



**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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(FSAT representative)

WELCOME to the **19th 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.

365 Days  
52 Weeks  
12 Months  
**ONE** Year

This month marks **ONE YEAR** since our only rink was permanently closed.

In the lead up to the sale and consistently since, IST has represented your voices in a campaign to secure a new rink, and give our local and future ice hockey and figure skating a future.

Our Community Impact Survey (shared last newsletter) gave us important and valuable insights into how people are travelling now.

*We are driven and committed by your courage to share.*

*We hear and are responding to the difficulties you have described, and*

*We are grateful for your trust and desire for us to continue to represent you.*

**THANK you for your trust, honesty and support.**



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## NEW RINK NEWS...

As you may have seen on our socials, IST—alongside your reps from IHT and FSAT met with the Department of State Growth and the consultants for the Feasibility Study on Friday 21st April. As always, this was a warm and collaborative spirit—and was to inform us about the progress of the report. Here is the summary from State Growth to outline the information shared at the meeting.....

*“As you are aware Events Tasmania through the Department of State Growth is undertaking a feasibility study which will consider the economic viability and commercial opportunities of operating an ice rink within the state. A major focus of this has been around ensuring key stakeholders have the opportunity to provide input into the study. Events Tasmania has engaged Waypoint to assist them and to date we’ve provided them with participation data along with future facility needs and aspirations on behalf of our members. Waypoint and Events Tasmania thanked our members for their time and input and acknowledged the importance of gaining feedback from the Ice Sports community.*”

*The next steps are to build on the information that the Ice Sports community has provided and undertake a public survey that will look at sport and entertainment consumption more broadly in Tasmania. The survey will look at demand, frequency of use, type of use (recreation versus sport), preparedness to travel to any new facility and price sensitivities. A sample of 1 000 people aged 16+ have been identified for this public survey and it is anticipated this will be undertaken over the next two weeks. We wanted to let you know that this public survey is happening and due to the random nature of this survey you may or may not be contacted.”*

Both the government representatives and the independent consultants asked that we pass on their **gratitude for your contributions** to their learning throughout the Feasibility Project. They were clear that your voices and needs have been heard and incorporated into their work.

IST is confident they will continue to listen and acknowledge the profound need and commitment in our community to a new ice sports facility and a strong and robust future for our existing and future local ice sports.

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

This is a big project but is occurring within a collaborative relationship. IST is also appreciative of IHT and FSAT’s presence in these meetings, as we all work together to make every effort to assist and contribute to get the best outcome for our sports.

Stay tuned for the next steps!



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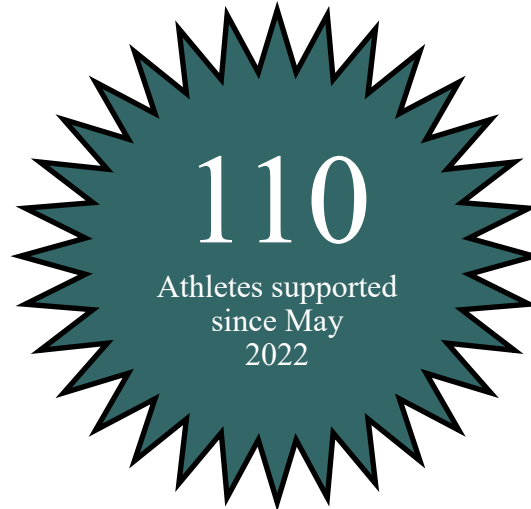
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## FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIP OFFER UPDATES



As we approach the 12 month anniversary of the Glenorchy rink closure, we want to take a moment to celebrate the enormous grit of our athletes, officials and the strength and resilience of our community. IST has fundraised hard over the past 12 months, and as a result has funded, via your generosity, **110 athlete journeys** to Melbourne, NSW and Adelaide to train and/or compete in **ice hockey and figure skating.** WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!

Safe to say, we have honed our BBQ, raffle and fundraising skills and are very proud of the positive difference we have been able to make in helping make trips interstate a little less burdon-some. Here are two new ways you can contribute to the skater grants!

**GO FUND ME :** During April, IST launched a Go Fund Me Campaign to reach new markets of people who may want to share their support by way of financial donations. Thank you to all of the generous people who have donated so far, we are very grateful. If you want to make a donation—which goes directly back to our athletes, please head [here](#) :)

### IST QUIZ NIGHT:

ICE SPORTS TASMANIA INC.  
QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY  
1ST JULY  
2023**

7PM  
THE DUKE  
HOTEL HOBART

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



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From **Amy** on the current focus for **Figure Skating Association of Tasmania**:

Once again several FSAT Members joined the April IST Group trip to the O'Brien Icehouse in Melbourne. These trips are increasingly busy with skaters enjoying hectic training schedules often training from before sunrise until well into the evening to make the most of the opportunity to spend time on the ice. They join in on Skate School lessons, attended figure sessions and have private coaching lessons in the ice—no doubt with many heading home with sore legs but happy hearts!

Several Members have made an exciting decision to enter an upcoming competition, so have been preparing new routines to perform. This is a brave and exciting moment, providing some helpful goals for the skaters to focus on as well as the opportunity to participate in competitions again (missing in many athlete and officials' calendars since early last year). The decision for these skaters to travel and compete together has strengthened the sense of connection to each other, to their sport but also to their interstate peers who are as encouraging as always!

Amy and Abby are increasing the off ice classes to keep our skaters fit and keep the community together.

FSAT have a Mothers Day Raffle with some fantastic prizes to be won! All proceeds from the raffle will go toward the delivery of local 'off ice' workshops to reduce costs for local skaters to attend. Tickets are on sale now, please contact FSAT if you are able to support and want your chance to win some of the amazing prizes on offer.

**FSAT thanks IST for their ongoing support to FSAT and its members.**



From **Mal** on the current focus for **Ice Hockey Tasmania**:

This month saw the board members of Ice Hockey Tasmania meet with the Department of State Growth and the consultants for an update on the feasibility study into a new ice sports facility here in Tasmania. Ice hockey Tasmania stands ready to continue to provide any support required in the hard work that is being completed in this feasibility study and we look forward to the next steps.

On the ice we had several juniors in attendance at high performance development camps interstate in Victoria growing their skills, game sense and experience with world class coaches.

Off the ice we had ice sport athletes representing different clubs at the Inline Hockey Australian Club Championships in Moe, Victoria. Tasmania had representatives in every competitive division with a very special mention to the Division 3 Rink Runners inline hockey team coming away with some silver hardware for their efforts.

