



PRESIDENTS REPORT – 2020

There is no doubt that 2020 was the most challenging year that we have ever experienced to date.

Not only did it affect our sport but it affected our clubs, their athletes and their families. It was a year that I feel bought us strength and in some ways unity as we found that we needed to be there to support each other through a very uncertain time.

The year started well with our Queensland athletes, Skye Nicolson, Paulo Aokuso and Justis Huni qualifying for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

March saw the only two club tournaments for the year before the Covid-19 Pandemic hit our sport. With restrictions beginning to be imposed across the country with border closures also being put in place, the Boxing Queensland committee were then forced to make the difficult decision to cancel the remaining tournaments for 2020.

With the Pandemic spreading rapidly across the country our sports future for the year was definitely uncertain.

With restrictions starting to ease in May Boxing Queensland were on the front foot facilitating R & J seminar, level 1 coaches' seminars and a Development camp for our Northern Queensland members held at Middlesmount.

There were also 4 Queensland Futures camps held around the Covid – 19 restrictions. I am pleased to report that through the hard work and diligence of my fellow Boxing Queensland committee members a "Back to Boxing" plan was put into action. It was decided that Boxing Queensland would fund and facilitate tournaments for the remainder of the year starting on August 15. And then one every fortnight to follow This was to be the first tournament back and was conducted under strict Covid-19 guidelines.

With Boxing Australia making the decision to cancel the Under 19 and Elite Australian Titles in late August the decision was made by the Boxing Queensland committee that we would still hold our State Titles to give our athletes something to aim for after what had already been a hard year.

October saw a great opportunity for our athletes to participate in a Development Training Day with our National Head Coach Kevin Smith. A great turn out with around 80 athletes in attendance.

Our State titles were held early November and although as expected our participant numbers were down, these titles were still a success and were competed over two days with two bouts being held on the Friday night.

The Boxing Queensland calendar finished with a bang with the NQ v SQ tournament which again was a huge success.

In closing I would like to thank my fellow committee members who continuously volunteer their time day in and out, working tirelessly behind the scenes especially this year to keep the sport of boxing alive and well in the State of Queensland and continue to help create opportunities for our athletes.

To our R & J I would personally like to thank you all for your continued support and your time. To our R & J coordinators Ange Harries and Tony Lingren We have definitely seen a positive growth in our R&J numbers thanks to your dedication and hard work. The seminars that you two have facilitated have attracted more numbers than ever seen before. I look forward to working with you all in the future as one team for the betterment of our great sport.

A big thank you must also go to our Boxing Queensland matchmaker, Jay Toope who works hard behind the scenes making sure all of our boxers are evenly matched and compete on a level playing field.

A big thank you also to our Coaches, our boxers and our members for continuing to support our sport in the toughest of times.
Thank you.

Yours in Sport

Regards

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