</u>
2017 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships	Brooklee Han	14/21
	Andrew Dodds	20/24
2017 Mentor Torun Cup	Amelia Jackson	6/37
	Charlton Doherty & Jessica Palfreyman (Junior Dance)	15/17
	Mitchell Frenchman & Micol Carmignani (Junior Dance)	17/17
Ice Challenge—The Hague	Darian Kaptich	7/8
Asian Winter Games Sapporo	Paris Stephens/Matthew Dodds (Pairs)	5/8
Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy	Iceskateers Elite (Junior)	4/7
	Ice Storm (Senior)	5/6
Spring Cup, Milan	Iceskateers Elite (Junior)	5/8
	Ice Storm (Senior)	8/9

Easter Greetings:

The Council would like to wish all members, their families and Iceworld Staff a very Happy and Safe Easter.

