

SOUTH COAST REGION

Annual Report 2008

I would like to start by thanking all the people who have volunteered their time to be on the regional committee in 2008 and it's been great having Deidrie Franke on board as our new secretary.

It's also been great having Coastlands Kids Gym become more actively involved in our regional events in 2008.

I must congratulate the Acrobatics groups of Shelby Lacey and Molly Hanrahan 12-19 years women's pair and Ashleigh Mulligan and Megan Field 11-16 years women's pair from Albion Park Gymnastics and Acrobatics club for being selected on the Australian Team to compete at the Junior World Age Games in Glasgow, Scotland.

I'd also like to congratulate Jasmine Ford WAG International level 8 from Carmel & Co who placed 1st at the NSW State Championships.

South Coast Region donations were given to the following gymnasts for representing Australia or NSW.

Australian Representatives

ACRO

- Shelby Lacey & Molly Hanrahan - 12-19 pair, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club
- Megan Field & Ashleigh Mulligan - 11-16 pair, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club

NSW Representatives

WAG

- Jasmine Ford – International level 8, National Championships, Carmel & Co
- Emma Wuestner – National level 9, National Championships, Wollongong City
- Emily Caunt – National level 8, Boarder Challenge, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club
- Lisa Trujillo – National level 8, Boarder Challenge, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club

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- Michael Tonegato – National Level 8, National Championships, Level Challenge NZ, Wollongong City
- Nicholas Mortimer – National level 8, National Championships, level Challenge NZ, Wollongong City
- Alexander Lovatt – National Championships, Carmel & Co
- Samuel Davies – National Championships, Carmel & Co
- Ben Alhovirta – national Championships, Carmel & Co
- Henry Steel – National level 7, National Championships, International Trans Tasman, South Coast Gymnastics Academy
- Mitchell Klein – National level 7, National Championships, South Coast Gymnastics academy

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- Lauren Farquhar & Kayla Von Borstel - Level 4 pair, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club
- Emily Caunt & Grace Fairall - Level 5 pair, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club
- Madelyn Stephens, Kelsey Taylor & Mikayla Stephens - Level 5 trio, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club
- Zoia Wowk, Lisa Trujillo & Maddison Lacey - Level 6 trio, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club

- Hannah Kent, Teghan Bartlett Miller, Shauna Mulligan - Level 8 trio, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club
- Megan Field & Ashleigh Mulligan - 11-16 pair, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club
- Shelby Lacey & Molly Hanrahan - 12-19 pair, Oak Flats Abion Park Gymnastics & Acrobatics club

Unfortunately this year we have had problems with getting enough judges for our competitions. The level 4-6 qualification competition that was scheduled to happen in August had to be cancelled due to not having enough judges.

We have decided its time to get rid of the tracksuits that have been used in the region for quite a number of years now as we are starting to look a bit dated. The region did hope to have new tracksuit for the level 1-3 gymnasts to wear at State Championships but sadly we could not get the order required in time so this had to be postponed. We are also currently looking into getting a new logo for the region. Our level 1-3 C division competitions were very successful this year with extra clubs being involved we had good numbers and the suggestion has been put forward to have the C division included in our Regional Championships.

Unfortunately we have found that there have been clashes of dates for events Regional Championships and National Clubs coincided as the dates for National clubs was changed we also had clashes with Acrobatics and Cheerleading events which made it quite a challenge for coaches wishing to have gymnasts compete in both events. As the majority of our events are held in Nowra and the other events mentioned were held in Sydney or Canberra it has been either impossible for clubs to do both events or a very difficult challenge travelling between Sydney and Nowra on the same day to attend both events. My hat goes off to the clubs that somehow managed to achieve both events on the one day.

It has been an extremely busy year for everyone and as a result we did not hold our annual training day at Homebush I am hoping that this is something we can continue again in 2009 as it has always been an enjoyable day for the clubs that have participated being able to train together.

I look forward to another eventful year in 2009.

Christine Remfry.