



ICE SPORTS

Tasmania

# NEWSLETTER

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## Our vision

Ice Sports Tasmania is committed to promoting, advancing, and supporting all-inclusive participation in ice-based sports and recreation in Tasmania.

Our vision is to ensure that a fit for purpose ice rink facility continues to exist in Tasmania to serve the needs of our athletes and the community.

## Our Team

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Welcome to Edition 2 of Ice Sports Tasmania Inc.'s newsletter. Created in response to community need and request, this newsletter aims to provide a quick snapshot of activity occurring within and surrounding our local ice sports.

## Frequently Asked Questions



### This week In Focus....

As predicted, it's been a heavy week for many as we approached the final day of the Glenorchy rink. Since the announcement of its sale, both sports have worked hard to help make the most of the remaining ice time to offer training, games and competitions as often as possible.

Thank you to the associations (FSAT and IHT) for creating these important opportunities for athletes and spectators to enjoy our sports as often as possible in the time we had left. Similarly, the rink saw record attendance at public sessions while the general public also wanted to enjoy a last skate. We've also had a flurry of media, with ice hockey and figure skating participating in events that shared the 'impact' of losing the rink across social media, radio and television. Thank you to the athletes and families who shared their experiences and stories.

And finally, yesterday IST co-ordinated a free "One Last Lap" event for all IHT and FSAT members to come together and celebrate their sports, take a few laps with their friends and family and connect as the next chapter begins. IHT followed on with some fabulous ice hockey games. Thank you to all who came, it was great to see everyone on the ice doing what we all love!

During both of the last day sessions, IST provided a professional photographer (Sophia Bender Films) for all hockey and figure skaters and their families, to get some pics on their own, together with friends/family/teammates.

Over 5000 photos were captured!! Once these are available, IST will email them out to attendees as (free) mementos of the day. Watch your inbox for that file!! Anyone who didn't provide IST with their email address but wants the photos, please send your details to Kirra at [team@icesportstasmania.com.au](mailto:team@icesportstasmania.com.au).



Image by Sophia Bender Films.



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#### IST Values

To act with **integrity, transparency and professionalism.**

Treat people with **honesty, fairness, and mutual respect.**

Be **responsible and accountable** for our decisions and actions as individuals and as an organisation.

Be **open** to different perspectives and **attitudes** and respect the inherent dignity, belief, and **human rights** of all individuals.

Harness individual **diversity** and promote **equality and inclusivity.**

Act responsibly to promote and to contribute to the achievement of **environmental sustainability.**

Acknowledge our responsibility to **contribute to the communities** in which we operate.

## Does IST represent both Ice Hockey and Figure Skating?

Absolutely! Both Ice Hockey Tasmania (IHT) *and* The Figure Skating Association of Tasmania (FSAT) are represented on the IST Committee and are both important and highly valued roles for the organisation. Sam van den Berg (IHT) and Amy Pailthorpe (FSAT) are actively consulted in all matters of the organisation and are a conduit between your respective organisation and IST. This helps IST to ensure that our focus is anchored in grassroots of each sport, and we tailor our strategies to ensure we are representing the nuances of each sport in the strongest and most relevant way.

## The Minister for Sport and Recreation released a statement this week about getting a new rink, does this mean we have a commitment for a new rink?

There was a statement released by Minister Nic Street (Minister for Sport and Recreation, Tasmania) on Thursday 19th May 2022- view in full here - <https://www.icesportstasmania.com.au/news> .

This statement confirms that the government have heard our voices and are committed to helping find a solution to the crisis in our sports. Alongside his collaboration with IST, Minister Street confirmed he (and his team) are consulting with a range of stakeholders who share the goals of building a new ice sports facility and securing the future of ice sports in Tasmania.

It is not *ideal* to have a 'pause' in our sports, but this is not the end of ice sports in Tasmania. Rather, IST believe the *ideal* is to ensure that we have the right people, working together, driven by the same commitment and sharing the same goal. This often takes time. In IST's view, it is worth the time to get it right. We want due diligence, subject matter experts and consultation with IST (and you!) so that the end result is a permanent full size rink that aligns with the community need.

Minister Street's statement was a timely and positive moment for our campaign - and we are grateful to the resources and efforts being expended by the State Government to find the right solution that responds to your voices.

## Are you interested in joining a group trip to a Melbourne rink?

IST knows you want to have access to ice time and stay connected to each other and your sports. In response, we are working towards (inc. fundraising) for our first Melbourne group rink visit and we've had a great initial response!

So, if you are a registered member of FSAT or IHT and are curious about trips to Melbourne to skate, please email IST at [team@icesportstasmania.com.au](mailto:team@icesportstasmania.com.au) as soon as possible. Expressing an interest will not commit you, but means we can start to liaise with you directly re fundraising, trip dates and potential itineraries.

