

Australian Rope Skipping Association

ARSA Newsletter

Second Edition

2007 Australian Rope Skipping Championships

CALENDAR

**FISAC
World Championships 08**
Capetown, South Africa

July 22- 31

Junior Olympics 08
Detriot, USA

July 23 – Aug 2

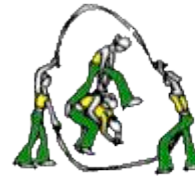
**Australian Rope Skipping
Championships 08**
Tallebudgera, Gold Coast

Sept 27-28

The 2007 Australian Rope Skipping Championships were held in September at the Tallebudgera Sports complex for the second year. The event attracted a record number of skippers and clubs. It was an important championship with skippers qualifying to represent Australia in the 08 World Championships in South Africa. The event was held over two days with skippers competing in master, team and group routines. Events included speed, freestyle, Double Dutch and more. The event attracted the highest number of competitors for a championship, with 185 skippers from 15 clubs competing. It was fantastic to see so many new skippers, teams and clubs competing for the first time. 7 clubs represented QLD, NSW had 4 clubs, and a club from VIC, ACT and NT was also represented. Clubs competing at their first nationals

were Darwin, Canberra, Tenterfield, Cowra and Mackay. The event was a huge success with several Australian speed records broken. Tallebudgera is a world-class venue with full amenities such as accommodation and dining, with the venue backing onto the gold coast beach line. ARSA booked out the entire venue to accommodate the record number of competitors. The venue will again host the Nationals in 2008. This event would not be possible without the commitment made by ARSA committee members. Thank you to Antony Doyle, Jill Greenway and Jan Somers for putting on such a professional event. Well done to all those skippers who competed, and huge congratulations to those skippers who will now travel to South Africa in 2008 to represent Australia in rope skipping.





Mackay's Alligator Creek team at their first Nationals

Skipperella Comes to Town

Cleveland Air Magic will launch the singing, dancing & skipping extravaganza, Skipperella on the 8 and 9 of December. Written & directed by Cleveland's Head Coach Carolyn Barker, the show is a cleverly crafted story presented through singing, dancing and of course, skipping. With individual performances as well as group routines, the show is a spectacle and highlights the diversity of the club.

This is an important event for Cleveland to assist in their fundraising for the club. With numerous club skippers competing at the 2008 World Championships, events such as Skipperella play an integral part of making these trips possible.

Performance dates are 8 & 9 December. For ticket bookings or more information, please phone Jodi – 32068433, or Justine – 3281 3681.

2008 World Rope Skipping Championships

The 2008 World Rope Skipping Championships are to be held in Cape Town, South Africa. The competition will be held over 5 days with competition skipping beginning on 23 July, and finishing with master's events on the 27 July.

There will also be an international competition in conjunction with the Worlds, being the South African Open. Originally this event was to highlight the age divisions from 10-12, 13-14 with no age division for the older skippers. After requests from Jan Somers, and other FISAC board members, two new age brackets have been added to the program. Those divisions are 15-17 and 18+. This is great news for our skippers in this age bracket who can now compete.

The recent Australian Rope Skipping Championships became the qualifying event for skippers to represent Australia. The pool of talent was strong, and the event was a major success. With teams still to be finalized, ARSA can confirm this will be our largest number of skippers to be sent to compete in a world-skipping event. With exact numbers to be finalized, approx 40 skippers from 5 clubs will be attending these events, as Australian team members.

Tracie Gardiner from Cleveland is currently negotiating for all teams to travel together to South Africa with Singapore Airlines, with teams meeting up in Singapore from various departure points and then traveling on to South Africa as a group. This is a mammoth exercise with up to 65 people traveling, but it would be so great if all Australians could travel together. Well-done Tracie!!!!

Congratulations to those skippers who have qualified for these events. Special congratulations to the following skippers who have qualified to represent Australia at the worlds as FISAC Masters.

Brittany Gardiner, Aimee Devlin, Kirsten Morris, Bonnie Somers & Jackie Robba.

Luke Boon, Jake Eve, Brendan Madden, Aaron Anderson & Thomas Kelly.