

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

On behalf the Committee I would like to welcome everyone to the 2016 Annual General Meeting for MYC Gymnastics – Mornington Youth Club Inc.

Reflecting on this past year as President of the Club I am pleased that MYC Gymnastics – Mornington Youth Club Inc. has continued to strive and support the needs of our members. The committee has achieved so much and I feel honoured to have been part of this group. I thank them for their hard work, dedication, commitment and long hours to make this club what it is today. I think that the distinguishing characteristics of the club is the passion and energy of everyone involved.

The motto was “If you build it they will come” and I am proud to say that the Club is now the envy of other clubs and this shows in our numbers increasing from 580 to 750. The Club has had huge growth and to ensure the future of the Club we must now grow our income streams with set budget forecasting and strategic planning for now and beyond. Fundraising and grant applications will continue to be sourced with a dedicated team focused on this area and a Scholarship program will also be introduced in the coming year. We also added tiered seating for the upstairs viewing area which has enabled parents to view their children during training and at competitions. It has been great to be involved with the JF Open which has grown from 150 to 450 participants which has been very beneficial for us to showcase our gymnastics facility.

We have continued to maintain our accreditation with Gymnastics Victoria but as a club we must now make certain our policies and procedures reflect our growth and our Safety and Risk Management programs are up to date to ensure that all our members are in a safe environment.

The Club is highly regarded by our governing body, Gymnastics Victoria as well as being a leading club in the gymnastics arena. We have continued to raise the profile of the club and have had outstanding results with our National WAG Squad Program and our MAG Program is now also showing huge growth and potential. Our club won the following awards by Gymnastics Victoria in the following categories; 2015 Large Club of the year, 2015 Inclusive Leader Club was a Finalist of the inclusive initiative of the year and Bronwyn Sanford was a finalist as inclusive leader of the year and our senior coaches, Micayla and Jodie both being awarded as coach of the year.

Our Kinder Gym Program is also well sought after with over 240 members. Fit 4 All has 18 members, we conduct school gymnastics at Frankston Primary School and Woodleigh School and we have built a relationship with Oz Child who now have 16 children attending our gym during the holidays. The Recreational and Limited hours' programs have continued to show huge growth and are vital part of our Club with waiting lists still over 6 months long. Our other programs Move My Way, Adult Gym and Birthday Parties are also showing keen interest in our community and are growing in numbers. These are an integral part of our club and I would like to acknowledge all the hard work of everyone involved in these classes.

I acknowledge all the hard work and commitment of all our coaches who have all worked with patience and enthusiasm to assist our gymnasts in reaching their full potential.

I formally thank our sponsor Rye and Dromana Bendigo Community Bank for their continued support throughout the year. We will continue to work with The Bendigo Bank and value their contribution to the Club. In the last financial year, we have raised \$18,376 in our partner banking the money of which has been used to repay our equipment loan. Our other sponsors to be acknowledged are Lifecare Physio, Amart Sports, Ritchies and the Good Guys Mornington. I would also like to thank everyone else, including parents, volunteers and children who have supported the Club by buying/selling raffle rickets, supervising movie nights, working the bbq, fundraising and helping at and setting up at competitions which without your support wouldn't be the club that it is today, very successful.

A big thanks to Vicki Graeme as Vice President for all her hard work not only on committee but as a Judge. Treasurer, Lisa Reed, for her tireless efforts with all the finances and payroll and Bronwyn Sanford, Secretary, who dedicates so much time to the club. I would like to acknowledge our Head Coach, Kerry Angleton, for her commitment to our coaches and gymnasts and passion for the sport as shows as she forms part of the Gymnastics Victoria WAG Technical committee. Thanks as well to Jenny Smith our Admin Officer for her long hours and keeping the office running in a timely and efficient manner.

The challenge ahead for the club will be to keep the energy alive and the momentum going. This cannot remain the work of a few and has to become the shared responsibility of many. I encourage all of you to play your part. You do not have to be a committee member to assist in supporting or even running an event or assist in building a great club culture. We can all be involved in our clubs' activities. Our club is about a community of people who share a common interest and passion for gymnastics and the club will only every be as good as the effort that is put in by its membership. This is your club and it is up to each and everyone of us to take the club forward to the future and beyond.

We have moved to honour our Secretary, Bronwyn Sanford, with a life membership which is to be awarded in recognition of her contribution to the club.

I got to thinking how will I present an award to someone who has the power to change lives in such a positive way. Ultimately there is so much one can say about Bronwyn that I didn't know where to start let alone finish. For me, Bronwyn's enthusiasm across the club is fantastic. She is always encouraging and supporting of everyone. She has the respect of everyone involved in the club and she makes connections with young and old so seamlessly and spontaneously. She uses the passion to unite a community and make it a better place and on behalf of the the Club I would like to acknowledge her contribution and years of dedicated service.

It has once again been an honour to serve as The President of the Club.