

Morley Panthers Rollerskating Club

2022 Annual Report: Artistic Branch



Artistic Rep Role

Catherine O'Rourke stepped down as Artistic Rep in May and I, the club's Vice President Kate Williams, agreed to act in the role for the remainder of the year. Handover took place in the lead up to and during the States competition.

As part of the handover, a consistent Artistic rep email address was brought into use (morleyartrep@outlook.com) and I was also added Morley Panthers Artistic facebook page as an admin. I have also created the Morley Panthers Art Rep Chat group for informal discussions and have most recently resurrected and taken on the admin of the Instagram page for promotion of all aspects of the club.

Membership

We currently have 61 artistic skaters registered with SWA numbers, 4 of whom joined later in the 2022 skate year. 8 members have left during the course of the year for various reasons including moving overseas.

Representation in development competitions and classes has been growing this year and we hope to see this trend continue into 2023 and be reflected at the development and novice levels.

Uniform

Following the successful uptake of the club's social T-shirt we revisited the club uniform items. A re-order of club and training jackets was made, and Panthers branded skate covers (a gift of one pair per artistic training member) were all well received. This was followed by a member survey about other uniform items of interest and a vote for a new design. Both branches were consulted and a range of items in the new design were chosen for order. 33 members placed orders for a total of 70 items including leggings, training T-shirts, track pants, leotards and more training jackets. These items have been very well received (and worn) and there has been much interest shown in placing another uniform order in 2023.

Classes, Coaching and Clinics

Morley RollerDrome introduced two more development level classes into the schedule (Saturday and Sunday mornings) in addition to the Saturday afternoon development class. These have been well attended and many of those who participate in the classes have entered the development competitions during the year.

Susan Brooks became an official member of the coaching team at Morley this year and divides her time between Morley and Bunbury. So far she has introduced some off skate fitness classes to the training schedule and has been granted funding from the club to purchase fitness equipment. Given her commitments this year and the changes that have been happening, this is all still a work in progress but 2023 should bring exciting training opportunities for skaters.

This year Bunbury Rollerskating Club hosted a mini skate camp during the Easter holidays, which a number of Panthers members attended. They are also hosting a skate clinic with Gawaine Davis in January 2023 and Panthers members are invited. There has been a hiatus in skate camps and clinics due to Covid but hopefully this will be the first of many guests returning to WA and skate camps that will bring skaters and coaches together.

States, Nationals and Oceanias

State Championships were held on 7 and 8 May this year at Morley Rollerdrome and Kingsway Indoor Stadium. We had 16 skaters nominate, covering a range of grades and events. However, largely due to Covid, a number of skaters unfortunately were not able to compete. While much quieter than expected, both days were well run and successful with clubs supporting each other.

State Results – All skaters qualified for Nationals:

Norman O'Rourke – 2nd Masters Mens Figures
 Norman O'Rourke – 2nd Masters Mens Style Dance
 Norman O'Rourke – 3rd Masters Mens Solo Dance
 Helen Jackson – 1st Masters Ladies Style Dance
 Helen Jackson – 2nd Masters Ladies Solo Dance
 Jacy Brown – 1st Preliminary Mens Solo Dance
 Elecia Shaw – 1st Preliminary Ladies Figures
 Elecia Shaw – 2nd Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance
 Lauren Pudney – Withdrawn – Preliminary Ladies Figures
 Amadee Bond – Withdrawn – Juvenile Girls Figures
 Larree Bond – Withdrawn – Masters Ladies Figures
 Mary Rutherford – 1st Advanced Ladies Free Skate
 Mary Rutherford – 1st Open Ladies Free Skate Short Program
 Mary Rutherford – 2nd Advanced Ladies Solo Free Dance
 Barry & Haley Andrews – 1st – Masters Couples Dance
 Barry & Haley Andrews – 1st – Masters Couples Style Dance
 Peter & Barbara Rye – 2nd Masters Couples Dance
 Peter & Barbara Rye – 2nd Masters Couples Style Dance
 Barry Andrews – 1st Masters Mens Solo Dance
 Haley Andrews – 3rd Masters Ladies Solo Dance
 Jessica Barrett – 1st Junior Ladies Solo Dance
 Hannah Andreson – 1st – Intermediate Ladies Solo Freedance

Of those who qualified, the following skaters attended the Nationals competition which was held in Brisbane, Queensland from 2 to 8 July:

Haley Andrews	Norman O'Rourke
Barry Andrews	Jacy Brown
Elecia Shaw	Mary Rutherford
Alexandra Hull	Amadee Bond
Larree Bond	

National Medal Results:

Barry & Haley Andrews – 3rd Masters Couples Dance
Barry & Haley Andrews – 3rd Masters Couples Style Dance
Barry Andrews – 1st Masters Mens Solo Dance
Norman O'Rourke – 3rd Masters Mens Solo Dance
Norman O'Rourke – 3rd Masters Mens Solo Style Dance
Norman O'Rourke – 1st Masters Mens Figures
Jacy Brown – 1st Preliminary Mens Solo Dance
Mary Rutherford – 2nd Advanced Ladies Solo Free Dance
Mary Rutherford – 1st Open Short Ladies Free Skate
Mary Rutherford – 1st Advanced Ladies Free Skate
Alexandra Hull – 3rd Junior Ladies Solo Dance
Alexandra Hull – 1st Intermediate Ladies Figures
Amadee Bond – 1st Juvenile Girls Figures
Larree Bond – 2nd Masters Ladies Figures

Alexandra Hull and Larree Bond both qualified for Oceanias. Alexandra Hull attended the competition as part of the Australian team, held in Whanganui NZ from 30 September to 3 October. Alexandra achieved an overall 4th placement.

Nationals Championships will be held in WA in 2023, which is very exciting for our skaters and will require involvement from the club. The date and venue are still to be confirmed.

Development and Novice

Development competitions were held at intervals throughout the year and were hosted by Bunbury Rollerskating club, Cobras and Morley Panthers. Bunbury also hosted a number of "Bunbury Cup" events which Panthers members were invited to. 9 development skaters from Panthers competed in the latest competition hosted by Morley Panthers at Morley Rollerdrome.

The Development and Novice competition is going to be held at Morley Rollerdrome (figures) and Kingsway on 6 November. 5 skaters are registered for novice events, development registration has not yet closed.

Proficiency Tests

In 2022 proficiency tests were held as part of League 4 on 20/21 August (the last ones having taken place in November 2021) and a second round is to be held on 5 November. It is anticipated that proficiency tests for figures will be either included in the November tests or scheduled in the near future.

A new test structure will be implemented from 1 January 2023. More details will be released when available.

Official Qualifications

We have had several new and current officials working on qualifications from the Morley Club.

Changes coming from the Australian Artistic Technical Committee

World Skate have released their rules and requirements for the 2023 skating year and are available on the World Skate website. Included in the 2023 rules are new promotional grades. Skate Australia will give consideration as to how these grades will be implemented in Australia and to how it might affect our current grade structure. To date we have not yet received rules and requirements.

Kate Williams: Acting Artistic Rep

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