

**Morley Panthers Rollerskating Club**  
**2016 Annual General Meeting**  
**President's Report**

The statistics of results and memberships have shown that 2016 has again been a good year for the club.

Our speed skaters started the year well at their National Championships, with Mai Julius, Zeth Bleyenberg, Shakaya Bleyenberg, William Rivers, Alex Myint, Nick Myint, Irene Myint, Jack Carter and Dyllon Knight all bringing home gold. In July it was the artistic skaters' turn at their Nationals, with gold medals brought home by Calista Aliphon, Taylah Melvin-Brady, Curtis Morgan and the showgroup Team Ilit.

Through the year, the club has been well served by all its committee members. But on the downside, Diana Palmer (registrar), Miles Vinar (treasurer) and Sally Vinar (artistic representative) have indicated that, due to outside demands, they will not be available next year. They have all provided fantastic service to the club, and their contributions will be sorely missed.

This leads me to add that I took on the presidency mid-year when Carla Melvin had to resign due to family commitments. My readiness to do this reflected both the great job she had done, and the strength of the Morley committee. It's standard dogma that the job of the president is simply to ensure that everyone else does their job, and when they are doing their jobs well, there's not much left.

The great job done by our retiring committee members probably contributed to the difficulty we have had finding Sally's replacement. But all should bear in mind that a few years ago, Sally was in the same position, taking over from me; she took on the position, wasn't afraid to ask questions, and did the job in her way, not mine. We all have our own "something" to add.

In that regard, I should also thank the many parents who have contributed their time outside the committee. There are many other tasks in keeping a sport like ours going, ranging from cleaning the floor at competitions to helping at fundraising sausage sizzles. I know many of us are very time-poor, so it's doubly great to see so many devoting a few hours here and there, as they can.

This report must end on a sad note, recording the passing of Harry Kingston in August. Harry had provided decades of service to the speed skating community, and gained a mantelpiece full of life memberships and awards for his efforts. Harry's funeral was a "standing room only" effort, reflecting not only his services to skaters, but also to his community at large. Missed though he will be, he certainly filled his allotted time well, to the benefit of many.

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