



Oceania - Skipping Australia and soon to be Skipping New Zealand

10 October 2024

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Continental organisation yet to be formed as couldn't be formed with only 1 country

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Instagram - sa.athletescouncil

Board of Directors - Kirralee Larkin and Fiona Mol (co-presidents), Craig Gilbert, Taryn Hodgson, Sharyn Roddick, Stacey Naden

Event Director - Kirralee Larkin and Takashi Ogawa

Anti-Doping Coordinator - Fiona Mol

Judge Organiser - Taryn Hodgson

2025 National Championship - June 2025, Brisbane, Queensland. 350-375 Competitors.

Currently Australia has 1213 Registered Members through our membership registration process. Of this membership base 315 members are competitive athletes. Additionally the heart foundation exposes thousands of Australian children to jump rope each year and 2 Australian owned jump rope businesses have introduced over 5500 children to the sport through school workshops, tours of remote communities and targeted promotional performances across the country in 2024.

Oceania report

This past year has been another one of consolidation and growth for our region. We have focused on expanding our sport and building stronger connections, both locally and internationally.

International Collaboration and Growth

At the beginning of the year, we reflected on our efforts at the IJRU World Championship Series both of our athletes and the operational support from our Australian volunteers. The experience taught us invaluable lessons, and upon our return, we knew it was time to shift our focus towards growth. Although previous efforts to connect with our neighbours in New Zealand had been challenging, 2024 marked a turning point.

A small group of passionate jump ropers, led by Sacha Willetts, ignited enthusiasm for our sport across New Zealand. Their hard work has paid off, as they have gained recognition from their National Sporting Body and established strong governance. New Zealand is now poised to join the IJRU family, and their addition will enable us to form a continental organisation, further strengthening the Oceania region.

National Growth and Governance

Australia's National Governing Body (NGB) has also had a productive year. We developed and implemented a new strategic plan, and in response to requirements from our National Sporting Authority, we undertook several governance reforms. These changes included restructuring our organisation, adopting new constitutions, and implementing integrity frameworks. Our efforts were rewarded with the renewal of our sporting recognition here in Australia.

Additionally, we continued to refine our competition standards. Our experience in Colorado highlighted that while we excel in some areas, there is always room for growth.

Acknowledging this, we travelled to the American Jump Rope Federation (AMJRF) National Championships in Salt Lake City to collaborate and learn. We supported them to integrate award ceremonies throughout the competition and gained valuable insights into integrating "Grands" into our events. This face-to-face collaboration was invaluable, as it allowed us to learn through incidental conversations and hands-on experience. We are very grateful for this opportunity and thank our American colleagues for allowing this to happen. We strongly encourage our friends across the world to enable more of these opportunities to occur and we would like to offer an open invitation to any of the continental organisations or NGB's to visit and attend our competitions here in Australia in the future.

National Championships and Event Endorsement

On returning to Australia, we set our sights on meeting the IJRU event endorsement standards. Our goal was to host our best national competition yet, and we are thrilled to report that we succeeded. Our recent national championships, attended by 315 Australian athletes, 3 international competitors, and 4 international guests—including Mike Fry and Devin Meek to announce and support our grands. This event was hailed as "our best nationals ever." by our community at large. The implementation of Grands, which athletes said made the event feel like a world championship, was a significant achievement. We are grateful to IJRU for their endorsement, which elevated the professionalism and smooth running of the event.

Athlete Engagement and Innovation

Our Athletes Council has been a tremendous asset this year. Their ideas, such as introducing an 'athlete zone' at the Nationals, have enhanced the athlete experience, fostering rest and social interaction across club at our recent Nationals. These seemingly small innovations have had a meaningful impact, contributing to a positive and collaborative environment for our athletes. We have also engaged the council to establish our key strategic goals this ensures we are keeping the athlete voice at the centre of all key decisions.

Integrity and Safeguarding

In line with our new integrity framework, we have built a strong relationship with Sports Integrity Australia. This partnership has provided our community with access to valuable educational tools on safeguarding, clean sport, and governance. Sports Integrity Australia's mission is to ensure that Australian sport remains safe and fair for all participants, and we are proud to have their support.

Membership Growth and Future Outlook

We are delighted to report that Skipping Australia's membership grew across all levels in 2024. Our ongoing partnership with the Heart Foundation is expected to boost membership further in 2025. This year, we endorsed or hosted 3 state championships and 1 national championship and our clubs ran many successful regional or club based competitions. Our sport is now represented in 80% of Australia's states and territories, with a goal of reaching 100% representation by the end of 2026.

Looking ahead, we are excited to partner with Skipping New Zealand to establish our continental organisation and host the first intercontinental competition. We are committed to supporting their continued growth and to strengthening our collaboration across Oceania.



AGM

SUNDAY

8 September, 2024



START AT

7PM (19:00) AEST



**SKIPPING
AUSTRALIA**

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

AGENDA



- 1 Roll Call
- 2 Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting
- 3 Co President Report - Kirralee Larkin and Fiona Mol
- 4 Treasurer and Auditors Report - Sharyn Roddick
- 5 Athletes Council Report - Abbey George
- 6 Appointment of Auditor - Proposed Brian Tucker
- 7 Meeting Closed

SKIPPING AUSTRALIA LTD. CO-PRESIDENT REPORT

Certificate of Registration
of a Company

This is to certify that
SKIPPING AUSTRALIA LTD



Committee Stats

Over 4000 What's
App Messages

Strategic Planning
weekend

18 Executive Meetings

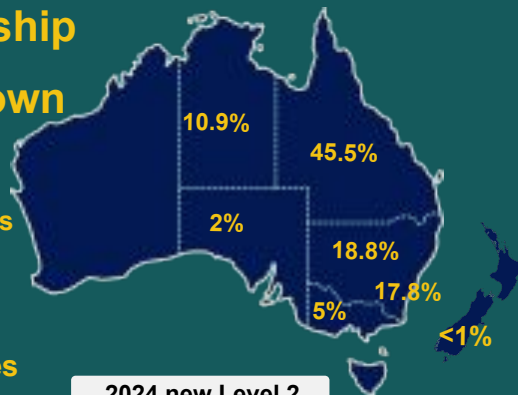
Active subject matter experts
advising your Board

- Rules Committee
10 members
- Athletes Council
9 members

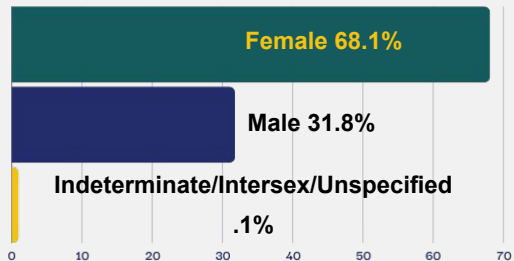


Membership Breakdown

Over 1200 members
543 Athletes
22 Clubs
6 States/Territories



Gender Breakdown



Athlete Breakdown

55% Competitive Athletes

45% Recreational Athletes

Collaborations



2024 new Level 2

Judge qualification

74 Speed

32 Presentation

12 Required
Elements

Level 3

Judge qualification

65 Speed

41 Presentation

32 Required
Elements
11 Difficulty

23
New Australian
Records

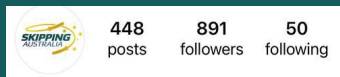
3 IJRU Board Members

1 Technical Committee

2 Technical Congress

1 Olympic Taskforce

1 Ethics panel member





Finance

REPORT

SHARYN RODDICK



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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
INCOME		
IJRU World Championships	(9,367)	199
Registrations, National Competitions	7,164	22,500
Registrations, State Competitions	1,006	840
Membership, Recreational & Competitive	15,330	12,456
Tricktionary	10	120
Uniform Sales	76	(491)
Donations	5,292	-
Other Sales	71,988	10,463
TOTAL INCOME	<u>91,499</u>	<u>46,087</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Auditor's Remuneration	1,650	1,650
Accounting and Bookkeeping	245	220
Competitions, IJRU World Championships Expense	11,918	12,850
Competitions, National	30,704	6,917
Competitions, State	1,650	716
Insurance	8,481	8,212
Uniforms	443	74
Telephone, Internet and Website	1,202	803
Office Expenses	422	-
Jump Rope For Heart Programs	2,927	-
Other Expenses	1,257	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>60,899</u>	<u>31,442</u>
Net Profit	30,600	14,645
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	34,273	19,628
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<u>64,873</u>	<u>34,273</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSET			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	66,060	55,977
Accounts receivables	4	677	2,618
Prepayments	5	3,136	2,078
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>69,873</u>	<u>60,673</u>
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LIABILITY			
CURRENT LIABILITY			
Accrued expense	6	-	1,650
Unearned Income	7	5,000	24,750
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITY		<u>5,000</u>	<u>26,400</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY		<u>5,000</u>	<u>26,400</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>64,873</u>	<u>34,273</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained Earnings	8	64,873	34,273
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>64,873</u>	<u>34,273</u>



Appointment of Auditor

Sharyn Roddick



ATHLETES' COUNCIL



Co-Chair - Abbey George



See you
all in
Canberra
soon