



ISQ Council Annual Report 2025

The 2025 year has once again been a busy year for the Council with a balancing act to ensure the growth and support of the sport and ensure the sustainability of the Iceworld business and venues.

Striving for Best Practice Governance

The Council has been undertaking continued Governance training utilizing a Governance Grant from Sport & Rec. Part of this grant was used to develop a new Constitution to ensure we comply with recommendations by Australian Sports Commission's Governance Principles.

Disappointingly, this was not passed at the special general meeting in February 2026. We are hoping with some more education sessions that members will better understand the rationale behind this new constitution.

It has been highlighted by the Australian Sports Tribunal (AST) that with ISQ having a fully elected council, means we do not fall under their jurisdiction. Once we align with the ISA, we would still be governed by our constitution but we will also come within the jurisdiction of AST and it will be a clear pathway to the AST for serious grievances. Currently, for any cases assessed as needing to go to the AST, both parties must agree to go that path, which is very unlikely to happen.

ISQ Committees

We have the committees below assisting in the management of the sport:

- ISQ Athlete Development
- ISQ Judges and Officials Committees
- ISQ Governance Committee; and
- ISQ Finance, Risk and Strategy Committee
- ISQ Facilities Committee; and
- ISQ Clubs Committee – (ISQ Affiliated Clubs)

Australian Figure Skating Championships 2025

The Council congratulates all Queensland skaters who competed at the 2025 Australian Figure Skating Championships. Queensland was strongly represented across most divisions and achieved 9 gold, 6 silver and 11 bronze medals.

Special congratulations to 2025 National Champions:

- Iceskateers (Advanced Novice Sync)
- Emma Chen (Basic Novice Girls)
- Emma Chen (Intermediate Novice Girls)
- Karl Waris (Intermediate Men)
- Angela Guo (Advanced Novice Girls)
- Mia Zeng (Junior Women)
- Miandri Korf (Advanced Novice Solo Ice Dance)
- Isabelle McKewen (Senior Solo Ice Dance)
- Sienna Kaczmarczyk (Senior Women)

ISQ was also proud to host the inaugural Australian Adult Figure Skating Championships in March 2026 and won 8 Gold, 7 Silver and 4 Bronze medals.

Gold medals were claimed by:

- Beatrice Sim (Adult Bronze Women Class II)
- Matthew Tunbridbe (Adult Bronze Men Class II)
- Isabelle Martino / Kevin Layt (Adult Silver Ice Dance)
- Alex Cooke (Adult Silver Men Class II)
- Nicholas Manche (Adult Gold Men Class II)
- Laura Seivo (Adult Gold Women Class II)
- Alice Domain (Adult Masters Women Class I)
- Jessica Rotondo (Adult Masters Elite Women Class I)

ISQ also had many skaters and officials attend competitions overseas. This exposure to these competitions not only benefits those skaters and officials, but the knowledge and skills they return with has a positive effect on others. ISQ is thankful we have the Iceworld business in a position that we can support this valuable travel, whilst still maintaining it at a point where the facilities are sustained.

It is quite a balancing act to ensure the future of the organization whilst supporting our skaters. I'm sure it didn't go un-noticed that ISQ reduced funding as well as increased ice time costs. However, with increased running costs and planned maintenance we need to do this to ensure these facilities are still available in the future.

2025 Achievements:

Following the departure of our CEO, Annabel Kehoe, ISQ appointed Robert Newton as General Manager. I would like to acknowledge all the great work Annabel completed in the governance space to bring us up to standard.

We finally have the ice rink trading hours rectified correctly through the Brisbane City Council. As a result, have made more ice available to the sport as well as other stakeholders.

We hosted a very successful Australian Figure Skating Championships. It was fantastic to host this event in Brisbane, and we received wonderful feedback that this event was well run. It was great to see the inclusion of a successful Solo Dance event, with 24 entries!

Don and his maintenance team have been doing works on the Zambonis to ensure the smooth (pun intended) running of the ice sheets.

The upstairs area at Boondall has had a facelift with new carpet and furniture. We also had the kitchen facilities upgraded. A boardroom was created, which has been great for various committees to utilize for meetings whilst ensuring the larger area is still available.

Things to look forward to in 2026:

As you are aware, we are replacing the EPS roof and wall cladding at Acacia Ridge. Long term this should have the benefits of cheaper insurance, a higher quality roof we may be able to install solar to as well as extending the life of the facility. Thank you to Don and Rob for all their work to manage these works whilst keeping the rink open as much as possible.

Once the roof & walls are completed at Acacia Ridge, we plan to renovate the bathrooms as we are aware this is long overdue.

We obtained a grant for bathrooms, which as a condition of the grant has to be used at Boondall. We are using it to renovate the toilets in the function area as these are very old and tired.

ISQ will continue to work on the Constitution to ensure we align with best practice and there will be more information sessions on this.

We will continue to manage the facilities and business to ensure our member skaters are supported as best we can.

Bev Donaghey

On a sad note, I would like to recognise the recent passing of Bev Donaghy, a member of BSISC and former secretary of ISQ. Bev gave many, many hours of support to the sport of synchronized skating, but also to our whole skating community through her many years on ISQ Council. She will be greatly missed.

Conclusion

The Council extends its sincere thanks to all the members who volunteered or officiated at the various Club events, the Queensland Figure Skating Championships and Competition, and of course the Australian Figure Skating Nationals. These events cannot take place without a lot of volunteers and every bit of time that you give is noted and appreciated.

Once again, this year I would like to remind everyone that we need to continue to grow the number of judges and officials within the sport and we encourage anyone that may have an interest in these areas to reach out and we are happy to provide guidance on how to achieve your goals in these areas.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to my fellow Councillors, Rob, Don, Jenny, the ISQ Administration Officer, all committee members, the Iceworld rink staff, the ISQ Members and all our volunteers for their invaluable work over the past year.

Best wishes and success for the future.

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