

Chairman's Report Ski Racing Victoria 2015/2016

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After last year's enormous task to recover our financial position we have been able to continue our efforts to rebuild ourselves financially and I am pleased that SRV is once again in a good position which I will leave to our Treasurer to report on. Anthony has fine-tuned a lot this year and I commend him on ensuring we have a good result. Anthony with the support of the board has changed our Auditor so a more accurate report is tabled tonight.

This year we have seen a lot of changes from SRA and I must commend the amount of time put in by our 2 delegates in Greg and Tony. They are our voice at SRA and ensure that SRV can assist in driving the direction of SRA and our sport. SRA has instigated major changes for safety as well as having to find a new CEO after Grant resigned. I would like to commend Grant on the work he done and the direction that he helped pave for our sport. Grant did take a lot of cost out of SRA and through this and the changes made SRA actually had 3 companies bid for our insurance for 2016-17 which to me is a very positive sign for our sport. I would also like to welcome the new CEO for SRA Wes Lloyd.

We are the largest and most influential state and I personally feel that the work that SRV puts into SRA is of a real benefit to SRV members.

Our Point Score racing this year was again successful at Lake Charm and Kangaroo. This year we will be racing at Charm and Lake Boga. As part of risk management, we now have lake water levels that we race to ensuring the water depth is ok.

We struggled to finish our Grand Prix races due to the blue green algae but we have all arranged for this year and with one of which being a World Selection race details will be advised shortly.

I encourage all members to look at the Transport Safety Victoria and Roads and Maritime NSW web sites so you are aware of any new rule changes that could affect you practicing or social skiing. Any changes that affect racing will be reviewed by SRV and exemptions applied for if possible.

Robinvale was again a success and work has already commenced on next year's event with a positive meeting with the local community group.

As our season closed Sue Maher our secretary and race day secretary for a few years advised she wished to step aside. Sue has been with us during our hard times and was a great back up for me as chairman. Sue is very dedicated to SRV and I speak for the board that Sue has been of great assistance to us all. I wish Sue all the best and enjoyment racing with her family this coming season.

After interviewing some very good replacements Di Diamantopoulos was appointed as our new Secretary and I would like to welcome Di back.

I would like to thank my board for all the excellent work put in this year, each is responsible for a portfolio which ensures the load is shared and you will hear reports from them all shortly.

Kris has once again excelled with arranging sponsorship and a good working relationship with Mulwala Ski Club which see us using the venue more in the future.

As discussed at last year's AGM Graham continues to look after governance a very important role something I urge other clubs to follow on.

Robinvale would not have happened with Grovesy and Kris's input, a lot of effort which resulted in a great race and income for SRV.

Doug looks after judging and safety, not an easy task. I know how much time he puts into finding Judges etc and on behalf of Doug who could not come tonight I would like to thank all those who worked with him.

Tasman Challenge is a major part of racing for our Juniors and Thanks to Lou and Anthony it was again successful this year. Lou has also taken up looking after our trophies.

At the events Sharon assists a lot and comes up with different ideas to keep younger children involved which is fantastic.

Presentation night was a great night put together by Corrine, the RACV club a great venue. Next year we are looking at going somewhere different and will be interested in member's feedback at the end of our AGM tonight.

As we have had a good year in rebuilding SRV it is now time to start to look forward and start to plan our future. We do have a strong board and I encourage all members to not only ask questions of them but also to give feedback and suggestions.

I have enjoyed my role as Chairman and hope that I have made a difference and been accessible for you all as members. SRV is a great club and I know that as I stand aside there are good members out there capable of driving SRV.

Steve Shipp Chairman.