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50 Years



# 2018 Annual General Meeting Reports

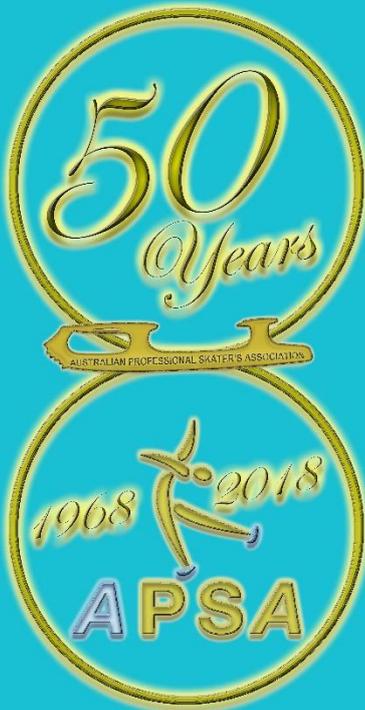


**APSA**

Australian Professional  
Skaters' Association

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# A Brief History



*Judy Bosler - portrait by Dr. Jackson*

The Australian Professional Skaters' Association (NSW branch) was formed at its inaugural meeting on June 4th, 1968 at Burwood Glaciarium Ice Rink.

Those who attended the first meeting were:

Gloria Aiken (Pracey),  
Bill Black,  
Judy Bosler,  
Barbara Clarke,  
Helen Devereaux,  
Bob Jones,  
Gretchen Malitz (Doolan),  
Ray Paterson,  
David Price,  
Nita Solomon and  
David Worrall.

The first office bearers were:

**President:** Bill Black.  
**Secretary:** Nita Solomon  
**Treasurer:** David Price

Of the founding members Judy Bosler is still serving **APSA** in her role as President of the **NSWPSA**. Our inaugural president, Bill Black was still active in the capacity of vice president until his death in March 1998.

The original objectives of the association were:

- a) To protect and further the interests of Professional Ice Skaters.
- b) To provide a means of communicating and negotiating with Rink Managements, Amateur and Professional Associations, as a united body.
- c) To improve the standard of coaching and the standard of amateur skating.

The original association was NSW. Victorian coaches formed their own association later and for some years were not interested in becoming a national body however at a meeting held in Melbourne during the Olympic Trophy week of competition in May 1979, **APSA** (National) was formed with the two (new to ice skating) states of Queensland and South Australia making it truly more national.

In the early years **APSA**, when competitors were available, ran professional championships and there were some very well contested events, but sadly this has become an activity which is not viable.

With the financial and practical assistance of **NISAA** (now **ISA** Inc), the first Level I coach accreditation course was conducted in Brisbane by Valerie Merrick (Bartlett) with 25 coaches participating. Since then courses have been conducted in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra, Perth and Adelaide by **APSA** (Australian coaches presenting the course) and all coaches in Australia have at least Level I Accreditation.

The first Level II course (again with Valerie Bartlett conducting) was run in 1990 with 10 participants and three more have been presented by Judy Bosler and Magda Mayer since then with 26 coaches now being accredited at Level II. **APSA** now trains coaches to Level III.

**APSA** also handles the insurance for all members who require this coverage and has arranged for coaches using the harness coaching aid to have full insurance cover.

Over the years **APSA** has held reunions, inviting skaters from former times, which have been held either in conjunction with our Professional Championships or as our Christmas Party. Many skaters from over the years have attended and enjoyed the get together.

As it was when the association was formed, our main goal is to improve the standard of coaching, and to this end we try to organise seminars/workshops whenever possible. International coaches who have visited us for these purposes include:

Anne Schelter from Canada who came to Australia twice to conduct her "Annie's Edges" Seminars for coaches and skaters in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

Manon Perron who has trained skaters to Olympic medals.

Christy Krall – former coach to World Champion and Olympic Gold Medallist (Team Event) Patrick Chan.

Don Laws – coach to elite skaters including Olympic and four times World Champion, Scott Hamilton, Tiffany Chin, Patrick Chan and Michael Weiss.

Brian Orser – a former World Champion who has trained both Olympic and World Champions Yuna Kim and Yuzuru Hanu, World Champion Javier Fernandez and many more of the elite skaters in recent years.

Another of the aims which is still the same is to foster a good working relationship with the amateur associations of each state, the national body (ISA Inc), judges and the officials who serve them. We feel that this has been achieved in the past few years.

**Gloria Pracey**

# President's Report



## ANNUAL REPORT APSA 2018

This year marks a milestone for **APSA** as we celebrate its 50th birthday.

Judy Bosler was instrumental in the formation of **APSA** and she is still currently the President of **NSWPSA**. This shows a huge amount of dedication and passion that has come from one person.

On behalf of all our members past and present we would like to thank Judy and all other past Presidents and committee members. You have all been instrumental in providing a secure network for our professional skating community, making sure our members are protected and can work freely with the knowledge they are have insurance and their Accreditation renewal is taken care of each year.

I would also like to thank all of our present committee members who give up their time which to give back to our skating community.

I would also like to thank our State branches who work tirelessly to keep things running smoothly, in particular Margaret Nicholls, Jean McGregor, Russell Marshall, Bill Hewinson, Bernadette Mercurio and Tricia Burns.

This year saw the conception of **SAPSA**. Previously **NSWPSA** has absorbed members from South Australia, but as their coaching numbers grew it became evident they could have their own association.

My thanks to Judy Bosler and also to Jean McGregor who accompanied myself to SA to help form a committee.

I am pleased to announce Bernadette Mercurio as the new President.

I welcome all other new committee members and congratulations on your enthusiasm and effort in setting up this sub branch.

We wish you success in your new venture .

As we look forward to 2019 **APSA** would like to congratulate all coaches who have had International success with students in 2018. I would also like to congratulate everyone who has had success with students who have passed tests and competed locally. It takes a lot of dedication to achieve this success.

A successful Level 1 Accreditation course was held mid-year along with **NSWPSA**. There were 33 candidates from all over Australia. It was held at Macquarie Ice Rink and a big thank you to John Dunn and Monica MacDonald for allowing us to run the course there.

A Level 0 Course will be held in 2019 and you will be given plenty of notice of this event. **NSWPSA** are finalising the current Level 1 course before we move to the next one.

**APSA** does strongly encourage all States to feel free to run their own courses if you have enough interest and numbers to run one.

We will discuss this in General Business.

**APSA** is currently trying to secure an International coach to come to Australia next year for a seminar. This will be aimed at coaches in particular rather than trying to cross borders with skaters. Please keep updated with your State and **APSA** website for more information.

I would also like to take this opportunity to discuss membership fees.

**APSA** only receives a part of your membership fees for insurance, **ASC** renewals and affiliation. We have not put our part of your fees up this year. The remainder of the fees goes to your State Associations.

**APSA** does not control State associations fees, so please be aware that there are two parts to your fees, and we have striven to keep the cost down.

My thanks to Brad Santer for looking after Insurance legalities for us.

On behalf of **APSA** I wish you all continued success for 2019.

**Rebecca Smith Zumbo**  
**APSA President**



## NSWPSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018

This last year has been one of a fairly heavy work load for just a few people. My sincere thanks to the wonderful team of **NSWPSA** which has been the backbone of this Association. My thanks also to everyone who have helped by giving their time in whatever capacity they were able to do.

As an incentive to gain and keep committee members we are currently reimbursing them \$400 p.a. if they attend all 4 of the 5 eligible meetings (4 quarterly meetings plus the AGM) and contribute by working in a substantial manner in a necessary position.

We were very pleased, in association with **APSA**, to have been instrumental in setting up and helping with the birth of South Australia's own Association. They had always been under **NSWPSA**'s umbrella but with the increased number of accredited coaches we felt it best for them to become autonomous. To assist with the setting up and the running of a new body we were able to grant them \$10,000 as we felt that they had contributed substantially to NSW throughout the years.

Unfortunately we are losing Melissah due to University and work commitments. She has handled Wild Apricot for most of our membership, update and insurance needs, but Christine Zaranko will be training to take over this role.

Under the auspices of **APSA**, **NSWPSA** conducted a successful level 0 and 1 course in April and a Level 1 in June which were well attended.

I am disappointed that we were unable to hold a Professional Championship to celebrate 50 years of **APSA** however I only received interest from one coach which was a great shame as the Pro Championships that were held in the past were great fun and enjoyed by the public and students. We used the time that Macquarie had donated for the event to conduct a workshop "How Do I Teach A Counter?" showing how to teach and correct technique for rockers, counters, brackets and loops to newer coaches who were unfamiliar with "figures". Michael Pasfield, Cathy Evans and I worked together with an enthusiastic group. We are looking to run further workshops at other rinks when ice time is available. We are actively working on bringing out an overseas coach to work with NSW "mid-level" coaches, as they have the bulk of skaters and further knowledge would be positive for them and their skaters.

We have had some excellent meetings with our National President and hope to continue this in the future. I feel that there should be a way of including all states using either "Skype" or some other method for all states to contribute.

As an association we rely on members giving their time and we are very grateful to everyone who have been generous in working for us and my very special thanks to our Secretary, Jean, our VP, Katherine and Assistant Secretary, Ammellia Fu who have worked tirelessly on this Associations' behalf. I hope that soon I will be able to melt away. I have enjoyed my 50 years with this Association and feel very, very proud to have been its President for so many years and to have seen coaching in Australia develop and produce some very fine coaches.

**Judy Bosler**  
**NSWPSA President**

## ANNUAL REPORT QPSA 2018

**President:** Margaret Nicholls  
**Vice President:** Tamara Heggen  
**Secretary:** Kirsten Smyth  
**Treasurer:** Sally Hecke

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In the 2018/19 season our international competitive skaters, accompanied by their coaches have continued to represent Australia at many international events around the globe. We have had representatives at **JGPs**, Challenger Series, Four Continents and World Championships. A special congrats to our member Andrew Dodds & partner Chantelle Kerry who were the first QLD ice dancers to represent Australia at the World Championships in several years. In May many of our younger skaters represented Australia in Melbourne at the **ISU** Oceania International Novice Event for singles, pair & dance.

**ISA** organised two exciting development seminars for skaters & coaches this year at the O'Brien Ice Rink, Melbourne that gave **QPSA** members a chance to further develop their knowledge & skills. The first brought out 2018 Winter Olympic pair bronze medallists Meagan Duhamel & Eric Radford fresh from their victory in Pyeong Chang, South Korea and was followed by the amazing Brian Orser Coaches' seminar that took place over two days at the completion of the ISU Oceania International Novice event. QLD Skaters and their coaches gained wonderful insight & information at both these events. Brian's students Yuzuru Hanyu & Javier Fernandez had just placed first and third respectively at 2018 Olympics and it was amazing to think we could be hearing firsthand accounts of events from Brian. Both on and off the ice Brian was inspiring and thorough, sharing his expertise yet remaining very approachable. **QPSA** subsidized 9 member coaches, who were nominated by **ISA** to attend.

Synchronised skaters & their coaches again represented Australia at a number of European Internationals earlier in the year. Saara Pulkinen again visited QLD, to work with teams at Boondall Ice Rink.

**QPSA** coaches & their students, had nominations accepted by the **ISU** to attend various development camps & seminars throughout 2018. These included a pair seminar in Berlin Germany where two of our coaches & basic novice pair teams attended. On behalf of **QPSA**, I'd like to thank **ISQ** for their continued support & funding of these **ISU** initiatives and **ISA** for submitting the nominations.

Our **QPSA** numbers have swelled this financial year, totalling 56 senior members and 22 junior members. Heidi Daniels, **QPSA**'s Accreditation Officer, will be looking to hold a Level 0 and Level 1 (if numbers are sufficient) early 2019.

**QPSA** members look forward to catching up with other **APSA** coaches at the 2018 Australian Championships at Macquarie Ice Rink, North Ryde and taking part in **APSA**'s 50yr celebration.

**Margaret Nicholls**  
**QPSA President**

## ANNUAL REPORT SAPSA 2018

With the help of Australian **APSA** we were able to start an **APSA** branch in South Australia.

We have had 2 meetings so far and all is good setting up the portal for the memberships.

The constitution and by-laws were set and accepted by the committed and lodged by the public officer.

The New Committee Members are as listed:

<b>President</b>	Bernadette Mercurio	
<b>Vice President</b>	Teresa Sinclair	
<b>Secretary</b>	Stephanie Hout	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Deb Barrett	
<b>Public Officer</b>	Richard Laidlaw	
<b>Committee Members</b>	Tamasin Mildren	(Web Design/Social Media)
	Amy Newbery	(Accreditation)
	Ashley Stuart	(Member Protection Officer)
	Arielle Jennings	(Update Points)

We have approximately 23 coaches registered in our **SA APSA**.

We are still waiting for a few emails to be set up with the rest of our committee.

We also need to check documents and points to make sure everyone has the correct points for their accreditation.

Two new members from Melbourne **APSA** have now joined us.

Facebook page was set up and post box etc

The SA Branch is doing very well with everyone helping.

**Bernadette Mercurio**  
**President SAPSA**

## Victorian Professional Skating Association

**President: B.Schober**

**Secretary: T Bussey.**

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Victoria  
December 2018

Report from **VPSA**

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**VPSA** had its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

The following Office Bearers were voted in.

<b>President</b>	<b>Bill Schober</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Andrea Elsworth</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Trevor Bussey</b>
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	<b>Michelle Taylor</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Russell Marshall</b>

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**VPSA** completed its Annual report to Victorian Consumer Affairs and made payment for its Incorporation fee October 2018

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Melbourne has a new Ice Skating facility which opened in the Northern suburbs:

1 Blake Street,  
Reservoir.

It is **NHL** size and is much welcomed to Victoria as another Ice Sports facility.

**Trevor Bussey**  
**Secretary VPSA**

## **ANNUAL REPORT WAPSA 2018**

It has been an interesting year in the west with some rinks abandoning the Aussie Skate & some doing a version they like, leading to no rink in WA teaching the true Aussie Skate system as originally designed.

Then we have rinks deciding that they do not need qualified people to teach their skating school after receiving bad advice, so apart from one rink the skating schools are not doing well & they cannot work out why.

Looking on the positive side some of the individual standards of skaters have improved dramatically & every rink is now home to at least 3 + Synchro teams making up almost 12 teams in all.

We are starting to get some new blood into the Coaching with a recent arrival from Helsinki & the same applies to our committee with a diverse range of new blood & ideas coming on board.

We have had the local **WAISA** association trying to flex its muscle & trying to start Level 0 coaching courses, this was very quickly nipped in the bud, luckily we still seem to be on good terms.

I have heard rumours that **ISA** is trying to take control of **APSA** so we all have to be vigilant.

**Bill Hewison  
President WAPSA**

# Treasurer's Report



## TREASURER'S Report 2017/ 2018

**APSA** currently has a balance of **\$70,028**.

It also has an ING Account of **\$3,000** which we would like to combine with our NAB Account.

**APSA** is yet to finalise accounts with two states, but they have not been sent an invoice yet by us.

So therefore our balance will be closer to approximately **\$95,000**.

Ongoing costs include:

Insurance  
Administration  
Advertising  
PPC Card Corporation  
Storage for documents  
Catering for Competitions  
Marking of exams  
Travel Interstate if necessary  
Miscellaneous.... stationery etc  
**ASC** fees.

Other costs that have occurred have been the development of our new Website and a second computer.

For 2019 **APSA** would like to put money into bringing an International coach to Australia as stated in the President's Report.

I have marked the report 2017/18 (Financial year) as this is required for the **ASC**.

**Rebecca Smith Zumbo**  
**Acting Treasurer APSA**

# Accreditation Officer's Report



## ACCREDITATION OFFICER'S REPORT 2018

This year **NSWPSA** along with **APSA** held a Level 1 Accreditation course. It was held at the Macquarie Ice Rink, Sydney and we had 33 applicants from around Australia.

There was a very high standard of applicants who crossed all disciplines. We wish them all the best in their future coaching careers.

**APSA** would like to encourage anyone who feels they are suitable to become a Coach Mentor, Assessor, as we really need more experienced coaches to fulfil these roles and give back to the skating community. Just go to the **APSA** website and see if you qualify. It can be an extremely rewarding experience.

**APSA** would also like to encourage all States to run at least Level 0 courses. As the sport grows it will become necessary for all to run some courses and **APSA** is happy to help where necessary.

**APSA** also welcomed a few International coaches to its fold this year. We welcome them to our shores.

I would also like to thank Katherine Thomas for her contribution in keep our Accreditation records in pristine condition!

I would also like to encourage holding workshops at a more base level. With edges and turns being the basis of our sport these and other important basic movements should not be overlooked.

We will discuss some Accreditation issues in General Business.

Regards  
Rebecca Smith Zumbo

# Insurance Officer's Report



## **INSURANCE OFFICER'S REPORT 2017 / 2018**

All **APSA** insurance arrangements are current.

The policy for the 2018/2019 year is coming up for renewal shortly. The broker has indicated that the underwriter will change in the new policy period from Sportscover to ATC Insurance, due to competitive terms offered by the new underwriter. This change will enable the insurance premium to stay close to the same as previous years. We await final numbers from member-States to enable us to finalise the renewal figures and obtain a final quote.

The insurance arrangements include cover for:

1. Public and Products Liability, Errors and Omissions and Management Liability
2. Personal Accident / Sports Injury

Insurance communications and information about cover can be obtained by visiting the **APSA** website or contacting the **APSA** insurance officer.

**APSA** encourages its coaches to review the communications on the **APSA** website as it is noted that policy indemnity is not extended to coaches or coaching activities in certain overseas jurisdictions, for example North America and in those circumstances **APSA** implores its members to be aware of those limitations prior to travelling so that they can make their own arrangements based on their specific needs.

**Bradley Santer**  
**Insurance Officer APSA**

# Member Protection Officer's Report



## MEMBER PROTECTION REPORT 2018

For the new coming year we will be welcoming Madonna Randall as our new Member Protection Officer. Thank you, Madonna, for putting your hand up for this role.

Fortunately (and happily) we have not had any cases to report on this year.

We do implore that if anyone has a complaint that you recognise firstly whether it is:  
an **ISA** complaint  
or an **APSA** complaint.

Please apply to your State PSA which will, if necessary, refer it through to **APSA**.

Regards  
Rebecca Smith Zumbo

# Registrar's Report



## REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2018

It has been another wonderful year, working with you all to keep the **APSA** database up to date.

All of our 2018/2019 members have been processed and **APSA** membership cards have been printed and sent.

The break down of numbers is below. We have a total of 303 members for our 2018/2019 year.

STATE	LEVEL 0	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	ALL COACHES
ACT	0	2	4	0	6
NSW	35	46	23	7	112
QLD	22	34	19	4	79
SA	6	7	1	3	17
TAS	1	2	1	0	4
VIC	13	21	11	2	47
WA	8	23	7	0	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>303</b>

This year I have printed and sent out 486 cards. This includes all the yearly membership cards, new and renewal Australian Sports Commission cards and all replacement cards (both membership and **ASC**). I do really appreciate the patience that has been shown to me throughout the year, from all our members, as I worked through the process involved in getting your cards to you.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

**Kathryn Thomas**  
**Registrar APSA**

# Update Points Officer's Report



## ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE POINTS 2018

Over the last 12 months, we've had a very high number of coaches achieving their level of required points and logging successfully. As there are many new Level 0 coaches, it is positive to see these new members completing their update points paperwork.

The Updating Policy has not changed in the last year.

The Australian Sports Commission (**ASC**) requires coaches of all sports to update their skill, knowledge and currency within their sport to retain their National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (**NCAS**) level.

**APSA** requires all of our coaches to gain updating points as a requirement of re-registering their accreditation with the **ASC** and maintaining their affiliated membership and insurance cover.

Thank you to all coaches and interstate update points officers for assisting to achieve these goals.

**Nicole Porter-Barber**  
**Update Points Officer APSA**