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2015

**NSW
SNOWSPORTS**



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

2015 has been a very productive year for NSW Snowsports. One of the major aims of NSW Snowsports is to develop and connect our NSW Snowsports community to various events, athlete pathways, and snowsports development programs. It connects with Ski and Snowboard Australia (SSA) through a Services Agreement which sets out the relationship and roles of the State and National organisations. This ensures there is minimal duplication of effort, scarce resources are allocated in the most efficient manner and NSW member athletes can develop their skills under state athlete development pathways and move into the national pathway as they meet National Team selection criteria's.

NSW Snowsports works with SSA to help develop and deliver entry level and sub-elite programs. The Association is a member of the NSWIS Joint Management Committee which delivers the NSWIS and OWIA Winter Snowsports programs.

During 2015, NSW Snowsports through its sub-committees continued to provide fitness sessions and testing support for Alpine athletes, Training Camps including diving/trampoline sessions to develop aerial awareness for freestyle athletes and summer dryland and on-snow winter training programs for XC athletes. The election of a new Snowboard Discipline Committee in 2015 will expand the focus during 2016 from mainly events to also providing programs for snowboard athletes similar to other Disciplines.

A partnership day with ESS Performance in May 2015 facilitated the offer of 3 weeks of a trial program of the services offered by ESS Performance and a number of member athletes took the opportunity to be involved in more regular fitness and strength training.

The Association continues to receive support from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation with our Sport Development Program Grant of \$33,000 and the Association once again expresses its appreciation for this support. The 2015 NSW Snowsports financial year ending 31 October 2015 has been another year of operating profit, with enough reserves to cover unforeseen expenses and to introduce some major initiatives, including a new website and expansion of the role of Executive Officer Rebecca Clark, whose tireless efforts will result in some great new athlete support programs being launched in 2016.

NSW Snowsports is run and managed by it's a Board of Directors of 11 who provide many hours of volunteer time to develop the under-pinning athlete programs and provide a link between club athlete programs and elite level national programs.

John Adams (NSW Alpine Chair) successfully manages the joint NSWACT Alpine Program working with his ACT Snowsports colleagues. The Alpine committee works effortlessly and provides fitness testing and training sessions for athletes, encourages growth by awarding top performing interschools competitors with the NSWACT Alpine Rising Star Awards, and provides the community with the opportunity to further their skills, by conducting the only Australian accredited Alpine Officials Training Course.

Graeme Power (NSW Cross-Country Chair) and his Committee are committed to the growth of cross country skiing in NSW and its athletes have been performing well at all levels, with athletes being selected for National Teams, Winter Youth Olympics and NSWIS scholarships. The Nordic Shelter continues to provide a great facility for cross country skiing in NSW and a very special thanks to all XC members and supporters who contribute to the Nordic Shelter and the summer XC Trails working bees which ensure the XC trails are ready for the winter season.

Before I leave cross country, congratulations must go to Peter Ward who received an Australia Day honours award (OAM) for his services to Cross Country skiing. Peter stood down as Chairman of the NSWXC Committee in 2015 after 20years in this role. Peter's contribution to the growth and success of cross country skiing was recognised with the award of his OAM.

The NSW Freestyle Committee lead by Chair Daniel Bosco once again organised a number of very successful mogul's events at Perisher that attracted international athletes. The events are going from strength to strength and saw Thredbo holding a moguls event for the first time. NSW Freestyle have been very successful with a number of NSW athletes selected to the NSWIS/OWIA Moguls program.

NSW Interschools continues to power ahead under the direction of long-term NSW Director, SSA Board Member and NSW Interschools Chair, Steve Cooper. The Interschools Committee organised another successful year of the Interschools Snowsports Championships, by attracting over 11 936 entries in its 26th year of Interschools Championships in NSW. Thank you to the Interschools committee, schools coordinators, parents, volunteers and students who has made this event as predominant as it is today.

A new NSW Snowsports Snowboard Committee has taken the reigns in NSW under the stewardship of Rob Dickson (Chair) and Cathy Lambert (Treasurer). Both have a passion for snowboarding in NSW and NSW Snowsports is very excited to have them on-board. They are busy with their Committee starting to determine new ideas and programs for snowboard athletes in NSW and 2016 promises to be the start of some great new initiatives for NSW snowboard members.

NSW Snowsports supports two other athlete focused committees which provide opportunities for young and upcoming Snowsports athletes. These are the AMASDF which provides financial grants to high performing U18yrs NSW athletes and has now awarded \$164,750 over its 6 years of operations.

The Rob Kneller Youth Foundation (RKYF) was formed during 2014 and has become a phenomenal success in supporting the local Jindabyne community and its surrounds to be able to access Snowsports programs which are part of the local snowy mountains environment. Please take a minute to ready the RKYF annual report.

The NSW Snowsports Board meets 6 times a year and brings together the 4 main Snowsports disciplines of Alpine, Snowboard, Freestyle and Cross Country together with NSW Interschools who run the Snowsports school based competitions in NSW. To read more on the success of our NSW Snowsports and our athletes, I encourage you to read the sub-committee reports found further on within this report.

Thanks to all of our NSW athletes for their dedication and sacrifice and congratulations to all who have reached their goals during 2014-15. A very special congratulation to the NSW athletes who represented Australia at the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games. Some great results and we look forward to seeing you at PyeongChang in 2018!

List names:

Adam Dickson	(Silver medal - Men BX)
Zali Offord	(silver medal – Ladies SX)
Emily Arthur	(Silver medal – Ladies SB Halfpipe / 9th – Ladies SB Slopestyle)
Cameron Waddell	(9th - Men Ski Halfpipe / 10th – Men Ski Slopestyle)
Lily Boland	(top 30, Cross Country Free and 5km Freestyle)

I would also like to thank my Board of Directors who are working together in a very cohesive and co-operative way and this is providing great opportunities and support of NSW the athletes through the year.

On behalf of NSW Snowsports and myself, we wish all our athletes and their families success for the upcoming 2016 Australian Winter Season.

Toni Hulme
Chairman
NSW Snowsports

AGENDA



- Item 1: Meeting Open**
Attendance and Apologies
- Item 2: Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**
To consider the Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting of the NSW Snowsports held on 25th March 2015.
- Item 3: Approval of the Financial Report & Report of Directors and Auditors**
To consider the financial statements, including the financial accounts and auditor's report, of NSW Snowsports for the year ended 31 Oct 2015.
- Item 4: Appointment of Auditors**
To consider the appointment of Alpine Country Auditors for 2016/17.
- Item 5: President's Report**
- Item 6: Reports by Chairs of Sub-Committees**
- Item 7: Reports by NSWIS / SERAS Representative/s**
- Item 8: Amendment to NSW Snowsports Constitution**

Special Resolution

The following is moved as a special resolution:

1. THAT New South Wales Snowsports Limited replace its current Constitution with the Constitution that appears in Annexure A.

Ordinary Resolution

That following is moved as an ordinary resolution:

2. THAT if the special resolution above is passed, the New South Wales Snowsports Board are authorised to prepare and execute all necessary documents and take all necessary actions as are required to effect those resolutions.

- Item 9: Election of Officers**
There are 3 nominations for 3 positions – no election will be held
- Item 10: Meeting Closed**



2015 NSW SNOWSPORTS DIRECTORS

Toni Hulme	one year remaining of a two year term	Chairperson
Mel Johnston	one year remaining of a two year term	
Craig Hammond	one year remaining of a two year term	
John Adams	completing appointed term & will be re-appointed	Alpine Chair
Graeme Power	completing appointed term & will be re-appointed	XC Chair
Daniel Bosco	completing appointed term & will be re-appointed	Freestyle Chair
Rob Dickson	completing appointed term & will be re-appointed	Snowboard Chair
Steve Cooper	completing appointed term & will be re-appointed	Interschools Chair
Leslie Ludwig	completing two year term and standing for re-election	Treasurer
Meg Neuhaus	completing two year term and is not standing for re-election	
Annette Pilat	Completing one year appointed term and is not standing for re-election	

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There are 3 nominations for 3 positions, they are:

Name	Nominated	Seconded
Leslie Ludwig	Steve Cooper	Graeme Power
Graham Selig	John Adams	Toni Hulme
Scott Kneller	Rebecca Clark	Daniel Bosco

No election is required as there are 3 valid nominations for 3 vacant positions.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEES REPRESENTATIVES

Newly appointed Discipline Committees Representatives are:

John Adams	Alpine Chair
Graeme Power	Cross Country Chair

PREVIOUS MINUTES OF THE 2015 NSW SNOWSPORTS AGM



Minutes of the NSW Snowsports Annual General Meeting held on 25th March 2015

Pacific Room, Sports House – Level 2, 8 Parkview Drive
Sydney Olympic Park Homebush Bay
Tele conference Jindabyne/Newcastle/Tasmania

Present: Sydney: Toni Hulme, Mel Johnston, Ellen Davis-Meehan, Daniel Bosco, Stuart Davis-Meehan, Meg Neuhaus, Ian Neuhaus, David Chrystal, Daniel Bosco, Lavinia Chrystal, Craig Hammond, David Hislop, Annette Pilat, Michael Bull
Jindabyne: Steve Cooper, Cathy Lambert, Megan Cutcliff.
Newcastle: Rebecca Clark
Tasmania: Peter Ward, and Leslie Ludwig
Apologies: Carl Melvey and Scott Kneller

Item 1. Formal meeting requirements

A quorum being in attendance, the meeting was declared open at 7.07pm

Item 2. Approval of Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 26th March 2014 to be accepted as true and correct
Moved: IN Second: AP Motion carried Unanimous

Item 3. Financial Report and Report of Directors and Auditors

As per Annual Report

IN asked if the value of the non-current assets were the true representation given the value shown for the Nordic Shelter. LL stated this is not a true representation as it has the Nordic Shelter stated at depreciated cost whereas the replacement value was probably more than double that shown. However, in reality the Nordic Shelter has no realisable value to NSW as the facility cannot be sold by NSW. It could be relinquished to NPWS if it is no longer required for purposes agreed between NPWS and NSW Snowsports. LL to discuss with the Auditors the possibility of a note in the reports to explain the situation of the Nordic Shelter and the value to NSW that it has.

TH thanked Leslie Ludwig, Libby Hovasapian, Jo Brewis for all of their hard work with the accounts.

Accept Financial Report as true and correct

Moved: IN Second: DC Motion carried Unanimous

Item 4. Appointment of Auditors

Alpine Country Auditors to be appointed for 2015/16

Moved: EDM Second: MB Motion Carried Unanimous

Item 5. Presidents Report

As per Annual Report

Accept Sub-Committee Report as true and correct

Moved: MN Second: SDM Motion carried Unanimous

Item 6. Report by Chairs of Sub-Committees/Club Reports

Sub-Committee/Club Reports

As per Annual Report

Alpine:

David Chystal thanked Annette Pilat for her contribution and support of Alpine since she has been the Alpine Chair. A few items which Annette introduced and built including the Whistler Cup, Alpine sponsorship initiatives, official courses, and overall adjudication of the NSW Alpine. The Alpine community have been very appreciated for all of her work.

Cross Country:

David Hislop thanked Peter Ward for his dedication and hard work during his 20 years of XC Chair. Peter was principally responsible for the expansion of the Nordic Shelter and has been a large part of the XC community. David also thanked Leslie for her continued support of XC treasurer as well as her assistance during the snow season.

Freestyle:

David Bosco would like to thank Steve Cooper and the Interschools Committee for the assistance to the disciplines by introducing grassroots to the sport and for the financial support.

Accept Sub-Committee Report as true and correct

Moved: AP Second: DH Motion carried Unanimous

Item 7. Report by NSWIS / SERAS Representative

As per Annual Report

Accept NSWIS/SERAS Representative Report as true and correct

Moved: AP Second: DH Motion carried Unanimous

Item 8. Election of Officers

Two Directors have completing their 2 year term and standing for re-election, including:

- Toni Hulme
- Mel Johnston

David Chrystal is standing down from the NSW Snowsports Board after completing 1 year of his 2 year term. The Alpine Sub-Committee has elected David as the Alpine Chair.

There are 2 nominations for 2 positions:

- Annette Pilat
- Craig Hammond

There are 4 nominations for 4 positions - No election will be held.

Three Sub-Committee Representatives have stood down from the NSW Snowsports Board:

Discipline Committees Representatives standing down are:

- Peter Ward – Cross Country Chair
- Annette Pilat – Alpine Chair

Newly appointed Discipline Committees Representatives are

- David Hislop – Cross Country Chair
- David Chrystal – Alpine Chair

Toni Hulme welcomed back Mel Johnston and Annette Pilat to the board, as well as our newly elected board members, David Hislop and Craig Hammond

A special thank you to Peter Ward and Annette Pilat for all their hard work and dedication to the NSW Snowsports Board. Toni Hulme also thanked Ellen Davis-Meehan for all of her help during her time on the board. Ellen will be sharing the Snowboard Chair/Representative role with Stuart. Toni Hulme thanked Cathy Lambert for all of her help with the Executive Officer Role during Rebecca Clark's maternity leave.

Item 9. Election of Chairperson

Due to the completion of Toni Hulme's 2-year term, an election for a NSW Chairperson was held.

Toni Hulme was nominated by DC and seconded by CH. There were no other nominations.

Accept Toni Hulme as the new NSW Snowsports President.

Moved: DC Second: CH Motion Carried Unanimous

Meeting closed 7.41pm

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ended

**31 October
2015**

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FINANCE REPORT

The 2014-15 financial year was another very good one for NSW Snowsports (NSWS).

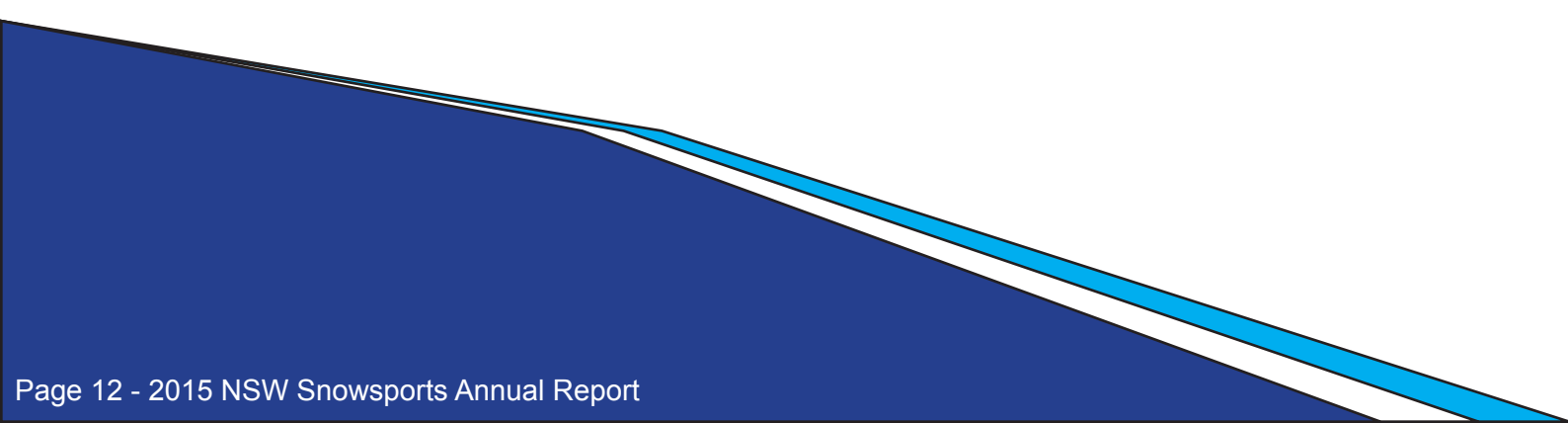
Financially, (NSWS) is in a very satisfactory position at all levels, one that ensures that current and near-future obligations are met with allowance for special projects that have been identified as well as unforeseen demands.

Comments on the General and Subcommittee accounts (see the audited Bank Balances Summary):

The General account (the central administrative section of NSWS) shows a balance on 31/10/15 of more than \$51,000. These funds will be used in 2015-16 for the following identified projects:

- A Sport and Rec grant amount of \$11,000 that is specifically earmarked for a governance review of the Association. This amount will be fully expended in 2015-16 to fund the development of the new constitution, by-laws and NSWS policies.
- Bec's Executive Officer role and responsibilities have increased dramatically over recent years. A permanent rise in wages has been negotiated and an additional amount has been earmarked to cover the hours that Bec has been working to meet the demands of her position during 2015-16. This will be reviewed in spring of 2016.
- Implementation of the Sapphire One financial system. The system itself has been generously donated by Sapphire One. Implementation costs will be met by NSWS with support from NSW Interschools.
- Development of a photo library that is ready for use when required (i.e. the new website).
- Development of a new NSWS website. The current website structure will not be available for NSWS to use in the near future so this is an opportunity to set up a website that meets the specific needs of NSWS and NSW Interschools.
- There will be other unforeseen expenses and projects, but we are confident that the reserves will cover these expenses in the next financial year.

The funds of the General account and the subcommittees that are not required for day-to-day operations have been invested in a term deposit that earns enough to cover operational bookkeeping and auditing expenses. The interest-bearing accounts for each sub-committee have been closed as the interest earned on those accounts is now not enough to cover the bookkeeping requirements of the accounts.





The implementation of the Sapphire One system will provide the opportunity to streamline bookkeeping procedures, improve financial governance and provide real-time financial information for the Directors and sub-committees of the Association. There are aspects of the program that will be of great assistance to Bec (NSWS Executive Officer). It will be fully integrated with the new website and will offer opportunities for further development i.e. a new on-line entry system that can be used across the subcommittees. Many thanks to Sapphire One for providing the system and the required training. Next year's financial report will include more information about the new system, the workings and benefits.

Interschools and the Cross Country Committee (XCC) have the highest turnovers and also carry the greatest risk from poor snow seasons. Both of these committees are again in the very comfortable situation of holding reserves enough to cover the costs that occur even if no snow falls (for one season, at least).

Freestyle has an enthusiastic committee that has implemented innovative and highly profitable ways to raise funds to support junior development and enjoying great success.

Alpine and Snowboard continue to run programs and develop new events and activities to support athlete and sport development.

All of the subcommittees run active and effective programs to support young athletes, officials and volunteers and events of international, national and recreational standards.

Thanks!

As always, many thanks to our clever and dedicated employees and contractors – Rebecca Clark (Executive Officer NSWS), Cathy Lambert (Admin Manager, NSW Interschools), Jo Brewis (NSWS Bookkeeper), Libby Hovasapian (NSWS Auditor) and Carmen Phillips (Interschools results).

The Subcommittees are all to be lauded by those who benefit from their activities. Their volunteers are constantly raising funds, creating programs and opportunities for snowsports athletes, running high level (and some just for fun) events and generally sharing their love of snowsports. If you or yours benefit from any of these activities, then be sure to thank the volunteers. Better yet, offer to help out that the next event or activity.

Leslie Ludwig
NSW Snowsports Finance Director

**SUB-COMMITTEE
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NSW ALPINE REPORT

2015 PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

NSWACT Alpine Teams



In 2015 NSW Alpine and ACT Alpine combined again to announce NSWACT Open, Junior and Children's teams thereby recognizing alpine athletes who are performing at high level in the sport and meet published criteria for inclusion in the state teams.

This year the teams comprised –

Open	4	(2 female and 2 male athletes)
Junior (FIS)	11	(5 female and 6 male athletes)
Childrens	23	(11 female and 12 male athletes)

Additionally it gives NSWACT the opportunity to further support these athletes in a practical way –

Subsidised team jackets - presented to team members at a team function in July;

NSWACT Team Athlete Grants – this year NSWACT paid cash grants to alpine athletes aged 14 years and above in the state teams who applied for the grant to assist them in meeting training, race entry and travelling costs. Specifically 18 athletes who were awarded the grant received:

Under 14's	\$200
Under 16's	\$400
Junior team (FIS) athletes	\$ 800
Open team (FIS) athletes	\$1500

There were also 3 Open team athletes whose race entry fees to the National Alpine Championships were paid by NSWACT Alpine.

The grants will be presented to the eligible athletes at tonight's awards presentation function. There were some outstanding performances by NSWACT alpine athletes at this year's Australian National Alpine Championships held at Thredbo in early August and in the Australian New Zealand Cup series held at Perisher in late August.

NSW Open team member and Sochi Olympian Lavinia Chrystal successfully defended her National Giant Slalom title, also winning the National Junior GS race in her final event, announcing her retirement after the race having commenced her FIS racing career in Thredbo in 2004. Congratulations to Lavinia on her career, which included her competing in 309 FIS races for 20 podium results including 12 wins 9 Australian national alpine titles including GS and Slalom titles in the same year in 2010 and 2014. National Alpine Team member 2007-2015. Olympic Winter Games Australian team member competing in Womens Slalom and Giant Slalom at Sochi 2014. FIS World Alpine Championship Australian representative Garmisch-Partenkirchen 2011 and Vail-Beaver Creek 2015. FIS Junior World Alpine Championship Australian representative Garmisch-Partenkirchen 2009.

Mt Buller Race Club athlete Jessica Haslau won the womens Australian National Slalom Championship title at Thredbo with Mt Hotham Race Club athlete Sophie Wood winning the womens Australian National Junior Slalom title and National Junior GS title – she finished 2nd to Lavinia Chrystal in the Australian National Giant Slalom.

NSWACT Open team member Matilda Coates finished 2nd in the womens National Junior Slalom Championship with NSWACT Junior team member Zali Offord in 3rd place.

In the mens events at the Australian National Giant Slalom Championships Perisher Winter Sport Club athlete Ross Peraudo won the title from Falls Creek Race Club athlete Alec Scott with NSWACT Open team member TSRC's Oliver Thompson in 3rd place overall & winning the Under 21s.

On day 2 of the championships Alec Scott won the Australian National Junior Championship Giant Slalom title. The mens Australian National Championship Slalom title was won by Ross Peraudo with Alec Scott 2nd and Bennett Norbury 3rd. In the mens Australian National Junior Championship Slalom Alec Scott finished 1st with Oliver Thompson 2nd and Jack Adams 3rd.

NSWACT Junior team member and TSRC's Jack Adams was 1st, NSWIS athlete Theo Coates placed 2nd in the Under 18's with Liam Michael in 3rd position. NSWACT Open team member Sam Robertson – represented Australia at the FIS World Alpine Championships at Beaver Creek in February 2015 and with a phenomenal race finished an impressive 36th in the Mens Super G event. Also competing at the FIS World Alpine championships were Ross Peraudo, Dominic Demschar, Daniel Demschar, Luc Chevalier, Mike Rishworth and Luke Laidlaw. In the women events Greta Small competing in five events finished 15 in the Womens Super Combined with Lavinia Chrystal finishing 45th in the Womens GS and SL events.

The Australian New Zealand Cup series staged in late August in Perisher highlighted the next crop of NSW based FIS racers. In the womens events Zali Offord placed 11th in both GS events and an 8th place in the womens Slalom race. Matilda Coates finished 7th in the second Womens Slalom race with Zanna Farrell achieving 9th in the slalom and 12th in the GS event.

In the mens events Ross Peraudo finished 7th in the mens GS and 8th in the slalom event. On day 1 Jack Adams podiumed 3rd in the mens Slalom U21s. Oliver Thompson, Theo Coates, Jack Adams, Ned Neill and Liam Michael all performed well over the four days of competition – for some of these athletes it was their first FIS competition so they gained valuable experience.

In Children's racing this year –

6-7 March 2015 saw several NSW alpine athletes represent Australia in the international children's series the 54th Trofeo Topolino held in Folgaria, Italy. Australian Childrens Squad members Henry Heaydon (26th U14 GS) Zach Zontsich 30th U14 GS and 24th U14SL, Theo Coates 32nd U16GS and Zanna Farrell 38th U16 GS all performed in very competitive fields.

NSW and ACT athletes competed at the Whistler Cup in April this year – it was a well run event with two state teams plus NSW athletes competing in national teams with some excellent performances. Madison Hoffman 's 2nd place in Under 16 Super G event and a 10th in the GS, Sammie Gaul 4th in the Under 14 Dual Slalom and Ned Neill's 6th in the Under 16 Super G stood out. Tom Hoffman 12th and Tom Davies 19th in the Under 14 Slalom were noteworthy. Congratulations to all NSW athletes who competed in this event representing Australia and NSW and ACT.

This southern season athletes competed over two rounds of the SSA Australian Children's Series. The TSRC Cup and the Blue Cow Cup were conducted over the weekend of 15-17 August with the second series conducted at Mt Buller 4-6 September. Some highlights from the National Children Championships – Under 12s – NSW athletes Letitia Murphy, Jacqueline Davis and Abbey Davis finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the GS, Laidley Dowling dominating the boys GS with 2 wins and Sam Fuller finishing 2nd.

Under 14s - NSWACT team members Lara Agnew and Isabella Davis winning one GS race each and NSWCT team members Tom Hoffman, Finn Sadler likewise won one race each in the boys GS events with teammate Joey Steggall finishing with a 2nd and a 3rd in the events.

Under 16s – NSWACT team member Madi Hoffman winning both GS races from fellow NSWACT team member Sammie Gaul with Bridget Lennon and NSWACT team member Lucy Neill each finishing 3rd in the girls GS races. NSWACT team member Connor Leggett Connor winning one GS and finishing 2nd in the other boys. GS events.

The depth of talent amongst the younger athletes is very encouraging – many of the Under 16s will be graduating to the FIS next season and it will be exciting to see their development over the coming seasons.

NSWACT Rising Stars Awards

NSWACT Alpine, Perisher Winter Sports Club and Thredbo Ski Racing Club combined again this season to offer this exciting Award to talented Interschool racers without previous race club experience. In 2015 9 alpine racers from Division 3, 4 or 5 across the Sydney, Northern or Southern/ACT regions were selected for this year's Alpine Rising Stars Awards. They receive a complimentary weekend of training at either TSRC or PWSC and free entry and race clubs assistance at the Blue Cow Cup on race day.

Congratulations to the following alpine racers: Eliza Grace Gannon - Div 3 Sydney, Maya Billingham Div 5 Sydney, Julia Murphy Div 5 Sydney, Max Manka Div 5 Northern, Claudia Braysich Div 4 Northern, Mimi Lavender Div 5 Northern, William Brake Div 4 Southern ACT, Max Juric Div 5 Southern ACT and Ross Vass Div 5 Southern ACT.



NSW Alpine would like to thank TSRC and PWSC for their assistance and continued support for with this program by providing the weekend training for the winners of these awards. The feedback from previous winners has been very positive with the majority of award winners joining a race club the following season and competing in SSA events. Thank you also to NSW Alpine Committee Secretary Kim Hough for her management of this important program again this year.

SERAS

The South Eastern Regional Academy of Sport (SERAS) programs is open to NSW and ACT athletes aged 13 to 17 years. It provides two weekend camps each year (May and September) at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, which assist athletes with fitness coaching and testing plus information sessions relating to health, goal setting and sports psychology. It's interesting to note that at the Sochi Olympic Winter Games in 2014 seven former SERAS scholarship competed in snowsport events. In 2015 there were 8 alpine NSW & ACT athletes who participated in the 2015 SERAS program.

Fitness Testing and Training Sessions

Again in 2015 we worked closely with Manfred Wolscher, NSW Alpine and NAC strength and conditioning advisor who managed; Pre season weekend camp 17-19 April at Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen, Post season weekend camps were conducted over 2 weekends:

Under 12 & under 14 year olds: 10-11 October at Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen and
Under 16 year olds and FIS athletes 17-18 October at Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen.

All the camps were well attended with over 30 athletes attending each camp – very positive feedback was received from athletes and parents as well as requests to consider exam timetables when scheduling for next year.

Weekly training sessions were conducted in Sydney (North Sydney oval) by Sami Kennedy Sim and in Jindabyne by Manuela Berchtold during school term 2. Term 4 weekly training sessions are to commence shortly which will assist athletes planning to train and compete in Europe and North America over the northern hemisphere winter.

Athletes participating in the camps benefitted from a subsidised attendance fee due to contributions from the NAC, TSRC and NSWACT Alpine. Thanks to Manfred Wolscher and his team of fitness training professionals.

Alpine Officials Courses

These are the only accredited training course for alpine officials currently being offered in Australia and are always well attended. This year the Alpine Officials Level 1 Course was presented by Scott Sanderson, member of the NAC and Mt Hotham Race Club Program Director. The March course in Sydney, hosted by The Scots College was attended by 29 volunteers and aspiring alpine officials. The course was again delivered by Scott Sanderson in June at Jindabyne Central School and attended by 12 volunteers. Thanks to both schools for providing the venues for the courses. This year as no government grant was attained these courses were underwritten solely by NSW Alpine.

We thank Scott Sanderson for delivering these courses and ensuring that our alpine athletes compete in competently officiated events each season. Thanks also to NSW Alpine Committee member John Adams for coordinating these courses.

Member Communication

A vital link in our alpine community and we particularly thank NSW Snowsports Executive Officer Rebecca Clark for her expertise in maintaining the NSW Alpine section of the NSW Snowsports website. In addition regular e-news updates kept our athletes and parents and supports fully informed throughout and post the season.

NSW Alpine Facebook page has continued to grow in popularity with 400 + friends receiving postings. News of alpine athletes results both here and overseas keeps everyone up to date and the photos (action and podium) showcase our alpine athletes' talent. Everyone can easily follow the progress of our alpine athletes both here and in New Zealand, North America and Europe.

It has proved the most popular as well as the fastest form of our communication. Thanks this year to editors Annette Pilat, Lavinia Chrystal (Snr) and Jenny Neill.

NSWACT Sponsors, Supporters & Fundraising

In order for NSWACT Alpine to continue to operate subsidized programs for alpine athletes in NSW and ACT it is essential that a reliable revenue stream be maintained and expanded as our programs and athlete members grow.

To this end NSWACT Alpine actively seeks sponsors and our Supporters and Sponsors program established in 2014 by Phil Coates and Gabi Robertson has continued to expand this year. We would like to thank Thredbo Ski Racing Club, Lake Crackenback Resort, Richard & Ero Spanos, for their generous donations to NSW Alpine.

NSW Alpine offers donors the opportunity to make tax deductible donations to NSW Alpine directly through the Australian Sports Foundation – donations can be made directly online. Additionally, this year NSW Interschools and Perisher and Thredbo resorts have combined to offer high achieving alpine athletes practical support through the provision of winter season passes and training vouchers. For season 2015 NSW Interschools and Perisher resort provided 8 alpine athletes with season passes and PWSC training vouchers.

In 2016 this program is expanding to include Thredbo resort. At our Awards night this evening we will be presenting 6 Thredbo Scholarships and 10 Perisher Scholarships to worthy young Alpine athletes. NSWACT Alpine thanks NSW Interschools, Perisher and Thredbo for their support of these scholarships. NSW Alpine also conducts fundraising initiatives which included the 2nd Thin Air Fun Run – at Lake Crackenback in early July. This year 50 competitors ran over the 2km and 4km course around picturesque Lake Crackenback Resort and enjoyed a sumptuous post event feast as due reward. Thanks to Jenny Neill and Ero Spanos for their organizational skills with this event. The event raised \$1,200 for NSW Alpine. Special thanks again to Ski Japan and Peak Performance for their sponsorship of the Thin Air Fun Run.

NSW Alpine Awards Evening

This year's Awards evening is to follow this Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to the awards winners who will be announced shortly. Our thanks also to the National Alpine Committee who have attended here this afternoon to update members on national alpine programs and issues pertinent to our alpine athletes. We thank Lachlan Clark and National Alpine Program director Brad Wall for their presentation and for the opportunity for those attending to participate in the discussion.

I would like to thank the NSW Alpine Committee members for their support this year. The committee met 9 times during this calendar year. As always there are many tasks required to ensure that NSW Alpine continues to effectively support alpine athletes in NSW through the programs initiatives already mentioned earlier. This committee has embraced all these tasks with unbridled enthusiasm.



Our committee meetings are open to interested parents, athletes and supporters to attend – this year there have been several parents who attended by invitation and made significant contributions to the committee. It is pleasing to see that a number of these parents are keen to now join the committee for next year. I would encourage any who are interested to come along to the meetings held usually monthly or bi monthly as a first step to becoming actively involved or just as an observer. As most here know NSW Alpine combines with ACT Snowsports to operate athlete programs under the banner NSWACT Alpine – it always takes two to form a partnership so thanks to Rupert Winkler from ACT for his contribution to NSWACT Alpine.

NSW Alpine Committee will see some changes next year.

Last year Annette Pilat stepped down after 5 years chairing NSW Alpine Committee. I would like to thank Annette for her guidance over this past year – it was very generous of her to stay on committee to assist with the transition. In addition the wonderful contribution she has made to your committee over 5 years has been mentioned previously but is worth repeating - Rising Stars Awards, Whistler Cup state teams, obtaining government grants to fund officials training program and fitness programs, athlete grants to state team members to assist competition and travelling & training expenses, improved communication (Facebook), outstanding representation for alpine at NSW Snowsports board level, an excellent working relationship with SSA, NSW Interschools, the NAC, the race clubs, the resorts. Thank you Annette for advancing the cause of alpine ski racing over the past 5 years.

Gabi Robertson has served on NSW Alpine Committee since 2010 – we thank her for her contribution particularly in developing the sponsorship program initiated by Phil Coates in 2013. Also her work in promoting alpine ski racing and alpine athletes through the media - writing numerous articles and supplying photos. As a parent of an elite alpine athlete competing at the top of international competition Gabi brought immense knowledge and experience to the Committee.

Angus Thompson has served on committee since 2010 with 4 years as Treasurer. Likewise as a parent of an elite level alpine athlete Angus has witnessed alpine events and developments within the sport around the globe – we thank him for his contribution to the committee.

The NSW Alpine Committee for 2015 comprised –

Kim Hough (Secretary), Jenny Neill (Treasurer), Annette Pilat, John Adams, Cath Wynn, Graham Selig, Angus Thompson and Gabi Robertson.

I would like to thank the committee for their support this year -it's been a pleasure to work with you continuing the good work of our predecessors to support our alpine athletes as they each progress through the sport. In particular thank you to Kim Hough who has been Secretary for the past 4 years and to Jenny Neill who has just completed her first year as Treasurer – both have made significant contributions to the Committee.

I am standing down from chairing NSW Alpine Committee to make way for some new faces and some familiar ones too plus new ideas but will remain on committee this next year to assist the incoming Chair with the transition. Thanks to my wife Lavinia for her support including hosting committee meetings and editing NSW Alpine's Facebook page. It's been an enjoyable and worthwhile experience to be part of this committee and I wish the incoming committee continued success.

David Chrystal
Chair, NSW Alpine Committee
24 October 2015

NSW SNOWBOARD REPORT



In 2015, the Snowboard Sub-Committee of NSW Snowsports transitioned from a focus on organising and conducting events to focus on fund raising for the development of Snowboarding in NSW.

The new mission for the NSW Snowboard Committee is as follows:

To facilitate opportunities for developing NSW snowboarders in Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Snowboard Cross and Giant Slalom through the following:

- Training camps for all disciplines incorporating NSWIS athletes as mentors
- Subsidizing off snow dry land activities such as trampolining and fitness testing
- Subsidizing equipment for athletes and training clubs
- Provision of scholarships
- Creating a NSW development team

We plan to promote the association by increasing our social media profile, such as, Facebook page, Instagram, etc. We will endeavor to continue to grow followers and in turn build a solid database for further promotion of athletes and the sport as a whole.

The Australian Junior Freeride National Championships is the premier junior snowboarding participation event in Australia sponsored by Burton. It was run by Perisher in August 2015 and offered events in slopestyle, halfpipe and Boarder cross. This year freeride skiing was introduced into the program. Approximately 120 athletes participated across all disciplines and was the most successful event held to date.

NSW Snowboard athletes were also well represented at a number of other events with many podium results achieved. These included the Thredbo Freeride Series, Australian New Zealand Cup, NSW and Australian Interschools and the Thredbo Rider Cross Cup etc.

The main focus for the upcoming year is to undertake fundraising activities. We are pursuing options hold a Raffle and a Silent Auction as our main fundraising activities. These will be undertaken during the 2016 Australian season.

We are also in the process of developing a plan to pursue on and off snow training program for snowboard athletes in order to spend the donation and other funds accumulated over the last year. During the year the following members resigned from the Committee.

Stuart Davis-Meehan
Ellen Davis-Meehan
Darren Hughes
Darren Crisp
Peter Baff
Sandra Fitch
Mark Thomas

NSW Snowboard thanks all of those who have committed a lot of time and effort in promoting snowboarding in NSW over many years.

We would also like to thank Perisher, Thredbo, Burton and NSW Interschools for their continuing support of the NSW Snowboard program.

The Committee for the 2015/16 year is as follows:

Cathy Lambert (Finance),
Cathy Taylor (Secretary)
Chad Collier
Paul Colby
Rob Fortune.
Rob Dickson (Chairperson)

We also have NSW Snowboard athletes currently training and competing throughout Canada, USA and Europe for the Northern 2015/16 winter. We wish them all the best of luck for the upcoming events and training throughout the season.

We look forward to continuing working hard to promote and support snowboarding in NSW over the coming year.

Rob Dickson (Chair)



NSW FREESTYLE REPORT



2015 has been another successful year for NSW Freestyle. We kicked off with our 80's welcome party at The Man Hotel, and finished off with one of the most exciting National Freestyle Moguls events ever held at Perisher.

Our two NSW Junior Series competitions again introduced a group of new skiers to Dual Moguls and helped build upon the growing youth development in Freestyle skiing. These two events laid good foundations for the big event which was the Canon National Freestyle Moguls. This was a fantastic two days for freestyle skiing in Australia with representation from some of the World's best teams. We had our new sound system pumping and the new BBQ firing.

We are grateful to both major resorts for assisting with the following event highlights:

- The NSW / ACT Australian Interschool's Snowsports Series – 10 days of competition at Regional, State & National Level, held at both Perisher and Thredbo ski resorts.
- The Canon NSW Junior Mogul Series competitions held over two weekends at both Thredbo and Perisher. Approximately 80 kids contested 4 days of Single and Dual mogul competitions. Combined with the Talent Identification Program we estimate that at least 10 new athletes were welcomed into NSW Freestyle training programs.
- The Australian Freestyle Moguls Championships – 2 x Continental Cup Single Mogul events for Australian and International Open & Junior athletes held at Perisher. Australia's top mogul skiers - members of the OWIA & NSWIS National teams as well the Perisher Winter Sports Club and TBR mogul teams competed, together with a large number of International teams and athletes from the USA, Japan, France, China, Switzerland, Korea & Canada on Australia's World Cup mogul's course – 'Toppa's Dream'. This included the Canadian Men's Olympic team of Mikael Kingsbury and Phil Marquis.

Also training on Toppa's Dream this domestic season were the Canadian women's world cup mogul team including the 2014 Sochi Olympics, women's gold and silver medalists Justine & Chloe DuFour-Lapointe.

Resort Recognition:

- Perisher continued their strong support of the Australian Freestyle Mogul Championships together with their long-term investment in the future of the sport with a World standard moguls course at 'Toppa's Dream' on Blue Cow Mountain as well early season training facilities on Brumby T-bar area which included a moguls course, jump site and absorption tank.
- Thredbo are also to be commended for hosting the first Freestyle Mogul event in over 20 years. Thredbo have been providing a full time mogul training facility (Interschool's standard) for the past two years. Mike Haid has done a tremendous job of building and maintaining courses at the resort which has had a positive influence on the development of Thredbo athletes. Thredbo successfully operated a junior mogul team for the second year running.
- Perisher Winter Sports Club mogul program operated successfully with over 50 athletes in the program, an outstanding effort thanks to the head coach and manager of the program Peter McNiel.

Coach, Manager & Judges Recognition:

- Our vote of thanks are extended to the fantastic contributions made by Australia's world-class coaching staff; Peter McNiel, Steve Desovich, Peter Topalovic & Jerry Grossi, who were ably supported by Georgie Leel, Sean Andrews, Josh Himbury, Ben Chapman & Alycia Nix.
- Additional thanks to Sami Kennedy-Sim and Toppa for their work in developing and organizing the annual SSA Futures Moguls Talent ID Camp, which links in with the NSW Junior Moguls Event.

- Paul Livissianos stepped back in to take over the NSW Judges coordinator's role in 2015 and did a tremendous job. His calm head under pressure and outstanding coordination skills maintained a high level of judging integrity throughout all of our events. We are continuing to support training of judges in 2015 and 2016 through development of young judges and International training programs for our more experienced judges.

- Thank you to Walt Hiltner for running a Technical Delegate training course. In order to maintain our ability to run events in-house we identified a need for more training in this area. Walt is one of the World's most experienced FIS representatives in this field.

Parent Recognition:

- The efforts of a number of parents who supported the new NSW Freestyle Committee throughout the year with event support, fundraising and organisation, as always, cannot be understated.

- As part of building our community, The Man Hotel helped us in 2015 to come together and celebrate at various stages of our season. I congratulate Jen and Mark Mooney on an awesome effort this year in running The Man and creating our 'Freestyle Clubhouse'. The Clubhouse played an integral role at each event by hosting the presentations and providing a place for us to come together as a group off the moguls course. This included our season opening 80's themed party. Who could forget Steve Cooper's dazzling outfit for this occasion?

Sponsor Recognition:

- NSW Freestyle worked again with Canon as our major sponsor for the 2015 NSW Junior Mogul Series & the Australian Mogul Championships through direct financial support and products.

- Ski Japan partnered our events through both financial and product support. We thank Peter Murphy for his work and cooperation throughout the season.

- The Man Hotel who supported numerous avenues including food and drinks at the bottom of the course for direct fundraising as well accommodation for sponsors and officials.

- The Lions Lair Lodge for its financial support of events. Peter and Anita Weinert have been wonderful supporters of all our activities for a number of years.

- The Mogul Skiing Academy.

- Bolle Australia.

- Woolworths Jindabyne for food donations towards our BBQ.

Interschools Subcommittee Recognition:

The NSW Freestyle committee would like to pass on its warm thanks to the NSW Snowsports Interschools committee for its extremely hard work and generosity in 2015. We received over \$3000 in funding during 2015 directly from the NSW Interschools and also value from the resorts which was arranged by the committee. These funds were directed towards athletes through training programs hosted at Jindabyne Sport and Rec.



Amelia McGuinness Foundation Recognition:

The NSW Freestyle committee would also like to pass on its warm thanks to the Amelia McGuinness Foundation for its support for NSW Freestyle Athletes. A number of grants were jointly funded by AMF and NSWFS to assist athletes competing overseas during this Northern Hemisphere Winter.

Finances:

- Total income for the year was approximately \$80,000. This included approximately \$30,000 in corporate sponsorship, \$10,000 from training revenue, \$15,000 in successful grant applications, \$15,000 in fundraising activities and \$10,000 in resort reimbursements for expenses.
- Total expenditure for the year was approximately \$50,000. This included \$30,000 for event expenses and related equipment, \$18,000 in training expenses and \$2000 in fundraising expenses.
- NSW Freestyle currently has approximately \$50,000 accumulated in its account which will be utilised towards hosting events, buying new equipment and running training programs.
- For 2016 we will be looking towards securing Canon as a major sponsor, continue fundraising activities and applying for grants to help finance events.
- We have now also set up an ASF project for NSW Freestyle which we hope to utilize over the coming season.

Other Business/ 2015 domestic season planning:

- The NSW Junior Mogul Series competition will run again in both Perisher and Thredbo. We will be proposing to include Slopestyle on the second day of the Thredbo event.
- We expect the National Freestyle Moguls to be the biggest yet. It is confirmed that we will be seeing many International Olympic teams competing including all of the top Canadians, French and US representatives. Day two of Nationals will be a Duals event for the first time in 2016.
- NSW Freestyle will continue to run training camps including water ramp, trampoline and acrobatics. These will be done in partnership with AusMSA.
- NSWIS Freestyle will continue to enhance the judging qualifications in particular for Paul Livissianos and our new judges.
- NSW Freestyle will also look to purchasing new equipment to improve the quality of our competitions in NSW.

Daniel Bosco, Peter Topalovic, Peter McNeil, Georgie Leel.
NSW Freestyle Snowsports Committee



NSW CROSS COUNTRY REPORT



The NSWSXC committee with the four working groups that make up NSWSXC continued to work towards achieving the objective of developing the sport of XC skiing in NSW. A major initiative this year was in governance. The AGM agreed to a new structure for NSWXC, this restructure aligning NSWSXC with the NSW structure. The new Structure of the XCC has four elected positions, the chair or a designated representative from of each of the four working groups, plus a SAXC representative and two other positions to be decided on/and elected by the committee as an area of special need. This year only one of these positions was filled, with Communication and Media being the area targeted. The NSWXC has also initiated the formulation of a strategic plan.

Athlete Report

NSW athletes performed well at all levels and it is pleasing to see the newer members of our squad and team performing at high levels in their age groups, both at home and overseas. Results of most domestic races can be found on the AUS XC and Perisher Cross Country (PXC) websites.

Listed below are the XC National Team selections for 2015 - 2016

World Cup Team
– Callum Watson

Continental Cup Team
– Aimee Watson

U23 Team
– Jackson Bursill

Junior Team
– Lilly Boland [YOG]
– Matthew Bull
– Gabrielle Hawkins
– Hamish Roberts

Athlete Management Group (AMG)

The Athlete Management Group has once again devoted a great deal of time organising dry land training on a regular basis in Sydney and in other regional areas. The AMG also organised a number of camps, with the SSA futures camp and the School holiday program being a major focus. The camps and training programs are a great initiative, if we are to increase the number of skiers at the base level, we need to have programs like this in place which provides the incentive for athletes to join. The SSA futures camp targets Interschool competitors who have done well and invite them to participate in the camps, hoping they might enjoy the experience and want to continue with XC as a sport. The Futures program is an initiative of SSA and we are very grateful to have access to it.

I would like to thank all the members of the Athlete Management Group who have assisted with the various training programs for the last 12 months, particularly those parents who volunteered to be Parents on Duty [PODs]. There has been a large contingent of helpers who have built up a strong group. The AMG took the decision to provide full coaching and waxing support for the NSW Team and Squad members at the National Juniors at Falls Creek and this was a great initiative, in line with best practice for State and National teams. The race support provided by the coaches Petr Jakl and Alistair Tutt during the season gave the athletes the opportunity to reach their personal best and I would like to thank them for their efforts.

Competitions

The late snow meant that a number of selection races had to be re-scheduled. There were the usual events run from the shelter this year including 2 National selection races, 1 Interschool event (1 State) plus

a variety of Citizen and club races during race week, the Nordic Shelter was busting at the seams on many occasions. Particular thanks must go to Peter Ward, Peter Cunningham and Adrian Blake, who are the core of event management. The 2016 XC Interschools events at Perisher was one of the highlights of the season, it had a real carnival experience. With such huge interest in this event, the NPWS had to introduce a tent site plan to manage the support tent city that was established. The Amelia sprints were rescheduled to the Sunday before Interschools and this proved a great success in raising funds for this worthy foundation. The days before the state competition, and the Nationals, the trails were busy athletes familiarising themselves with their respective courses and with so many of schools competing at the Interschools State event even training days took on a carnival atmosphere. The Nordic Shelter is a thriving hub when it is buzzing with juniors enjoying their time on snow. The high level of success with the competitions that were able to be run, can be attributed to the effective grooming by Luke in what could only be described as challenging snow levels.

Nordic Shelter

The Nordic Shelter once again is able to receive tax deductible donations through the Australian Sports Foundation. The ASF is only one funding avenue for the Nordic Shelter and a variety of fund raising activities continue on a regular basis to pay for normal running costs of the Nordic Shelter, which are in the vicinity of \$15,000/yr. As can be seen from the finance report the Nordic Shelter Operating Fund is in a very healthy position going into 2016, but this includes emergency reserves. We would ask users of the Nordic Shelter to continue their much appreciated donations via the yellow coin boxes. The experiment with storage for skis and boots was very successful and will provide sustainable income for the Nordic Shelter. The old kitchen was refurbished and seating was added in the original west section. The refurbishment of the bathrooms has become the next major project and major contributions through the ASF would be targeting this next upgrade. I would like to thank Adrian Blake for managing the Nordic Shelter this past season, he was always obliging when there were calls for assistance and always guaranteed to be there with a smile to help. The Nordic shelter remains the focal point for the sport of XC skiing and recreational skiers and with its increase patronage, guidelines for the use of the Nordic shelter have been introduced and we would expect the cross country skiing community to support these guidelines and consider their fellow users so we can all enjoy the facility. I would like to thank the NSMG for their outstanding management of this valuable facility, ensuring its continued availability to both competitive and recreational skier.

PXC

Perisher X-Country is now into it's 4rd year of operations. PXC held a very successful AGM at Crackenback for the 2nd year in a row with a strong attendance at the meetings by many people with diverse interests within the Cross Country Skiing community. The executive committee positions were filled and included election of 3 Work Committee conveners for the three key areas of Website, Marketing and Infrastructure – Trails and Structures. Work is steadily being progressed in all 3 areas with the prime goal being to increase the profile and participation rates in XC skiing within Perisher Valley and the surrounding areas. Increasing participation rates is seen as a key to growing all activities associated with XC skiing, which includes XC skiing as a sport and a recreational activity.

The Website work committee is not content with maintaining the existing excellent site (www.PerisherXCcountry.Org) but looking at making continuous improvements.

The Marketing work committee has produced high quality promotional materials with the goal to attract new skiers. A key strategy is to reach out to active people in other sports such as MTB, bikers etc with the message "Take Your Love of Sport to New Heights". Perisher X-Country is having promotional activities at major MTBing events pre winter. Other initiatives is promoting 2, "Come & Try" days on the 2nd and 9th of July. A key focus remains the promotion of XC Ski Week in early August. Supporting XC ski week is one way you can thank PXC for all their efforts. PXC is also investigating other avenues to increase participation in XC skiing. The Infrastructure work committee has produced a Master Management and Development plan for the summer grooming of the trails system, to be submitted to the NPWS.

Wayne Pethybridge and his executive is to be congratulated for his driving force behind PXC, in developing awareness of XC and promoting XC skiing at Perisher.



Trail and Nordic Shelter Work Parties

Work parties for both the Nordic Shelter and the trails at Perisher are continuing to be held on the first weekends of February, March, April and May. We continue to receive strong support from the NPWS with trail development and we are eternally grateful for that support. We also receive strong support from members of the Canberra Cross Country Ski Club at each working bee along with the Canberra Alpine Club at Perisher, who provide accommodation. The weekends end up being a very social affair as well as achieving positive improvements with the trail system.

Winter Trail Grooming

The quality and frequency of grooming this year was outstanding despite the late snow and this can be attributed to the base grooming when the snow eventually fell, as the grooming requests during the season were much easier. The advantage of our summer grooming program also became evident as it meant we can ski on less snow, however it also highlights the work ahead. Although there was generally enough cover in most places the wind-blown areas were very thin at times. Luke the groomer did a fantastic job this year and his developing skills and knowledge enable him to provide quality trails for all users. The NPWS were extremely supportive and their support cannot be overstated, they are a major partner in providing the people of NSW the opportunity of engaging in Cross country skiing and managed the budget effectively for us to have enough grooming on any given day considering the expected numbers of skiers using the trails. The Ginzu proved invaluable once again for freshening the tracks and we were able to use the Rollba and it was just the answer in providing dual classic tracks for the National classic events. The farming of snow was trialed and demonstrated that it could be used to extend the season especially in those known problem areas. The mounds of snow in the trail head precincts proved a great attraction to our young skiers. Just not enough to make a XCX course.

Financial Report

A separate report has been prepared by our tireless treasure Leslie Ludwig. It is important to say that through Leslie's efforts we are in a comfortable financial position. We have been able to use this position to fund on-going self-funding initiatives. Such as 2 new Snowmobiles and the new kitchen.

In closing I would like to thank Dave Hislop for his efforts over this last year and congratulate Peter Ward who has been recognized in the Australia day awards 2016, with an Order of Australia Medal [OAM], for his nearly 20 years of wonderful stewardship, I must also thank the members of the NSW XCC for their combined efforts during the past 12 months, and for their understanding and assistance in my role. I am confident we can continue to provide the opportunities for athletes and recreational skiers alike to continue to enjoy cross country skiing – at whatever level they choose in 2016.

Graeme Power
[NSWSXC – Chair]



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What We Do

The NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships is a series of snow sports competitions where school students can compete in teams or as individuals across seven snowsports disciplines, which include Alpine Giant Slalom, Ski Cross, Snowboard Giant Slalom, Snowboard Cross, Cross-Country Relay, Cross-Country Freestyle, and Freestyle Moguls events.

The Interschools Championships is a mass participation event and is suitable for all levels of skiers and boarders, from first time racers to aspiring athletes and professionals. It is a starting block for further competition which has seen at least 20 Olympians start their career at Interschools competitions.

Students compete at their Regional event, and then have the opportunity to qualify for the State and National event.

Our Objective

NSW Interschools Snowsports aims to encourage school students to participate in competitive snow sports and reach their goals in the sport.

The Events

The 2015 Interschools events included;

- Subaru Queensland Championships (Perisher)
- Travelplan Ski Northern NSW Championships (Perisher)
- Travelplan Ski Sydney Championships (Thredbo)
- Subaru ACT-Southern NSW Championships (Perisher)
- Westpac NSW & ACT Cross Country Championships (Perisher Trails)
- Subaru NSW State Championships (Perisher)

The Subaru Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships were held in Victoria in 2015, and will return to NSW in 2016.

Entry Statistics

The 2015 events attracted 8,919 competitor entries from 250 NSW, 32 ACT and 31 QLD schools with 3,029 competitors taking part in the Championships. The entry numbers makes Interschools Snowsports one of the single biggest sporting events in Australia at any level.

2015 saw significant growth in two Championships.

- The Qld Championships received 105 entries from 99 competitors at 31 schools. The entries have more than doubled since the previous year where there were 42 entries from 35 competitors at 15 schools. Many QLD schools also competed in the Northern NSW Championships.
- The Northern NSW Championships saw an increase of nearly 500 entries, with 2,392 overall entries from 1,147 competitors at 189 schools.
- The Sydney Championships received 1,984 entries from 898 students at 33 schools.
- The Southern NSW / ACT championships received 1,664 entries from 775 students at 80 schools. This involved 940 entries (439 students) from 44 Southern NSW schools, and 724 entries (336 students) from 36 ACT schools.

- The NSW & ACT Cross Country Championships received 706 entries from 402 students at 53 schools.
- The NSW State Championships received 2,771 entries from 1,319 students at 167 schools.

Mt Buller in Victoria hosted the Subaru Australian Interschools Championships, where they received record entries totalling 2,917 from 1,414 students at 214 schools from across the nation. Just over 50% of those schools came from NSW, ACT and QLD schools.

The NSW Interschools Management Committee.

The NSW Interschools Snowsports Management Team is a collective of 6 Teachers who are representatives of the stakeholders. It is the governing body that organises and conducts the Interschools events. The 2015 members were: Steve Cooper, Donna Baker, Kerri Pinkerton, Peter Slater, Mick Tynan and Ngaire Musto. The success of the Interschools Events is dependent upon the Committee and support team who give enormously of their time, skills & abilities throughout the season, in a voluntary capacity.

All members of the Management Committee have active working portfolios of event responsibility, and meet twice a year - prior to, and after the events, along with daily electronic communication, conversation and decision-making processes.

Our Staff

- NSW and ACT Interschools Snowsports jointly employ one full time staff member, Executive Manager - Wendy Olsen.
- NSW Interschools Snowsports employs one additional full-time staff member, Administration Manager – Cathy Lambert.
- NSW Interschools Snowsports employs Rebecca Clark in a year round, part-time capacity.
- NSW Interschools Snowsports employs Carmen Phillips in an event-specific casual capacity.

By-Laws / Management Committee Roles, Responsibilities, Requirements

The Interschools Committee operates under the sub-committee by-laws of the NSW Snowsports Association, with due reference to the previous schools specific by-laws. Committee members are required to accept full responsibility for at least one major organisational role, and shadow at least one and preferably two other portfolios of responsibility throughout the year in a full-time capacity. Committee positions are reviewed on a yearly basis. Committee members are required to work voluntarily on-snow through holiday and weekend periods, and attend no less than 75% of all event days (approx. 17 out of 23 event days). The average day on-snow commences no later than 6.00am, and finishes at approx. 9.00pm each evening. On-snow accommodation is provided in a multi-share environment. Individual committee expenses related to Interschools event attendance and organisation, are reimbursed through a receipts-only process.

Insurance

Interschools Insurance was provided through the NSW Snowsports Insurer – Sports Underwriting Australia (Coverforce) with a \$20Mil. coverage. There have been no claims to date for 2015. NSW Interschools supported the SSA insurance/membership initiative SnowRacer, through provision of a SnowRacer section on the participant and volunteer waiver.

Risk Management and Policies.

The NSW Interschools Risk Management Policy is available on the About Interschools page of the website at <http://nswinterschools.com.au>, and covers 10 identified areas. No major accidents were recorded in this year's events. A risk assessment was detailed for each event, as per the NSW Snowsports Risk Assessment Policy. Wendy Olsen, Cathy Lambert and Rebecca Clark have completed Working With Children Checks.



Rule changes / additions in 2015

A copy of the 2015 Rules can be downloaded at <http://nswinterschools.com.au>

Volunteer Course Officials

Schools were notified by E Newsletters of course official placements prior to the event, whilst the course officials could also access appointments via the website. All volunteers must be commended for their efforts and support throughout 2015.

Volunteer training sessions were conducted by NSW Interschools Events Manager - Donna Baker, at Perisher and Thredbo prior to the regional events.

NSW Discipline Grants

NSW Interschools Snowsports is operated on a not-for-profit basis, with any additional funds being directed by the Committee Executive to junior athlete development programs and/or individuals, across all of the Snowsports disciplines.

Discipline Grants: In 2015, NSW Interschools provided a total of \$10,000.00 to the 4 disciplines, which was awarded on Interschools participation numbers in the specific disciplines > Alpine – 45% - \$4,500.00 / Snowboard – 25% - \$2,500.00 / Moguls – 15% - \$1,500.00 / Cross Country – 15% - \$1,500.00.

Amelia McGuinness Australian Snowsports Development Foundation (AMASDF): NSW Interschools has an extensive involvement in the AMASDF. This Foundation has awarded \$ 156,500.00 in scholarships since 2010 > 2015 - \$11,900.00 / 2014 - \$9,100.00 / 2013 - \$39,500.00 / 2012 - \$19,000.00 / 2011 - \$50,000.00 / 2010 - \$27,000.00.

Interschools / NSW Resort Relationship and Scholarships

All parties were pleased with the management and organisation of the 2015 events. The numbers and financial benefit that the events bring to the resorts; the introduction of new initiatives; the positive work between the committee, the respective race departments, and the resorts' senior management groups, was to be applauded. Interschools appreciate the strong support and assistance of both Perisher and Thredbo Kosciusko Management Teams and Race Departments in running the Interschools events.

For the second year, Perisher provided financial support of \$10,000.00 to the disciplines through both individual athlete scholarships or Junior Snowsports Programs and/or Events, as part of the Interschool hosting agreement. Individual athlete scholarship winners were awarded either a season pass or financial support to go towards winter sports club training.

For the first year, Thredbo also provided individual athlete scholarships with a value of \$5,040.00, through the provision of season passes or a Thredbo Mountain Academy voucher.

NSW Interschools thanks both Resorts for their initiative and support of this important contribution to Junior Snowsports Athletes and Programs.

Camps and Awards.

Camps: Twenty (20) young moguls' athletes were selected from the regional Interschools moguls competitions, to attend an intensive training camp with an invitation to compete in the NSW Freestyle Junior Moguls competition. Our thanks go to all the supporters that make this annual camp such a successful development experience for the athletes, with specific thank you to Peter Topalovic, NSW Freestyle, NSWIS and Perisher.

Awards: NSW/ACT Alpine, Perisher Winter Sports Club and Thredbo Ski Racing Club have combined again this season to offer Alpine Rising Star Awards to Interschools competitors without previous race club experience.

A total of nine (9) Alpine racers from Division 3, 4 or 5 from across the Sydney, Northern or Southern/ACT regions were selected. The award entails a weekend of free race training with the Perisher Winter Sports Club, or the Thredbo Race Club, plus free entry into the Blue Cow Cup Children's race and race club assistance on the day of the event.

The purpose of the Awards is to encourage talented Interschool Alpine racers to experience the next level of Alpine skiing and racing. Previous winners are not eligible to win the award.

New website in 2015

In 2015, the Interschools website graphics and layout were updated to give the website a more visual look. The Interschools website at www.interschoolssnowsports.com.au and Online Entry System is jointly owned with Ski & Snowboard Australia (SSA), who govern Victorian Interschools. ACT Interschools provides financial support to help with the hosting and maintenance costs of the website.

Champion Schools. Congratulations to our 2015 Champion Regional, State, and National Schools.

Northern Region:

Category 1 Secondary Boys – The Kings School / Secondary Girls – Roseville College
Category 2 Secondary Boys – Macarthur Anglican School / Secondary Girls – Frensham
Category 1 Primary Boys – Tudor House / Primary Girls – Pymble Ladies College
Category 2 Primary Boys – St Ives North Public School / Primary Girls – Lugarno Public School

Sydney Region:

Category 1 Secondary Boys – The Scots College / Secondary Girls – Redlands
Category 2 Secondary Boys – Newington College / Secondary Girls – Ascham
Category 1 Primary Boys - The Scots College / Primary Girls – Redlands
Category 2 Primary Boys – Neutral Bay Public School / Primary Girls – Ravenswood

NSW State Event:

Secondary Boys – The Scots College / Secondary Girls – Jindabyne Central School
Primary Boys – The Scots College / Primary Girls – Jindabyne Central School

Australian Event:

Secondary Boys – The Scots College / Secondary Girls – St Catherines VIC / Co-Ed. – Snowy Mountains Grammar
Primary Boys – The Scots College / Primary Girls – St Catherine's VIC / Co-Ed. – Jindabyne Central School

Sponsor Overview

Thank you to our sponsors for providing financial, product, and service support. Their collective contribution ensures the financial stability and growth of our events, and enables affordable entry charges for all events. We thank our sponsors for their on-going generosity.

Subaru All 4 The Driver: (Financial / Product / Service) – Subaru provides vehicles to NSW/ACT Interschools (3), and \$15,000 in financial support for the NSW State Event, plus \$10,000.00 for the Australian Event, when hosted in NSW. We thank Subaru Australia for their on-going support financial and product support.

Travelplan Ski Australia: (Financial / Product) – Travelplan Ski provided \$20,000.00 in financial support. We thank Toby Withers for their ongoing involvement and support of the Interschools events.

Perisher and Thredbo Ski Resorts: (Financial / Service / Product) – Perisher provided \$10,000.00 and Thredbo provided \$5,000.00 in financial support in 2015, through individual athlete scholarships. The resorts also provide an extensive range of services that support our endeavors, including the provision of on-snow accommodation and meals for the committee where needed, operational space, meeting rooms, equipment hire where needed, and free ticketing for all course volunteers and committee members



Westpac: (Financial/Product) – Westpac provided \$5,000.00 in financial support. We thank the Southern NSW Westpac Region and the Jindabyne Westpac Branch for their involvement and support of the Interschools events.

Altitude Lodge at Smiggins: (Product / Service) – The Altitude Lodge at Smiggins provides \$10,000.00 worth of product/service support in accommodation + dinner/bed/breakfast annually for Interschools Gold Sponsors. We thank Phil Jacombs and The Lodge Board for their strong support of the Interschools Events.

Sun Peaks Resort: (Financial / Service / Product) – Tourism Sun Peaks Canada provided \$CAN3,000.00 in financial support. We thank Colin Brost for his involvement and support of the Interschools events.

Silver Star Resort: (Financial / Service / Product) – Silver Star Resort came on board in 2015 and provided \$CAN3,000.00 in financial support. We thank Anne Haight and Steve Nelson for their involvement and support of the Interschools events.

Event Supplies: (Financial / Product) – The Event Supplies Snowsports company provided large amounts of discounted products and services to NSW Interschools Snowsports that facilitated an improved marketing presentation to our collective clients. We thank David Joseph for his continued support of NSW Interschools.

POC: (Financial / Product) – POC came on board in 2015, and provided \$2,500.00 in financial support, plus many POC products as prizes for athletes. We thank Lena Bostrom and Jonathan Papworth for their support of Interschools Events.

Preisher Manor Hotel: (Service) – In 2015 we moved our Perisher Presentation and Awards Ceremonies to inside the Perisher Manor (The Pub). We thank the owners for their support of the Interschools Events.

Karbon: (Product) – Karbon provides staff and committee uniforms at discounted costs.

Carve: (Product) - Carve provided a variety of sunglasses for Interschools competitors and committee members.

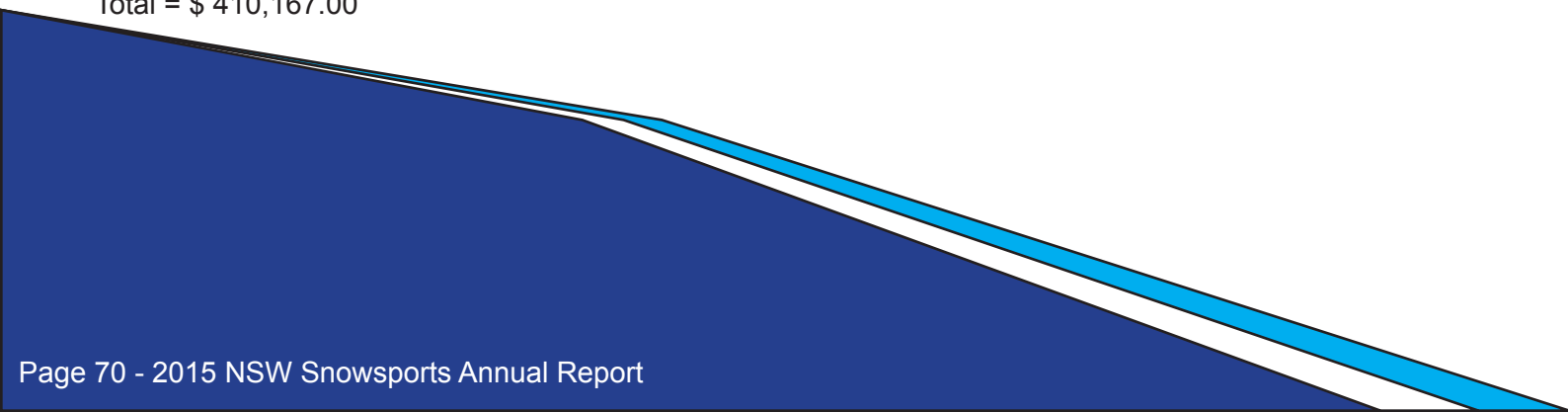
NSW Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation: (Financial/Service) – The Department provided a \$30,000 grant to the NSW Snowsports Association in 2015 for the operation of the Association. As a sub-committee of the Association, Interschools indirectly receives benefit through this grant.

Budget

In 2015, NSW Interschools will generate a profit of \$ 61,553.99 from an income of \$ 410,167.00 (please note that \$17,000.00 of income is still outstanding), and an expenditure of \$348,613.01.

Income:

Event Entries - \$289,921.00
Athlete Registration - \$61,350.00
Sponsorship - \$53,000.00 (\$17,000.00 still outstanding)
Resort Credits - \$3,500.00
Website Hire Charge - \$2,396.00
Total = \$ 410,167.00



Expenditure:

Website - \$6,699.14

Technology - \$3,117.99

Resort Charges - \$59,383.00

Course Officials Lunches - \$2,477.34

Course Officials Vests - \$988.30

Freestyle Judges - \$6,375.00

P.A.'s - \$3,406.42

Race Bibs - \$44,338.00

Trophies / Medals - \$23,248.30

Radios - \$865.63

Vehicles / Office / Storage / Staff Accommodation Costs - \$18,910.65

Committee Event Catering - \$5,426.60

Stationery / Office Supplies - \$3,391.36

Permanent Paper / Printing - \$1,052.40

Sponsor-Committee Meetings - \$44.00

Committee Clothing - \$532.48

Discipline Grants - \$12,000.00 (includes \$2,000.00 directly from Perisher)

Public Relations / Marketing Costs - \$3,881.80

Sponsor Accommodation and Hosting Costs - \$14,727.50

Committee Member Expenses - \$8,979.38

Employee Expenses - \$10,385.82

Employee Salary and Superannuation Costs - \$117,620.60

Miscellaneous Expenses - \$761.25

Total = \$ 348,613.01

Yours Sincerely,

Steve Cooper

Chair - NSW Interschools Snowsports

20th February, 2016



AMELIA MCGUINNESS AUSTRALIAN SNOWSPORTS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (AMASDF) REPORT



Today, the AMASDF is recognized and commended throughout the snowsports community for its contribution and support of young aspiring snowsports athletes from 10-19 years of age who are pursuing their dream to compete at a representative level in any snowsport discipline.

The AMASDF through the promotion of its snowsports events also enthusiastically encourages people of all ages and abilities to pursue an active, engaged and healthy lifestyle.

The AMASDF events are open to anyone - abled and disabled snowsports enthusiasts of all ages - who would like to participate in a Skier Cross, Alpine or Cross Country timed event under competition conditions in a fun, supportive and professional environment.

In some instances, taking part in an AMASDF event is the only chance participants get to experience "professional" race conditions. In other instances, these events provide invaluable practice and on-snow experience for snowsports enthusiasts taking part in upcoming competitions.

2015 Events

Amelia McGuinness Junior Sprint Time Trial & Team Sprints

Sunday 23 August, Perisher Valley, Nordic Shelter

This event was initially scheduled to take place in July but as there was no snow, it was cancelled.

The AMASDF would like to extend a huge thank you to Leslie Ludwig and the NSW Snowsports Cross Country Committee for their efforts and expertise in rescheduling this event in August, coinciding with the NSW State Interschools competition.

We would also like to extend a large thank you to the Rob Kneller Youth Foundation (RKYF) for joining with the AMASDF to generously subsidise the cost of local Snowy Mountains Juniors to participate in the 2015 Amelia Junior Sprint Time Trial & Team Sprints. To be eligible to receive this generous subsidy, athletes must have been enrolled fulltime at a local primary or secondary school, including Jindabyne Central School, Snowy Mountains Grammar School, Monaro High School, St Patrick's Parish School, Snowy Mountains Christian School, Cooma North Primary School, Cooma Public School, Berridale Public School, Dalgety Public School. Thank you to Cathy Lambert for ensuring this message reached the local community.

Entry Fees were:

Juniors \$20,

Juniors Snowy Mountains \$10, with a subsidy from The Rob Kneller Youth Foundation

Parents & Others \$30

This year there were 86 entrants from a broad range of age groups! A fantastic turn up.

This event is an excellent way to promote and encourage cross country skiing in the Snowy Mountains region, and to any schools across NSW who have snowsports teams.

Amelia McGuinness Memorial Time Trial

26th August 2016, Perisher

The 6th Memorial Time Trial was held on Perisher front valley on Wednesday 26th August. On a clear winter day, 200 skiers and snowboarders made up of school children and adults competed in the 6th Amelia McGuinness Memorial Time Trial. 2 runs of Alpine and Snowboard GS was offered to participants.

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After a successful and entertaining morning of racing, participants were invited to the The Pub from 4.00pm for the Amelia Time Trial presentation, which this year was held in conjunction with the NSW Interschools presentations.

This year awards were handed out to the top competitors in each Division. Time Trial Participation Certificates were made available on the Amelia Fund link - NSW Snowsports website for other participants to download at their leisure.

A very big thank you to all the volunteers and supporters who helped make the 6th Memorial Time a very successful event. In particular we'd like to thank The Perisher Resort & the Perisher Race Club for their great efforts with the racecourse and continued support of AMASDF, the NSW Snowsports and NSW Interschools committee – particularly Rebecca Clark, along with Cathy Lambert, Wendy Olsen, Steve Cooper. We'd also like to thank the ASF, Gyles form Regatta Sports for providing branded merchandise, Westpac for their ongoing assistance and support and Event Supplies for the "Amelia" bibs they have donated each year.

And last but not least, all the volunteers on course, at registration and at the presentation and all the companies and individuals that continue to support by way of product, donations and time, who help make this a very enjoyable and successful event.

Both the Cross Country day and the Amelia Memorial Race Day succeeded in encouraging people of all ages and abilities to participate in snowsports events, thereby satisfying one of the Foundation's mandates which is to promote people to lead active, engaged and healthy lifestyles.

Support

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Subaru Australia has continued its successful association with the AMASDF for another year by supplying the latest top of the range, luxury Subaru Outback diesel to Amelia's parents, Cathy & Sam McGuinness. The Outback's panels feature AMASDF logos on them which gives the both Foundation and Subaru some great exposure to the snowsports community in particular, and the wider community in general.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION (ASF)

Thank you to the ASF who have a dedicated AMASDF online donation page and project profile page. The AMASDF encourages all donors to use the ASF online donation process.

AMASDF Scholarships

In the 6 years since the Foundation was established, in honour of Amelia McGuinness, a gifted and talented athlete and student, the committee has awarded \$164,750 in Snowsports Scholarships. This has been achieved by the ongoing support of individuals and the business community.

Our committee is dedicated to identifying athletes that have the required attributes to make it as an elite athlete in this highly competitive sport. These decisions are often made with the advice and support of NSW Snowsports.

Discipline Committees, Head Coaches and Olympians. These people have firsthand experience and understanding of the determination, dedication, and sacrifices required for a snowsports athlete travelling the pathway towards representing Australia.

In determining the grant recipients for 2015/16, the committee reflected upon the individual's performance levels; the potential for achievement over the next 12 months; and the quality of the application. We identified the athletes deserving our assistance with their record of achievement, dedication to their chosen discipline, and commitment to their overall development.

The AMASDF stressed to successful athletes that they needed to be a well-rounded individual, who can appreciate the importance of acquiring a good education and an awareness of the ongoing support provided by family and friends, whilst training and competing in Australia and overseas.



Overall, the Amelia McGuinness Australian Snowsports Development Foundation allocated \$13,700 in scholarships across the following snowsports disciplines to 26 athletes:-

- Alpine / SX - \$4800 (9 recipients)
- XC/Biathlon - \$1800 (3 recipients)
- Freestyle - \$1800 (4 recipients) + \$1800 from NSW Freestyle Committee
- Snowboard - \$3000 (8 recipients)
- DWA - \$500 (1 rec.)

Thank you very much to the NSW Freestyle Committee who matched any scholarships awarded to AMASDF Freestyle recipients.

The 2015 AMASDF Scholarship Holders are:

Jack Adams / Theodore Coates / Isabella Davis, Connor Leggett, Samantha Gual / Finn Sadler / Joey Steggall / Zara Gardiner / Oliver Thompson / Sarah Lambert / Hamish Roberts / Nelle Forster-Berguis / Lilly Boland / Will Martin / Ethan Topalovic / Phoebe Tudhope / Cooper Woods / Adam Lambert / Georgia Baff / Matthew Cox / Alex Dickson / Geneva Guy / Tom Harveyson / Tina Taylor / Ben Tudhope

Congratulations to all the above scholarship recipients, and the AMASDF committee wishes them all the best with their training and competitions during the year ahead.

Finally, a THANK YOU from Amelia's family, friends and supporters to everyone involved with the AMASDF.

ROB KNELLER YOUTH FOUNDATION (RKYF) REPORT



The Rob Kneller youth foundation was established in January 2014 by Scott and Luke Kneller in loving memory of their late father.

Rob Kneller was an iconic figure in the Jindabyne community, infamous for his generosity and charismatic qualities. Rob was a snowsports enthusiast at heart and it was his love for skiing that saw him move to Jindabyne and ultimately start a family there. The Rob Kneller Youth Foundation aims to continue Rob's legacy and increase the opportunities for the youth of Jindabyne to participate and excel in snowsports.

2015 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Jindabyne Disc Golf Course

In May 2014 the Rob Kneller Youth Foundation embarked on establishing a Jindabyne Disc golf course. The course was well received during the winter months and provided various avenues to generate revenue for the foundation. Tee signs were erected and advertising space sold to local business for a period of 12 months for \$1000 + GST per hole.

Since opening the Jindabyne Disc Golf Course, 1500 locals and visitors have purchased reusable discs. The success of the course has also lead to a second source of income for the foundation. Discs are purchased by the foundation and sold at the Ripcurl store in Jindabyne. 100% of proceeds are donated to the RKYF. Discs can only be purchased in Jindabyne at the Ripcurl store. This has allowed the foundation to control the price of discs and ensure all profits are returned to the foundation.

LOCAL BASED SUPPORT

Ski and Snowboard Futures Programs

The RKYF subsidised the cost for local Jindabyne students to participate in the SSA futures programs. These programs are well organised and very beneficial to young developing athletes. The RKYF will continue to support these programs and will be working with SSA to run more events.

AMASDF Events

The RKYF subsidised the cost for local Jindabyne students to participate in the Amelia McGuinness Junior Sprints Time Trial & Team Sprints, as well as the Amelia McGuinness Memorial Time Trial. These events raise much-needed funds to support our young aspiring snowsports athletes from 10-19 years of age. The RKYF will continue to support these events into the future.

2015 was another incredibly successful year for the RKYF especially considering its inception in early 2014. The Foundation now has a reliable source of income from the disc golf course through advertising and disc sales. We hope to build on our success and create more opportunities for the youth of Jindabyne in 2016.

NSW SNOWSPORTS CLUB REPORT



NSW Snowsports offers Clubs based at NSW snow fields or other parts of NSW the opportunity to become members of NSW Snowsports. Member Clubs include Private Member Club's, Accommodation Club's, School Club's and Ski Racing Club's with memberships ranging from 300 to 3000 members. Membership of NSW Snowsports offers a number of benefits including receipt of NSW Snowsports ENews which keeps Clubs up-to-date with regulations and their changes, information about sporting opportunities and grants and the very important Club insurance program.

Clubs who join NSW Snowsports are providing their support to Snowsports in NSW and assist NSW Snowsports promote and encourage participation, provide pathways for athletes, conduct school based competitions, and generally provide opportunities to the Snowsports community in NSW. NSW Snowsports has the links to government in NSW so the voice of its members can be heard at the highest levels.

Insurance

NSW Snowsports offers interested Clubs a range of insurance services which support their snow-related activities including races, offers management liability insurance for Directors and Office-bearers and 3rd Party liability insurance. Clubs interested in finding out more about the benefits of NSW Snowsports insurance should contact the Executive Officer at info@nswsnowsports.com.au

On-snow Activities

On-snow interaction between Clubs, Schools and NSW Snowsports covers the the skiing disciplines of Alpine, Snowboard, Freestyle skiing and Cross Country.

Perisher and Thredbo hold the various Alpine, SX, Moguls and Snowboard events for our member Clubs and Schools. NSW Snowsports would like to thank both resorts and their race departments for the continued opportunity they present to our Clubs and Schools to hold their annual events.

Due to NSW Snowsports being the leasee of the Nordic Day Shelter at Perisher XC trails, assistance is provided to member clubs to hold their XC events during winter.

History

NSW Snowsports continues to promote historical events of our clubs and the snowsports industry, through our support of the Perisher and Thredbo Historical Societies by linking websites and moving forward in preserving and consolidating archives.

NSW Snowsports greatly appreciates the support shown by its member clubs. Membership fees assist to run programs for developing and sub-elite athletes and contribute to the cost of providing information to the Snowsports community via our website and eNews.

To join NSW Snowsports please go to our website www.nswsnowsports.com.au or contact the Executive Officer on info@nswsnowsports.com.au

What is SERAS?

South East Regional Academy of Sport (SERAS) is a not-for-profit organisation with the aim of identifying and supporting the holistic development of talented young athletes from the south east region of NSW.

The Local Government Authorities covered by the academy include: Bega Valley Shire Council; Bombala Council; Cooma-Monaro Shire Council; Eurobodalla Shire Council; Goulburn Mulwaree Council; Palerang Council; Queanbeyan City.

Essentially, SERAS is a NSWIS style program based for the regions as highlighted above. SERAS targets sub-elite athletes that are not picked up by programs such as NSWIS or emerging athletes and tries to boost opportunities for regional athletes. Funding is more restricted in this sense, but the program offers a good opportunity for NSWIS to link with the organisation and use camps as opportunities to educate future athletes.

Introduction

Twenty one athletes were granted scholarships. This included, three moguls athletes, four cross country athletes, six alpine athletes, six snowboard athletes and two multi-discipline athletes.

The twenty one participants this year had the opportunity to take residency in the institute halls and live on site.

It is important highlight here that it was my first camp as the SERAS officer for the NSWIS board with my attendance at the camp being to investigate the worthiness of the camp and investigate ways to improve its operating. Hence here on forth, this report highlights many of the positive aspects of the camp, but focusses more intently on the weaknesses that can be improved and finished with a proposal for the renaming and re-modeling of a new SERAS Program to better align with the goals of the NSWIS Organisation.

The Events

2 x Weekend Camps
16th/17th May
19th/20th September

THANKS

I would personally like to take the opportunity to recognise the work of all the stakeholders involved in the SERAS program. Toni Hulme for doing a wonderful job in bringing me up to speed with the way the SERAS program operates. Garry Lane and his group of interns for their tireless work in setting up the camp and running all the exercise physiology component of the camp. Geraldine Blanch for all her work behind the scenes and catering to all participants needs behind the scenes during the camp.

The Australian Institute of Sport for their partnership in offering world class facilities to the program. The sponsors for the contributions both financial and ongoing support. Lastly but not least, all the participants and parents for committing to the camp. Without this commitment, the camp would not be able to achieve its intended goals.

Craig Hammond

Podium and Podium Potential (A & B)	Developing	Emerging
<p><i>Generally OWIA contracted athletes</i></p> <p><i>Approx. 16 athletes</i></p> <p><i>FM – 4 athletes</i> <i>SBX – 4 athletes</i> <i>P&P – 6 athletes</i> <i>SX – 2 athletes</i></p>	<p><i>Approx. 13 athletes</i></p> <p><i>FM – 3 athletes</i> <i>SBX – 2 athletes</i> <i>P&P – 6 athletes</i> <i>SX – 1 athlete</i></p>	<p><i>Approx. 21 athletes</i></p> <p><i>FM – 5 athletes</i> <i>SBX – 2-3 athletes</i> <i>P&P – 8 athletes</i> <i>Individual – 6 athletes</i></p>

Discipline specific maximum numbers are:

- Freestyle Moguls 12 athletes
- Ski and Snowboard – Park and Pipe 20 athletes
- Ski Cross 3 athletes
- Snowboard Cross 9 athletes
- Individual 6 athletes

2 Cross Country

2 Alpine

2 Biathlon

Each discipline - 1x2018 focus and 1x 2022 focus.

NSW Snowsports is pleased to continue as part of the NSWIS Joint Management Committee for the Winter Snowsports Program as it is an important pathway for NSW elite Snowsports athletes.

Selection to NSWIS programs is based upon a range of criteria including competitive results, physical attributes, psychological strength, technical sport skills, and personal life skills/balance. NSWIS member athletes selected to NSWIS for 2014-15 are:

Freestyle: Matthew Graham / Nicole Parks / Taylah-Paige O'Neill / Rohan Chapman-Davis / James Mathe-son / Madii Himbury / Roanna Humphries / Krystle Yin / Brodie Summers

Park and Pipe: Nate Johnstone / Holly Crawford / Torah Bright / Russell Henshaw / Emily Arthur / Matthew Cox / Angus Waddington / Cassandra Fortune / Joss McAlpin

Snowboard Cross: Adam Dickson / Jarryd Hughes / Matt Thomas / Josh Miller / Georgia Baff / Anabelle Tudhope / Adam Lambert

Skier Cross: Sami Kennedy-Sim

Cross Country: Callum Watson / Jackson Bursill / Daniel Walker

Alpine: Theo Coates

Biathlon: Alex Almoukov