



**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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Thank you for your warm and positive feedback about this newsletter! We are back with Edition 3 updating you on news about our future ice sports facility, thanking you for checking in on your teammates and fellow skaters, and sharing some opportunities for you to stay connected and to get onto some ice!

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Any news about the big rink?

The Tasmanian State Budget was released to the public on Thursday, without any explicit mention of ice sports or a new facility for us to play, train and compete locally. However, IST is choosing to focus on last week's written commitment from Minister Street that he and his team have a genuine intention and commitment to find a rink solution and secure a future for ice hockey and figure skating in Tasmania.

What's more, Minister Street's statement reiterated his commitment to work alongside IST to keep us (which means you) updated throughout the process. This consultation is to ensure that any future facility will match the needs of our community and be 'fit for purpose' for your much-loved sports.

### Are you ok?

It's now a week since our rink closed. We have had many people reaching out for a quiet chat, debrief and/or to ask questions again this week. This is great and we remain open to your calls, messages and emails.

We also want to acknowledge that the emotional reaction to the closure of the rink has been different for everyone. There have been a range of emotions, and for many this situation has been a very difficult experience. We encourage you to reach out for support – and of course, check in on your mates to stay connected and look after each other. Head here ([www.ruok.org.au](http://www.ruok.org.au)) for extra support and tips for these check-in conversations.



Send your questions and suggestions to [team@icesportstasmania.com.au](mailto:team@icesportstasmania.com.au)



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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.

## New Friends of IST Inc. and Tassie Skaters

This week, we are excited to introduce you to our new friends at O'Brien Icehouse!

**Mark Hochmann** (Programs Director and Senior Figure Skating Coach) and **Matt Armstrong** (Hockey Academy Director) of O'Brien Icehouse are pictured here with



IST Inc. President, Anna Holliday. They have asked us to pass on their **warmest welcome to Tassie skaters O'Brien Icehouse.** Also, Mark, Matt and their teams have put together some exciting deals for Tassie skaters to help you feel "at home" at their facility whilst we wait for our own new rink here in Tassie.

Get in touch with us to learn more— [team@icesportstasmania.com.au](mailto:team@icesportstasmania.com.au)

## The Last Lap photos

Thank you [Sophia Bender films](#) for the fantastic and often emotional moments you captured in your images at The Last Lap events. Over 5000 images were captured and have now been shared to those who registered their email address. If you forgot—it's not too late, send us your preferred email address and we'll get it sorted!.

## Interstate trips to stay connected to your sports



Last week, we invited expressions of interest from members of IHT and FSAT who are keen to explore interstate trips to remain connected to their sports and each other.

We have been overwhelmed by the interest but are not surprised by your determination and commitment to your sports! We know how much these sports mean to you, and are trying to find ways to help get you some affordable ice time (hence the deals with O'Brien Icehouse!).

This week, IST Inc. will meet with all interested parties—its not too late to express an interest (email Kirra at [team@icesportstasmania.com.au](mailto:team@icesportstasmania.com.au) ). Remember, expressing an interest does not mean that you are committed. However, it does mean that you can access more information to make your decisions about affordability and you can see the vast range of options we are generating for you.

**Keep an eye out** for a special deal from **O'Brien Icehouse Hockey Academy** for a generous Tassie skater discount to the Junior Academy Holiday program in July 2022.