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Ice Skating Club Bendigo AGM- Presidents Report 2008:

What a year we have had, the end of 2007 saw our beloved ice rink temporarily close down due to renovation issues. I believe this unfortunate event was successfully turned around not only by Council Support & BISA, but by some dedicated hardworking individuals that showed how a little bit of hard work and persistence can pay off. Credit must also go to our wonderful ISCB volunteers that spent many hours themselves helping at the majority of the working bees. All the hard work paid off in early June with the grand reopening of the rink; we can only keep growing from here!

On a lighter note we have had a very successful few months in figure skating, our website is growing rapidly with additional links being added over the last few months, and Andrew Taylor has given us amazing support in helping Jen & I maintain a fast growing website. Other exciting things that have taken place this year was the successful grant application by ISCB to purchase 15 skater frames to assist Aussie skate levels through to groups and disadvantage.

In August we celebrated our first competition back in our refurbished rink and of course it was a great success with public filling the grandstands. The euphoria in the air was amazing and the Judging by the feedback that flooded in it was a huge success. Our 2009 calendar is in its final stages and we are very excited to announce the return of Dragon City Trophy & Sunloong Artistic 17th & 18th April 2009.

This has been a huge 6 months for us all and we have not only showed that we won't give up but we have proven that ISCB is made up of dedicated ice enthusiasts and we together can achieve great things!

I personally would like to thank all of the ISCB committee for their great support this year, I have thoroughly enjoyed my position as president and you have all made my job easier with your continued support. I would also like to give special thanks to Jen Clohesy for her huge contribution to our club; Jen plays an enormous and indispensable role as Publicity Officer for ISCB and her unwavering enthusiasm is nothing short of inspirational. Jen has successfully raised the profile of not only our club but Ice sports in Regional Bendigo. Thank you Jen for your undivided support.

Special thanks also must go to Deb Botheras; Deb has unselfishly given up her precious time and energy too successfully be a part of re – establishing the ice rink back in Bendigo! Without Debbie's motivation and organizing of the working Bees etc we may not have had such a positive outcome.

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You have donated many years of tireless work to ISCB/BISA, and we applaud you for your amazing contribution. You are a huge asset to our Club, thank you Deb.

Trace, thanks for your help and support throughout the year and I hope you have enjoyed your role as Vice President & Assistant Competition Convenor. The first year is always the hardest but you have done a great job. Thank you for your support.

Wendi & Tricia: thank you for your great secretarial skills; you have both done an exceptional job, as this role can be quite challenging at times.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank all of the committee for your support and I would like to wish the new committee of 2009 all the very best and I hope you all enjoy your time with being associated with a great club such as ISCB. I would anticipate all interested committee members are also eager to follow on with the great work that has already been established within the past 12 months. As you are all aware of the hard work that is involved with running a successful club you would also know that it is extremely enjoyable and satisfying, and as the saying goes more hands make light work for everyone, so please keep this in mind because the benefits are well worth all the hard work.

Good luck and I am sure you will do ISCB proud

Kind Regards,

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