



SKATING IS FUN FOR EVERYONE

FROM THE ISA BOARD

Welcome to the first edition of the quarterly ISA newsletter. We look forward to sharing with you successes and stories from our ice skating rinks around the country as well as exciting events and opportunities for everyone to get involved in. It has been a busy start to the year including the Annual General Meeting for ISA, which was held in Brisbane on Sunday, April 25. For more information on the AGM [click here](#).



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ISA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ISA are thrilled to announce that this year's National Championships will be held from Thursday 25 November to Thursday 2 December at the Icehouse in Melbourne (Synchronized Skating Practices starting on Wednesday, November 24). We have also partnered with the Toga Hospitality Group to offer ice skaters and their family's fantastic accommodation options close by to the Docklands. For more information on both the amazing Icehouse facilities and the different accommodation options [click here](#).

WINTER FESTIVAL EXPECTS TO ATTRACT 400,000 VISITORS

This Winter ISA will partner with the Winter Festival Group to showcase Australia's up-and-coming ice-skating talent within the magnificently decorated outdoor winter wonderlands taking place in Sydney CBD, Bondi Beach and Melbourne CBD. An outdoor cinema featuring classic winter movies and snow action films will add to the entertainment, and visitors will be tempted with delicious traditional alpine delights from around the globe such as apple strudel, roasted chestnuts and Gluhwein. For more information about the event [click here](#).



A SUCCESSFUL AUSSIE SKATE™ START



More than half of the country's rinks have signed up for the new Aussie Skate™ Program with four more rinks expected to launch the Program by mid-year. Over 2,000 Aussie Skaters have been registered since the start of the year and all skate schools are reporting increased interest since the Vancouver Olympics. For more information [click here](#).



Joanne Carter, 1998 and 2002 Olympian and star of Holiday on Ice was the guest coach at Liverpool Catholic Club for the Sharpen Your Edge holiday camp. Gloria Pracey and Barbara Clark also coached the enthusiastic young skaters at Liverpool as well as drama coach Sarah Foukas and Liverpool Catholic Club Gym coaches Leanne, Laura and Pete.

FOR TOGA HOSPITALITY ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS FOR NATIONALS

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STARS SHINE BRIGHT IN BRISBANE

For the past year, the ISQ "Stars" programme has given skaters (Aussie Skate™ to Elementary 1) the opportunity to gain extra strength, skills, knowledge and inspiration. Most importantly, Stars has built amazing camaraderie and friendships between skaters of different ages, coaches and skating levels.

"Stars" skaters are also given the opportunity to attend holiday day camps where they learn everything from nutrition and goal-setting to honing their on-ice skills and strength.

The "Stars" programme developed as the next step out of the ISA Aussie Skate™ programme has dramatically increased the number of Ice Skating Queensland (ISQ) cadet members by over 200% in the past year and is supported and subsidized by ISQ as part of its commitment to the promotion of ice figure skating in Queensland and Australia.

For more information on the ISQ "Stars" programme [click here](#).