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STRATEGIC PLAN

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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.



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Our strengths

- A strong **commitment** to securing appropriate (accessible, safe, contemporary) facilities to enable recreation and competitive ice sports in our State.
- **Passion** and **determination** to advance ice sports development in Tasmania.
- A **collaborative** approach to supporting, and where appropriate **representing** Tasmanian ice sport athletes who perform at elite levels interstate and overseas.
- A commitment to supporting members with **open communication, integrity** and **transparency**.
- Our Board recognise and **value inclusivity, embrace diversity** and hold a complimentary collective wisdom. We are ice sports participants and sports administrators. We also have expertise in community development and business management.
- It is hoped that forming Ice Sports Tasmania will illuminate the **strong local connections** to ice sports, and **leverage these assets** to **collaborate** to achieve practical and timely resolutions to secure a future for ice sports.



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Our challenges

- Tasmania's *only* (privately owned) ice rink is for sale and at risk of being repurposed.
- If the current rink is sold and repurposed, this will effectively end ice sports in Tasmania. This will leave social and competitive athletes with no future pathway, forcing elite athletes and coaches to consider interstate relocation to pursue their careers.
- Despite an initial advocacy campaign from the existing sporting bodies, there is no indication that State Government or councils are planning to purchase the existing rink, or fund the development of a new facility.
- Tasmania is the only State that does not have a full-sized ice sports facility.
- Building a new rink is time consuming and there are no local grants or investors currently identified to assist.
- Even if it has longevity (via sale or otherwise), there are a series of challenges with the existing rink. Primarily these relate to the facility's
 - Small size (it is only one third the size of a full rink – significantly disadvantaging athletes)
 - Poor condition (impacting on its accessibility, quality of the ice surface and presenting regular and significant safety risks).



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Our strategies

- To lobby government (local, state and federal) to support and/or build (i.e. grant land and/or funding) a full-sized, contemporary ice sports facility in Tasmania.

This strategy includes a need to investigate temporary ice rink solutions to sustain ice sports in case the Glenorchy Ice Rink is re-purposed, whilst the longer-term solution is realised.

- To increase the numbers of ice sports participants in Tasmania.
- To source grant, philanthropic or sponsorship opportunities as required to strengthen and further develop ice sports in Tasmania.
- To promote skating programs, including learn to skate.
- To act as a representative body for the shared goals across Tasmania's ice sport communities, including liaison with interstate and National ice sports groups.



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Ethics statement

- 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.



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