



**ICE SPORTS**

Tasmania

# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Edition 6 of Ice Sports Tasmania Inc.'s newsletter; your snapshot of activity occurring within and surrounding our local ice sports.

## 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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Right now, we are experiencing a difficult time. Our sports don't have a home and the future is uncertain. Despite this, one thing is clear. We will work through this and we will do it together (stronger together, right?!).

We know that many of you are working hard to adjust to life without your sports, and we are grateful to those who are reaching out to us, and to each other. IST have shared the main themes from your stories of impact (all deidentified of course) across to the Minister and his team. Your voices matter and are important that the impact of no rink is acknowledged.

Despite the challenges, a silver lining for the Tassie Ice Sports community is the generosity and support from so many people around us. We have a strong and supportive network of fellow athletes and organisations across Australia who are following our situation closely and offering to help where they can. Ice Sports matter to us on a local, State and National level. We even get messages of support and encouragement from Canada, UK and USA!



One of those resources/supporters is represented by Geoff Henke OA and Chair of the **Winter Olympic Institute of Australia**. In case you missed it in our socials, IST was honoured this week to receive an invitation to meet with Geoff and a range of specialists in rink design and operation. We are also thrilled that this invitation was equally extended to Hon. Nic Street (Minister for Sport, Tas Gov). What a fantastic opportunity for us to work together!

On July 2, Anna Holliday (President, IST) will represent our ice sports community at this meeting to learn as much as she can from Geoff's decades of practice based wisdom and the line up of subject matter experts about what it takes to design and operate a sustainable and successful ice sports arena. This is an invaluable opportunity to progress towards a strong and sustainable future for ice sports in Tasmania and we look forward to sharing the learnings with you.



Another of our superstar supporters this week is locally owned business **Z1 Spares Australia** who generously donated \$1010 to our new crowdfunding campaign to help our skaters who are travelling interstate! Thank you Z1 Spares Australia – we are so grateful.



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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.



IST has a range of strategies to support you whilst we are continuing to work towards an Olympic (full size) ice sports facility.

We know that each discipline (figure and hockey) is enjoying some fun local off-ice activities. This is an awesome way to stay connected to each other and to keep up

your strength and condition as an interim measure.

Similarly, there are a range of online resources that were developed during the earlier phases of the COVID pandemic specific for ice sports athletes to help maintain condition whilst people were isolating and couldn't access rinks. We encourage you to explore these too! Please let us know your favourite off-ice resource so we can share it in the next newsletter (team@icesportstasmania.com.au) .

Hands up if you are heading interstate to skate?

IST Inc. have a range of opportunities that might help you—please email us at [team@icesportstasmania.com.au](mailto:team@icesportstasmania.com.au) to get the specifics. Info sheets are tailored depending on whether you are heading for ice hockey or figure skating! Thanks to IST Inc. and our partners, these deals are exclusive to the Tasmanian Ice Sports community for the period of time that we are without a rink here in our state.



In addition to the discounted rates and rink arrangements, IST Inc. are also actively fundraising to help make the journey for our skaters less expensive. **ALL money raised from these activities will go directly to skaters.**

Want to help? Buy a ticket or make a donation!

**Winter Raffle** – drawn 26<sup>th</sup> June. Win yourself 2 nights accommodation in Melbourne, a Virgin or SkyBus voucher for just \$5 per ticket! Message us on [team@icesportstasmania.com.au](mailto:team@icesportstasmania.com.au) for your tickets (e-payment available)

**IST Inc. Crowd funding campaign** via the Australian Sports Foundation. Head here <https://asf.org.au/projects/ice-sports-tasmania-inc> to make your tax deductible donation.



Of course, you can also do our own fundraising—please check with your sporting Association first to ensure you are complying with any conditions they may have for individual athlete fundraising.

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thank you

## **This weeks Article in Focus is YOU—our community!**

In April 2022, IST Inc. invited our community to support a petition calling on the State Government to work with IST Inc., the private sector, and the community to build a new, full-sized ice rink in Tasmania.

With almost 1500 signatures your messages for government are clear and consistent. Tasmanians supported the call to action, with more than 600 people also adding free text responses.

The additional key messages from you are that a new, fit for purpose, full-sized ice sports facility will:

### **Be good for Tasmania and Australia**

- Important for many communities (e.g., sports associations, schools, and recreational groups) and future generations to learn to skate.
- Provides unique tourism opportunities, especially considering we are the southernmost state and the gateway to Antarctica.
- Ability to host competitions and bring spectators to Tasmania.
- Ice sports in Australia will be stronger if Tasmania is included.

### **Save our ice sports**

- Prevent athletes from having to travel/move interstate to pursue their sport or give up altogether.
- Put our current athletes on a level playing field with their mainland and international counterparts.
- Keep our current athletes on track to be future champions.

### **Provide a much-needed social and recreational activity all members of our community**

- Safe, entertaining, and recreational activity for families and people of all ages.
- Physical and mental health benefits associated with ice skating.
- Cultivation of sports other than ball sports. Not everyone wants to play AFL or basketball.
- Provides opportunity for people with various disabilities to participate in sport.

### **Allow for the growth of ice sports in Tasmania**

- Build it and they will come
- A new, purpose-built facility could provide opportunities for many more sports, such as curling, broomball and speed skating.

### **Responders also consistently commented that they**

- don't want to be the only state in Australia without an ice rink, or
- lose the history and tradition of ice skating in Tasmania.

THANK you for your support with this petition—and for your generosity of time to add the extra context to your motivations for supporting our call to action. The word cloud (shown on the next page) provides a graphic of the most used words in the free text within the petition responses.

