

## HEAD COACH REPORT – AGM 2017

In the past 12 months we have maintained capacity numbers in all of the WAG and MAG programs including competitive (State/Limited Hours & National) and non-competitive, recreational programs. This year we introduced a new program to the Prep-level WAG programs and an additional KG class catering for children attending full time kinder programs. In the GFA area the general gym programs continue to thrive including Fit 4 All, Adult gym, Kindergym, School gym and a new Fit For Gym class added to provide an option to those on our waiting list.

We continue to face challenges of most Victorian clubs - managing a large waiting list, sourcing experienced coaches and budgeting for increasing coaching wages.

The WAG & MAG Squad programs this year continue their success with 13 girls and 2 boys selected for this year's Australian Championships and Micayla, Jodie and Ben all selected as team coaches. One of the biggest challenges for our high level programs now is providing experienced coaching staff. We will need to add further MAG coaches and need another spotting coach to work with the senior level girls. Our squad gymnasts have had some fantastic training opportunities with visiting Olympic gymnasts Lieke and Sanne Wevers training with the Squad 1 girls and the senior boys participating in a satellite training program with the MAG HPC in 2016.

After a successful competition season early in 2016, our MAG program was rocked in September by the devastating news that senior gymnast Hayden Marshall had suffered a horrific injury on his trampoline at home leaving him paralysed. During the already planned MAG sleepover for the squad boys Ben and the boys made a video of support for Hayden. We were delighted to see Hayden when he was able to attend the senior awards night in December.

Our coach training program sees 6 volunteer coaches in training this year. There are a number of promising young coaches developing within the club and I have been really pleased with the dedication and effort of the entire team. We have welcomed Scott McHarry to the MAG coaching team who was previously with CYC & Mordialloc and also coaches at Bayside. Recently, Bec has left to go on maternity leave and Jodie will also be taking maternity leave later in the year. Kaitlin has taken over Squad 3 in Bec's place and is doing a great job. A number of coaches have furthered their accreditation this year as well, including Kaitlin, Ebony and Meagan who attended the Advanced Module 1 in June and Ben who attended the FIG coaching course in New Zealand in January.

We have had another busy year with events including our 3 internal Club Championship style events and with hosting external events such as the Judges Invitationals and GV courses. Our Junior Showcase event ran for the second time in October and this time involved visiting gymnasts from Leongatha and the gymnasts from our Fit for All program. The Fit for All gymnasts also demonstrated their Special Olympics routines at the World Cup earlier this year.

The committee have done a great job in preparing for and assisting with the running of events and this will continue to be a major role of the committee in the coming year. We have 2 major events approaching in Term 3 and 4 with the WAG squads travelling to Bendigo again for National clubs and our first MAG team camp where the boys will compete in the Blue Lake Invitational in November.

Ongoing development of the sport throughout Victoria continues to bring changes to the competition calendar. A re-structure to the MAG National calendar this year meant we had to adapt our planning and group structure and although we scheduled a MAG invitational for this year, we decided to postpone this to 2018 as it coincided with the arrival of Ben and Bec's baby! 2018 will see further changes to the GV calendar as the sport continues to grow throughout the state.