



ICE SPORTS

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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 the **20th edition** of the IST Community newsletter, our way to help keep you— our ice sports community, stay connected and up to date as we work together to secure a future home for our sports.



Update on the Government Feasibility Study

There is no update to share this month from the Tasmanian Government regarding the outcome of their Feasibility Study. However, Ice Sports Tasmania is still working hard to ensure that we are not left as the only State/Territory in Australia without an ice rink.

Every day without a local ice rink matters to our community.

As our local readers will attest, there has been a lot of community debate about sporting ‘facilities’ in our community this past month, but we are pleased to report that the general community support for a new ice sports facility is still consistent and clear from your voices, and those in the broader community.

IST has represented you on a number of radio programs, including those with interaction with listeners. The support for our athletes, recreational skaters, coaches and officials is very present and strong and positive. We are continuing to receive phone calls, emails and contact via our social media and the message is still clear. You want

- kids off devices and engaged in ice sports
- to build health lifestyles, which means actively participating in your chosen ice sports and the social connection that comes that
- the option to skate recreationally, and you want
- to get our athletes back on the ice locally so they can pursue their passions.

.....and we absolutely agree!

Additionally, there is some exciting organisational capacity work being done by both Figure Skating Association of Tasmania and Ice Hockey Tasmania, and continued examples of athlete determination and resilience

Read on to learn how you can support our travelling athletes and IST, see some fantastic new member opportunities and get this month’s updates directly from the sports desks of IHT and FSAT.

FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIP OFFER UPDATES

IST continues to offer financial support to any eligible FSAT or IHT members to help with the cost of travel. Please note this funding is completely reliant on our fundraising efforts.

We have now supported 122 athletes with financial support since the local ice rink closed. The more money we raise, the more athletes and officials we can support!



O'BRIEN ICEHOUSE

NEW Member offer—store your gear at O'Brien Icehouse ...for FREE!

Aside from raising money to assist with the interstate travel to ice rinks, Ice Sports Tasmania are continuing to build and nurture relationships within our business community.

This month we show gratitude again to Lee Gordon (General Manager) and Athol Hodgetts (Executive Director) both from O'Brien Icehouse in Docklands Melbourne.

Lee, Athol and their teams have continued to work hard to show support to Tassie ice sports athletes, including allowing Tassie coaches on the ice with our athletes, discounted deals, sessional (rather than term based) access to the Skate School and hockey academy programs and a warm, sincere welcome to our skaters at their facility. This relationship is of great value to Ice Sports Tasmania, and we consistently receive positive feedback about the experiences of our athletes and coaches when they visit O'Brien Icehouse and experience their welcome first hand. We are so grateful.

Lee and Athol have recently increased their support to Tasmanian ice sports athletes! A series of secure storage lockers are now available via IST for our skaters to safely store ice skating equipment at the rink—free of charge! This saves considerable costs (no more checked in baggage!) and effort carting our equipment back and forth to train, and we are so incredibly grateful for their generosity and support. This is a trial offer for 6 months to see if it is utilised and of benefit to our skaters so please take advantage of this!

The offer for the storage is for IHT and FSAT members only, email us team@icesportstasmania.com.au

Thanks Lee and Athol!



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.



From Mal on the current activity for Ice Hockey Tasmania (FSAT):

Ice Hockey Tasmania is very proud of all Australian representatives who have travelled to Italy to compete in the Masters Inline Hockey World Association World Cup. Our very own vice president Mika is proudly representing our country on the world stage and to say were proud is an understatement.

In other big news we will have a very small cohort of our female athletes travelling to Victoria to participate in a high performance development camp with some of the best coaches in Australia. We couldn't do this without the generous support of a brilliant Tasmanian company 'GSD Advisors' who have been some of the biggest supporters of our junior hockey talent locally. The generosity is nothing short of exceptional so we thank you. Keep your eyes open for more next month!

From Amy on the current activity Figure Skating Association of Tasmania (FSAT):

It's been an exciting month for our FSAT Members. Locally there have been several off ice training sessions to help keep our skaters condition and strength up between interstate visits to the ice. These are all well attended and the feedback is positive, with skaters reporting feeling physical and social benefits, and with the Melbourne coaching team reporting significant improvements in skater skill as a direct result. This has given our skaters an important and valuable lift, as it is very difficult to maintain figure skating condition when we are only accessing a rink once per month (or less for most).



FSAT hosted an "Off Ice" workshop for our members on Sunday 21st May. It was a full day of specialised figure skating exercises and a mental health talk, ending with bowling as a fun social activity. Thank you to everyone that supported the raffle which helped to facilitate this for our members!

A **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to FSAT skater **Chloe Anderson**, placing **1st** in her division at **Autumn Challenge in Melbourne** this month. We are extremely proud of Chloe's achievement! Chloe's determination and resilience make her a great role model to our Tassie figure skaters.

IST's May group trip to Melbourne that a group of our members participated in. They had private lessons, Skate School lessons, and enjoyed a great weekend full of skating.

More FSAT skaters will be joining IST's next group trip in June.

Thank you IST for continuing to support FSAT and its members.



IST QUIZ NIGHT:

Our 2023 Quiz night and online auction is shaping up to be bigger and better than last year! Tickets to the Quiz night are available [here](#) or via our Facebook site. Fun starts 7pm Saturday 1st July at 'The Duke'. Gather your friends and family for what's sure to be a great night of trivia, fun, delicious food and drinks.

Over the coming weeks, IST will be showcasing some of the incredible items available in our auction, and sharing our gratitude to the businesses who have so generously donated and shown their support.

First up is 'Crown Plaza Hobart'; A warm and contemporary haven in the heart of Hobart. Thank you for your generosity and support, we encourage all of our supporters to visit this business and experience the unique and decadent atmosphere of your accommodation and food outlets and indulge in the range of offerings! [Thank you Crown Plaza Hobart!](#)



The Deck: experience a vibrant atmosphere and the best of Tasmanian food and drinks at The Deck. This all year-round outdoor venue is the perfect spot to toast a drink with friends while enjoying stunning sunset views over Kunanyi.



Core restaurant and bar is the perfect place to unwind and indulge in classics reimaged. Talented chefs are dedicated to using locally sourced Tasmanian produce to create dishes that will make you feel right at home.



Tucked above and away, journey to AURA and be captivated by spectacular skyline views and a seasonal menu of indulgent share plates. Celebrating the very best of Tasmania's local produce and chef's impeccable house-made products, the evolving menu is perfectly paired with curated cocktails, local wines, beer, and spirits. Join in an afternoon tippie soaking in the view, a business luncheon, a long relaxing dinner, or pre-dinner drinks with friends.

