

9er Presidents report 2017

The 9er Association since the amalgamation of all the states is in good shape.

This year most of the founders and current National committee members have decided to stand down as their children are no longer involved in the class and, therefore, it is time to hand over the reins to current parents to take the Association to the next level.

On the world competition front, the '9ers still have a strong world presence even though our record three in a row for the open 29er Worlds came to an end at Long Beach. We are still in with a strong chance at Hong Kong!

29er achievements this year were:

- Annabelle Davies and Madeline Woodward were the 1st girls at the open World Championships at Long Beach California.
- Jasmin May-Galbraith and Chole Fisher came 3rd at the ISAF Youth Worlds in China and Henry Larkins and Miles Davey came 9th.

On the 49er front:

- David Gilmour and Joel Turner came 1st in the 49er at Kiel week and 14th in the Worlds in Portugal.
- Haylee Outteridge and Nina Curtis managed a creditable 18th at the 49er Worlds.

At the 49er Juniors in Kingston California

- Ollie Manton and Billy Goodfellow just missed the podium with 4th.
- Natasha Bryant and Annie Wilmott also had a 4th, this yime in the FX.

If I have forgotten anyone, my sincere apologies. We have so many successes that it is not easy to remember them all.

I would like to make special mention and thanks to David Price and George Stent who have put tireless energy and dedication into the Association and, like me, are now moving on.

A special thank you also to Greg Larkings, current President of the NSW Association, and to Angus Spratt who have also noticeably contributed their time and efforts to the success of the Association.

We look forward to their continued support as well as that of many 'new' parents in the support and promotion of an exciting class.

David Seagreen