



ICE SPORTS

Tasmania

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.

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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 12th edition of the Ice Sports Tasmania Inc. newsletter! This fortnightly publication is our way to help keep you— our ice sports community connected and up to date while we secure a future home for our sports.

IST's next group trips to Melbourne to skate are August 20/21, followed by September 17/18. Please email us if you would like to join in the fun so we can help maximise your access to programs, clinics, coaching and support. All welcome!

Update on our future rink

Its now been just over 12 weeks since Tasmania's only (privately owned) ice rink closed its doors to be repurposed by it's new owners.

IST have been working hard to support our athletes and ensure that the voices of our ice sports community have been represented to government in the pursuit of a new ice sports facility for Tasmania.

Every email, message, call and conversation from our ice sports athletes, coaches, officials, families and allies is valued. Your messages are still clear and consistent with those we heard prior to the closure of the Glenorchy Rink.

We all want a new, Olympic size rink. We want to build and nurture our existing ice sports and introduce new sports for Tassie's youth to experience and enjoy. And, importantly, we are increasingly worried about the impact no rink is having on our athletes.

IST (including your FSAT and IHT reps, Amy and Sam) have met with government (State Growth) and shared our vision for ice sports' future as well as our concerns regarding the impact no local rink is having on our community's mental health. They have been working hard to pull together a comprehensive document to support Minister Street to make a decision about next steps in the journey towards a future for our sports (a new rink).

IST anticipates hearing the outcomes of the Ministers decision in the coming weeks and will share any news with you—so watch this space!

In the meantime, please rest assured that IST is confident and appreciative that the needs of our community have been well recognised and that there is a shared drive with our government and community to achieve a resolution (after due diligence). Thank you for your patience whilst we wait for news of a future ice sports facility.



Send your questions

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.

An update on fundraising efforts...

Thank you to our ice sports athletes & families who ran a BBQ fundraiser at Clennetts Mitre 10 Sorell on Saturday. They raised \$276 which will go into the fundraising allocation for skaters travelling interstate. We are so grateful for your help, thank you.

AUGUST RAFFLE

Meanwhile, the IST August raffle is in full swing, head to our Facebook site or email us for your tickets before they sell out!

ANTARCTIC WINTER FESTIVAL

Pop down to the Antarctic Festival on the Family Fun Day on Sunday 28th August between on Hobarts stunning waterfront!

We also still have our Australian Sports Foundation (crowdfunding) platform is still active for those who want to make tax deductible donations—head here <https://asf.org.au/projects/ice-sports-tasmania-inc>

Keep watch on our socials for all the updates!

From our sports....

An update from **Amy** on the current focus for **FSAT**:

- FSAT Member Chloe Anderson competed at 'Crystal Challenge' this weekend at O'Brien Icehouse. Competing in the Artistic and Free Skating events in the Adult Silver Ladies division, Chloe placed 2nd and 7th respectively! We are so proud of Chloe and her achievements.
- Several figure skaters are joining the next IST group trip in August, all of whom are reporting they are also looking forward to getting back on the ice.



An update from **Sam** on the current focus for **IHT**:

- Local juniors are working towards the inline Nationals in September with many competing in an Inline Hockey Jamboree 27/28 August—we wish them a fabulous competition.



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AUGUST RAFFLE
\$5 per ticket
Raffle will be drawn 31st August 2022

1st Prize: Hobart Yachts Experience for 2 Adults - 3-hour skippered charter sailing on the Derwent River. Tasmanian Fare will be provided along with hot beverages (valued at \$320).

2nd Prize: Playhouse Theatre Tickets - 2 x Tickets to the **Last Resort** (October 21-29 2022)- Directed by Ingrid Ganley **or** a Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children) to the Pantomime **(Hansel & Gretel** 27 Nov, 2 Dec or 4 Dec). Donated by the Hobart Repertory Theatre Society (valued at \$100).

3rd Prize: Hyperdrive Prize Pack (valued at \$75).

4th Prize: Clarence Aquatic Centre Family Admission Pass (valued at \$21)

SPORTS IN FOCUS— celebrating another of our local athletes

Amy Pailthorpe is an accomplished figure skater, a strong, capable leader and much-loved role model to many aspiring athletes. This edition, we celebrate Amy's dedication, commitment to her sport, community and her achievements, which after 14 years (and 8yrs as a coach) include

- 2020 Adult Gold Ladies - Online National Competition - 1st Place
- 2019 Adult Gold Ladies - Australian National Championships - 1st Place
- 2018 Intermediate Ladies - Crystal Challenge - 1st Place
- 2019, 2020, and 2021 Adult Gold Ladies - Tasmanian State Championships - 1st Place
- 2016, 2017 and 2018 Intermediate Ladies - Tasmanian State Championships - 1st Place

What do you remember about your first time at a rink?

The first time I skated, I went with my sister. I absolutely loved it, even though I fell over about 10 times. I remember how tricky it was to begin with but then having a great sense of achievement by the end of the session when I was able to skate without holding onto the barrier.

What made you decide to compete in figure skating?

I watched my sister compete in her first figure skating competition, and just knew that I wanted to do that too. I loved how people could become a different character, use a range of emotions, and use skating elements on the ice to portray a story.

What made you decide to become a coach?

Ever since I started figure skating, I have had a huge passion for it. There is no better way to share my passion with others than becoming a coach. Seeing my students overcome the challenges of the sport is so rewarding. I love supporting my students to reach their goals.

As a dedicated figure skater and a key coach in figure skating, how are you coping/managing with no rink in Tassie?

Figure skating is a very unique sport, I am extremely passionate about it. Not having a facility in Tasmania to train, compete, and share my knowledge through coaching has been difficult.

Figure skating is my outlet of self-expression and my sport of choice. I also love sharing my passion with all ages and abilities through coaching. It is upsetting that I can no longer do this in Tasmania. Ice Sports Tasmania organising and raising funds for interstate trips has been fantastic to have the opportunity to skate and coach once a month. I am super grateful for this opportunity that they provide, but I am mindful it will become challenging to upkeep on a longer-term basis. One way in which that I have been able to keep figure skating alive in Tasmania, has been through coaching 'Off Ice' classes. It's been a great way to keep the community together, whilst also using skills that help skaters maintain fitness, and gain strength and flexibility to benefit skaters' on ice skills.

What will a full size ice rink mean for the future of figure skating in our State?

In the last few years prior to the closure of the Glenorchy Ice Rink, figure skating had grown significantly. We saw a great increase in participants of our learn to skate program. Having a new, Olympic sized facility will have a hugely positive impact on not only our current athletes, but our future athletes.

From a figure skating perspective, we will be on an equal playing field with other states, and have opportunities to host major figure skating competitions which we could not previously do.

Amy Pailthorpe—Tasmanian Figure Skater and Coach

