

VSIC 2022 President's Report

2021 presented us with another challenging year - starting with O'Brien Icehouse remaining closed to program classes for the first few months. Fortunately we were able to put together a combined class option with the help of IceHQ and Olympic rinks, and we had around 20 skaters picking up those Sunday morning sessions.

In term 2 we finally got sessions back running at the Icehouse. We built up just enough momentum to think we might be able to put some programs together when lockdown hit once more and it was back into online classes. And so it continued on and off through the year, finishing back on ice in November/December. All in all, VSIC was able to provide over \$4000 worth of subsidies for our 2021 classes, and we thank the State government for their assistance with Community Sport grants during this time. Massive thanks also to all our skaters who stayed the course and kept attending through all these challenges.

As restrictions eased towards the end of the year, we took advantage of the moment to finally celebrate our delayed anniversary: ten years of Vic Synchro. We had around 70 current and past members and supporters come along to hear about our history and goals. Everyone had a great time checking out our old competition costumes and videos and just catching up with synchro friends after so long..

The 2022 year is looking promising so far, and we really hope that the worst is behind us. There is a lot of rebuilding ahead and all our teams are recruiting heavily, but it is great to have all our teams on the ice once more.