



## Newsletter 2009

Congratulations to all MISC skaters and their families for their participation and success at this year's competitions, tests and club activities.

Next year's **Calendar of Events** heralds a significant change, bringing the Australian skating calendar closer in line with international events. The artistic competitions will now be held in the earlier half of the year, with the latter half dedicated to the technical season, culminating in State Championships in October, and Nationals in December.

Please check the NSWISA website (<http://www.nswisa.com>) early next year for confirmed dates.

MISC will hold the following events at Macquarie Ice Rink in 2010:

### MISC Competitions

**MIRA** - Sun 2 May & Mon 3 May  
**Winter Spin Spiral and Jump** - Mon 28 Jun  
**MISC Club Championships**- Mon 6 Sep & Wed 8 Sep  
**Spring Spin Spiral and Jump**- Mon 20 Sep  
**Xmas Spin Spiral and Jump**- Mon 13 Dec

### Tests at MIR

Wed 17 February  
Wed 12 May  
Wed 28 July

### *Applications for Competitions and Tests*



*Please submit your completed Application Forms for SSJ Competitions and Tests to your Coach, together with payment well before the close of entry.*

*Please note that MISC only accepts cheques and money orders. Cash and credit cards are not accepted.*

*Application Forms for 2010 will be available at MIR or can be downloaded from the Club website:*

<http://www.macquarieicerink.com.au/>

### MISC Membership Renewals 2010

**To avail of the Early Bird discount of \$20, please post your completed application form (enclosed) before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. Do not include any payment. An Invoice will be sent to you via e-mail.**

**MISC has made some significant changes to our fee structure and payment process. A document is enclosed which details the membership process for 2010.**

### Ice Skating Australia National Registration

Each MISC skater must, under a new ISA rule, be registered with ISA from 1 January 2010. This is important because ISA now provides the appropriate insurance cover for MISC members.

The registration fee is \$25/skater and can be paid online, by logging onto ISA's website: <http://www.isa.org.au> from 1<sup>st</sup> January.

The ISA online system will generate a registration number for each skater and will be the same number as your Club and State membership numbers. As a result, MISC will no longer be issuing membership cards, but will post the list of financial members on the Club noticeboard.

MISC is working towards transferring our current method of membership registration to the ISA's online system so that, in future, members can register for their Club, State and National memberships all at once through the ISA's portal. We will keep you updated on these developments.

To assist MISC members who do not have internet access, or may have trouble navigating their way through the ISA website, one of our committee members, Robin Miller has kindly offered to be present at the rink with her computer on the following registration days:

Mon 11 Jan	6:00am – 7:30am
Wed 20 Jan	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Wed 10 Feb	5:15pm – 6:00pm

Please understand that Robin will NOT be accepting payments for ISA registrations; you will have to do it online, directly to ISA, using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.

## Stars for States & Nationals

MISC introduced this scheme in late 2008, and is happy to report that the level of participation from Club skaters was enthusiastic.

Twelve skaters were fully reimbursed entry fees for State Championships, and 9 for Nationals. Three synchro teams were each reimbursed \$1000 for their costs in representing our Club at Nationals. MISC disbursed a total of \$7,150 in subsidies in 2009.

Stars can now be earned for the 2010 competition season. For information on Stars criteria, please refer to the MISC website or Club noticeboard.



### Skating News

Congratulations to our illustrious skaters who have trained hard, and competed in International events this year, representing Australia and our Club:

**Elisabeth Maryanov, Brooke Crawford, Brendan Kerry, Chantelle Kerry, Zara Pasfield and Harley Dahlstrom.**



Congratulations to the Macquarie Illusions and all the other Skaters who performed at the December Skating Spectacular at MIR on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. It was a very entertaining night, showcasing many of our talented skaters, and a wonderful send-off for the Illusions.

We wish the **Macquarie Illusions** the very best of luck in their forthcoming competition in Prague in February 2010.



The MISC Training & Development Camp held over 3 days in July 2009 was well attended and enjoyed by skaters of all levels.

## Thank You to our Volunteers!!!

A big thank you to all our skaters and their families who have given their time and talents to help out at our various competitions throughout 2009. You have baked wonderful cakes, cooked delicious soups and helped out at our competitions.

The success of our club depends solely on the dedication of our tireless and dependable, but small number of volunteers. It would be wonderful if, in 2010, a volunteer from each family could assist at least once during the year at a Club event. This will ensure that the efforts are spread out amongst our large membership community.

Any help you provide is greatly appreciated, and benefits our Club and skaters enormously, as well as contributing to the success of our competitions. It is also a great way for members to get to know other skating families.

Examples of some of the tasks you may be asked to assist with are:

- Helping bake goods or make soup to sell at the Canteen.
- Helping out at the Canteen
- Selling goods at the Clothing Stall
- Setting up tables, chairs, etc. before or packing away after comps
- Gate Marshalling
- Taking registrations
- Assisting with tasks for Technical Panel
- Trial Judging at SSJ's
- Contributing raffle items
- Putting together Raffle baskets
- Other fundraising activities

An email will be sent out before our Club events, seeking your assistance when required. Please ensure you complete the email address information on your Club Membership form.

To show our appreciation, the Club will pay the \$25 ISA fee for MISC volunteers.

**Thank you for your support!!!**

### Trial Judging

Calling all older Skaters and Parents: Have you considered trial judging? Parents can become judges, even if they do not skate. If you are interested in exploring this very valuable way of contributing, please contact Vickie Rollo by email on [vickie@vickie.rollo.name](mailto:vickie@vickie.rollo.name).



*MISC Wishes you all  
A Very Merry Christmas  
and Happy Skating in 2010!*