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President's Report for 2018

2018 was a very big year for ACT Fencing, though we held a few less local competitions, there was coach training, fencer camps, the team leagues run by ANU, and the Commonwealth Senior and Veteran Championships to keep us busy. This year also saw our largest contingent to compete and achieve at National level and beyond. 10 National podium results culminated in 16 top 10 National rankings across age groups from U15 to Veteran.

We have progressed the coaching goals set in our Operational Plan by holding a level 0 and level 1 course in 2018. We also have some exciting new ideas coming up for coach development. In 2019, we will also be working with some senior AFF referees to offer more training opportunities for referees in the ACT.

The team leagues run by ANU were highly successful and we are happy to support their continuance in 2019. Fencer improvement camps run by visiting coaches Bill Ronald OAM and Simon Capon were well attended and enjoyed. We look forward to inviting them and others to run more camps in the coming year.

The Commonwealth Senior and Veteran Championships succeeded in bringing together 435 individual fencers and 63 teams from 9 different countries. Many positive comments were heard about the venue, the medals, the event, the fencing, and the sportsmanship shown on and off the field of play. It started with a conversation between myself, Andrew Ius, Gordon Christie and Bill Ronald to become an amazing event everyone who assisted with can be proud of. As always, there were elements that could have been better and hopefully we can learn from them to improve for our next big venture, but maybe not for a couple of years.