

Morley Panthers Rollerskating Club

2023 Annual Report: Artistic Branch



Artistic Summary

2023 has been a great year for artistic skating for the club with a full skate calendar of Leagues, States (held in Bunbury at the SW Sports Centre) and Nationals, which was also held in Bunbury allowing WA to field a large Nationals team. Development competitions and the Novice and Development Championships were also well attended this year and thanks to the growing development program and the mentoring of new coaches we are looking forward to some exciting artistic times ahead. Looking forward to what 2024 brings!

Membership

We currently have 62 artistic skaters registered with SWA numbers, 2 of whom joined after July this year. About 16 of those are new members for 2023, many of whom are development skaters. With the move to using Revolutionise, managing membership has become more streamlined this year.

In 2022 our club had strong representation in Novice competitions but with those skaters moving largely into National grades in 2023, we have had significantly decreased numbers in that division. However, we have seen really positive growth and representation in development competitions and classes this year and we hope to see this trend continue into 2024 and be reflected at both development and novice levels.

Uniform

The new training uniform style has been very well received by members and a round of orders for the new training Tshirts as well as the striped training jackets, club jackets and plain baggy zip tracksuit pants was placed in March, ready for States. Following requests from new members, a second round of orders for the training Tshirts and the new design hoodie is currently underway and will be ordered in October ready for delivery in early 2024.

Classes, Coaching and Clinics

In 2023 Morley RollerDrome introduced Thursday afternoon learn to skate and development classes in addition to the Saturday and Sunday morning development and learn to skate classes and the Saturday afternoon development class. These have all been well attended and many of those who participate in the classes have entered the development competitions during the year. They have also provided valuable coaching experience to the junior coaches under the mentorship of senior coaches.

Saturday afternoons became a hive of activity with the new program released by Susan Brooks and included a jumps and spins class and off skate classes. This timeslot has continued to be a work in progress and is being refined by her and Larree Bond, who also successfully started offering proficiency focused classes during this second half of the year. A new version of the weekly artistic timetable of on and off skate classes is due for release during October.

The Gawaine Davis skate camp hosted by Bunbury Rollerskating Club in January was very successful and well attended by our members. Morley Panthers are hosting another skate camp with him and also Esther Ambrus at the Rollerdrome and The Rise from 6-9 January, this time covering all disciplines of dance, freeskate and figures at all levels from development to International.

Bunbury Rollerskating Club are hosting a free skate seminar with Shakira McCoy Travers in December this year which some Panthers members will be attending.

In June, Anne Edwards was invited by us to lead a workshop with skaters from all clubs on performance in skating. It was very well received and we hope to do a follow up workshop in the future with her.

In figures, Allan offered a loops workshop at the Rollerdrome in April open to all, which was also well attended.

States, Nationals and Oceanias

State Championships were held on 13 and 14 May this year at the South West Sports Centre in Bunbury. We had 23 skaters nominate, and 22 compete (one withdrawal due to injury), covering a range of grades and events.

State Results:

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| Mary Rutherford | 1 st Advanced Ladies Free Skate |
| | 1 st Open Ladies Free Skate Short Program |
| Amadee Bond | 1 st Preliminary Ladies Free Skate |
| | 1 st Cadet Ladies Figures |
| Matthew Williams | 1 st Juvenile Boys Solo Dance |
| | 1 st Juvenile Boys Solo Free Dance |
| Norman O'Rourke | 2 nd Masters Mens Solo Dance |
| | 2 nd Masters Mens Solo Style Dance |
| | 2 nd Masters Mens Figures |
| Haley Andrews | 1 st Masters Ladies Solo Dance |
| Nicola Johnson | 4 th Masters Ladies Solo Dance |
| | 3 rd Masters Ladies Solo Style Dance |
| Helen Jackson | 2 nd Masters Ladies Solo Dance |
| | 1 st Masters Ladies Solo Style Dance |
| | 5 th Masters Ladies Figures |
| Larree Bond | 1 st Masters Ladies Figures |
| Ozzy's Angels | 1 st 2023 National Open Quartet |
| Miles Vinar | 1 st Advanced Masters Mens Solo Dance |
| Michelle Pateman | 4 th Masters Ladies Solo Style Dance |
| Emma Goronski | 1 st Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance |
| | 2 nd Preliminary Ladies Solo Free Dance |
| Lauren Pudney | 4 th Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance |
| | 2 nd Preliminary Ladies Figures |
| Elecia Shaw | 2 nd Preliminary Ladies Figures |
| | 4 th Preliminary Ladies Solo Free Dance |
| Hayley Hawkey | 2 nd Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance |
| | 3 rd Preliminary Ladies Solo Free Dance |
| Kara Bennett | 6 th Preliminary Ladies Solo Free Dance |
| Brianna Hasson | 1 st Junior Ladies Solo Dance |

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| Alexandra Hull | 3 rd Junior Ladies Solo Dance |
| | 2 nd Advanced Ladies Figures |
| Phoebe Nuttall | 1 st Advanced Ladies Figures |
| Barry & Haley Andrews | 1 st Masters Couples Dance |
| | 1 st Masters Couples Style Dance |
| Peter & Barbara Rye | 2 nd Masters Couples Dance |
| | 2 nd Masters Couples Style Dance |

Of the 22 skaters who competed in States, 21 qualified for Nationals and 18 attended. The following skaters attended the Nationals competition as competitors, which was held in Bunbury at the South West Sports Centre from 1 to 7 July. Norman O'Rourke was one of the team managers:

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| Haley Andrews | Miles Vinar | Barbara Rye |
| Barry Andrews | Helen Jackson | Lauren Pudney |
| Elecia Shaw | Mary Rutherford | Michelle Pateman |
| Alexandra Hull | Amadee Bond | Brianna Hasson |
| Larree Bond | Peter Rye | Phoebe Nuttall |
| Hayley Hawkey | Matthew Williams | Emma Goronski |

National Medal Results:

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| Mary Rutherford | 2 nd Advanced Ladies Free Skate |
| | 2 nd Open Ladies Free Skate Short Program |
| | 3 rd Advanced Ladies Free Dance |
| Matthew Williams | 1 st Juvenile Boys Solo Dance |
| | 1 st Juvenile Boys Solo Free Dance |
| Hayley Hawkey | 1 st Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance |
| Ozzy's Angels | 1 st 2023 National Open Quartet |
| Larree Bond | 2 nd Masters Ladies Figures |
| Barry & Haley Andrews | 2 nd Masters Couples Dance |
| | 1 st Masters Couples Style Dance |
| Peter & Barbara Rye | 3 rd Masters Couples Dance |
| | 3 rd Masters Couples Style Dance |

Brianna Hasson and Alexandra Hull both qualified for Oceanias and Larree Bond qualified for the Pacific Cup. All 3 attended the competition as part of the Australian team, held in Mt Warren, Queensland from 18-22 August. Brianna achieved an overall 5th placement, Alexandra placed 7th and Larree placed 3rd in her event.

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. As mentioned, these have been very well attended by our members.

The Development and Novice competition was held at Morley RollerDrome (figures) and Kingsway on 5 August. 3 skaters participated in Novice (all figures only) and 13 development skaters participated in skills/circuits, dance, free dance and free skate.

Proficiency Tests

Since the last AGM report proficiency tests were held for dance and figures at the end of 2022. While skaters were still working on tests, it was decided that they would not be compulsory for participation in States or Nationals in 2023.

Proficiency tests are set for 25 November and will include dance, free skate and free dance this time. A date for figures is in the planning and there will be another dance/free skate/free dance proficiency test opportunity on 16 December.

The AATC decided at the meeting on 29 September 2023 that Proficiency tests would not be prescribed as a mandatory requirement for selection within a grade. However, coaches still see the value of Proficiency tests for skaters and so while they will not be compulsory for participation within a grade at State/National level they will continue to be offered and skaters encouraged to do them.

Official Qualifications

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

Mentoring of the youngest and newest cohort of aspirant judges has also begun.

The World Skate Seminar was held in Queensland in August following Oceanias and was attended by Larree Bond and Elecia Shaw from our club.

In January, a seminar for all interested current and aspirant officials was held at the RollerDrome to provide opportunities for learning, discussion, moderation and exemplar judging of skating practice. This was very well received and more are planned for the future.

Changes coming from the Australian Artistic Technical Committee

World Skate have released their rules and requirements for the 2024 skating year and are available on the World Skate website.

As outlined earlier, changes were also made to Proficiencies in regards to National Requirements.

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