

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Welcome and Acknowledgement

I want to express my gratitude for everyone here attending today. Your ongoing support is what makes Koorana the strong, community-driven organisation it is today. As a club built for its members, the board and management team are thankful for such a supportive community to be a part of on this journey.

Overview of the Year

These past 12 months have been a period of continued growth, positive change and embedding a future for success. We saw strong participation across recreational and competitive programs with increased events throughout the year. Our competitive results were again a standout leading on from our previous year building a culture of high standards of excellence.

The board continued to focus on our key strategic priorities:

- Strengthening financial sustainability and supporting membership growth
- Maximising our facilities and expanding participation opportunities
- Investing in staff development
- Embedding the governance structures needed for long-term operational effectiveness

Club Achievements

This year was exceptional on many fronts. Our athletes achieved success at club, state, and national levels, and Koorana proudly retained its position as a leading club in South Australia. We also celebrated several prestigious awards, including Large Club of the Year 2024, and individual honours including MAG Judge of the Year (Andrew Cordery), GfA Coach of the Year (Francine Turner), WAG Coach of the Year (Carly Fulford), MAG Coach of the Year (Tyson West), WAG Open Levels Athletes of the Year (Suzi Kourlas), WAG Junior Elite Athlete of the Year (Pip Alker).

Membership exceeded 1,400 active participants, demonstrating the scale and strength of our community. We expanded existing programs and introduced new offerings to meet evolving needs.

We launched our inaugural Community Day last year, our first Competitive Programs's Annual Awards night, hosted Team Gym competitions, along with multiple fundraising and community events.

A significant milestone this year was the opening of our accessible toilet, meeting space, and kitchenette. Our sincere thanks go to the City of Marion for their tremendous support and

partnership throughout this project. They have gone above and beyond in the financing of this addition. We are grateful to be part of the Marion Council community.

I would like to acknowledge our amazing and dedicated team of management, staff, coaches, volunteers, and parents who made last year a success. We definitely understand the commitment it takes to participate in a sport like gymnastics. As well as the unrelenting demands of parents to support the athletes. This club is built around fostering gymnastics and the community to build strong and resilient people of all ages.

A special thank you goes to Evolving Pathways, our first official sponsor, whose support enabled investment in staff uniforms and club merchandise. This support enables us to focus our funds and effort in high impact areas while maintaining our connection with our valued sponsors and partners.

Investments in Our Club

To maintain the high standard of our programs, we invested \$47,000 in new equipment and facility upgrades. These investments strengthen our competitive pathways and enhance the experience for every member.

Operational and Financial Overview

Our financial position is sound. We delivered a net surplus last financial year, allowing us to reinvest in key areas of the club. We are also in a position to achieve this again next year, while targeting some increased structure and new revenue opportunities now available due to the outcomes achieved this year.

The grant funding acquired is facilitating the creation of a new GymAbility program, expanding opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Along with significant funding for supporting females in sport will benefit many of our participants.

We also engaged external expertise to review and improve our process documentation and financial oversight.

Challenges and Learnings

While last year was very successful, there are always new and ongoing challenges that we navigate through. 3 areas that impact our ability to grow and provide our amazing services that many of you or your children enjoy are coach availability, facility constraints, and rising costs, significantly in the coach and administration spaces.

While working through these challenges we are setting out to address these through strong fiscal policy, community focus and supporting our staff to provide access to development and development pathways.

The learnings we have gained this year have been significant within the operational areas and gaps in what we provide in our services. The cost impact of legacy decisions is still something

we are working through gradually to be in a state where we can meet current and future member needs and demand.

We also recognise the need to strengthen member engagement. Last year's difficulty in forming a majority member led Board highlighted the importance of rebuilding deeper connections across our community. This will be a priority going forward on how we connect and engage our membership more to feel part of the community Koorana has and to get involved where possible.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next year, our focus is firmly on executing our strategic plan. Key priorities include:

- Enhancing the customer experience
- Improving program quality
- Upgrading recreational and competitive equipment
- Expanding inclusion programs
- Building financial resilience

We will also be supporting Andrew and the management team to streamline operations and boost capacity, which will enhance member experience across the club.

Our new accessible facilities open opportunities for expanded daytime sessions, improved staff and board spaces, and new hire options for parties and community groups. Importantly, the GymAbility program will begin early next year and will deepen our impact within the disability community.

Closing Remarks

Koorana is more than a gymnastics club. It is a place where strong gymnasts and even stronger people are developed. I'm grateful for the opportunity to lead this organisation, proud of what we have achieved together, and excited for the year ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and belief in Koorana.