



ISCNSW NEWSLETTER



FROM THE CHAIR



On behalf of the Board of the Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink Co-operative, I'd like to wish all our members, skaters, coaches, volunteers and supporters a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

It's been a busy year for the Co-op. Your Board meets monthly and is working very well together to support the long-term future of the rink and our community. We're grateful for the trust you place in us and for the many ways you contribute – on and off the ice.

Looking ahead to 2026, we'd like to deepen our conversation with members. If you have questions about the Co-op, the Board's work, or the future of the rink, we'd love to hear from you. Please send your questions to Secretary@canterburyolympicicerink.org.au. We'll select a number of questions to answer in our newsletter so everyone can benefit from the shared information.

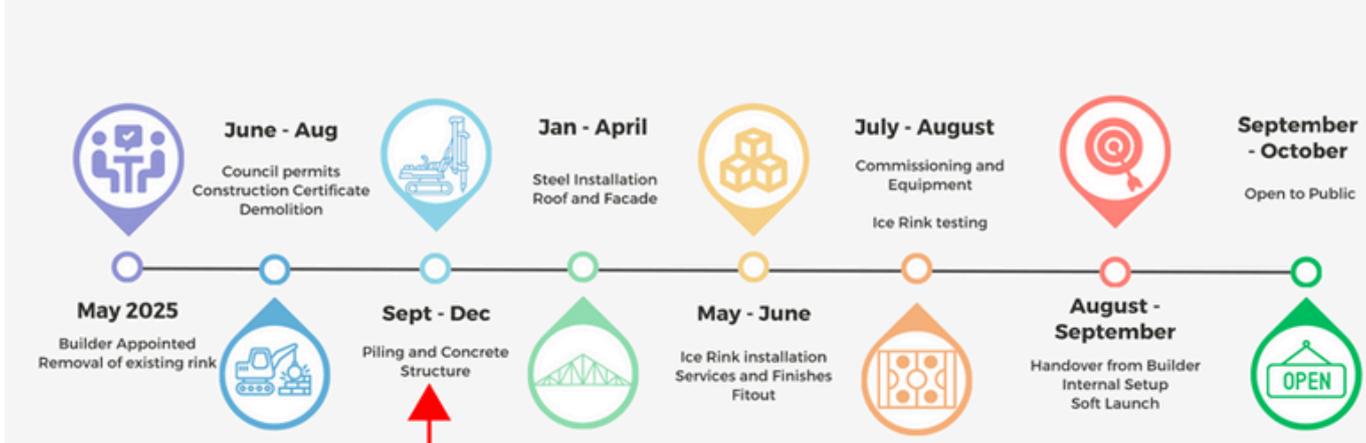
Thank you again for your ongoing support. Wishing you and your families a safe and joyful festive season.

Alexander Allan



PROJECT UPDATE

ROADMAP TO OPENING - ADVISED TO COOP. MAY 2025



Demolition is now substantially complete, clearing the way for full construction activity.

In-ground works are well underway, with all piling works finished.

In-ground drainage installation has commenced, marking an important step in preparing the site for vertical construction.

In-ground structure for the grandstand is progressing steadily, providing the foundations for the new spectator facilities.

The project remains on track with the originally forecast opening date of September–October 2026, as advised at the AGM in May 2025. With demolition, excavation and in-ground structural works now complete, we have worked through a significant portion of the construction risk associated with known and unknown contamination in the area.

The next major milestones are the completion of all concrete structure, erection of the structural steel, and installation of the roof and perimeter walls to make the facility weather tight. This phase is programmed to be completed by approximately the end of April 2026.

Major Fabrication Updates

- Structural steel is currently in fabrication in China, with delivery to site scheduled for early January.
- The dasher board design has been approved, and fabrication has commenced in Canada. Delivery to Australia is expected in March.
- Refrigeration pipework is also in fabrication in Canada, with arrival similarly expected in March.



Approvals

- The second stage of the Construction Certificate (CC2), covering internal services and fit out for the areas not included in the previous stage, is well progressed and expected to be approved imminently.
- A minor DA has been approved by Canterbury–Bankstown Council to allow the removal of an additional tree that was impinging on the DA footprint. Although originally proposed for removal, the Planning Panel required it to remain in the initial approval. To avoid delays, the approach was taken to progress the major works first and seek the tree removal under a separate application, which has now been successfully granted.

Site Access & Staging

The Rink Builder has now taken possession of the full extent of Little Tasker Park and has removed the existing playground at no cost to the rink. This additional area provides greater room for staging, storage and the safe, efficient flow of works throughout construction.

It has been agreed that the Builder will remediate the park area and re-turf it before handover back to Council. Once complete, Council will be able to proceed with the Overflow Car Park works, which are required for the opening of the new Aquatic Centre.

We are pleased with the steady progress and remain focused on keeping works moving safely and efficiently. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm as we move closer to delivering the new facility for our community.

PROGRESS

- Civil works completed and change room area fully excavated.
- Piling works completed.
- Grandstand ground slab half poured.
- Stormwater connection completed.
- CIMCO refrigeration pipework being manufactured - due for shipping in December.
- Dasher boards shop drawings received.
- CC2 design received and being reviewed.
- Steel structure shop drawings.
- Preparation for pouring the ground floor slab to change rooms.

UPCOMING

- Grandstand structure - blockwork walls, forming up the steps.
- Inground plumbing to change rooms.
- Ground floor slab to change rooms.
- Construction Certificate 2 received for rest of the works.
- Shipping of CIMCO trench header pipework from Canada.
- Manufacture of the dasher boards.
- Steel structure fabrication.
- Ausgrid design approval for the permanent power.





BEREAVEMENT

VALE: John Brown (1924–2025)

Sad news for the ice skating community with the passing of John Brown, a major contributor to Australian ice sports, who passed away on 27 September 2025 at the age of 101.



John was one of three founding directors of the Ice Skating Club of NSW Cooperative Ltd, which established the Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink—widely regarded as the most impressive rink initiative in Australian skating history.

A builder by trade, he played a central role in turning the cooperative vision into reality and later served as Chairman of the Board. John was “conscripted” by Marcel Doolan and John Coulthard to assist in organising the Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink Cooperative. His practical skills, determination, and leadership proved invaluable.

Reflecting on the project years later, John described Canterbury as the most demanding undertaking of his life:

“There every day during the last six months, and a lot of nights as well, using my builder gear, plus oxy and electric welding, and perspiration. Syd Croll and the local skating association said it would never get off the ground. They were wrong.”

More than fifty years after opening, the cooperative is still reinvesting year after year into its skaters and ice sports community.

His contribution to the Club’s history and development has been significant, and he will be remembered with deep gratitude and respect.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to our Chairman Alex and his wife, skating coach Liz, welcoming Arthur James Allan;
5/11/2025 at 12:44am;
3.31kg



IN HOUSE CLUB UPDATE

Sydney Figure Skating Club

SFSC had some great results at our recent National championships in Brisbane, and congratulations to all for your wonderful achievements.

- Junior Women: **Aaliyah Medina** – 5th
- Adv Novice Ladies: **Maddison Qin** – 7th
- Basic Novice Men: **Franco Wong** – 3rd
- Adv Novice Solo Dance: **Emily Zhuo** – 4th
- Synchronised: **Majestic Ice Adv Adult** – 1st, **Majestic Ice Junior** – 3rd, and **Team Unity Senior** – 1st. Team Unity also qualified to represent Australia at the **2026 World Championships** in April in Austria. Well done TU!

SFSC would also like to congratulate pairs team **Anastasiia Golubeva & Hektor Giotopoulos Moore** and dance team **Holly Harris & Jason Chan** for qualifying for the **2026 Winter Olympics**. We are so proud and wish you all the very best for the upcoming games!

Canterbury Ice Hockey Club

CIHC had representation in the following grades for 2025 season:-

- 2025 Senior Division 2 Grand Final – **Canterbury Falcons Champions**
- 2025 Senior Division 3 – **Canterbury Penguins**
- 2025 Senior Division 4 – **Canterbury Eagles 4**
- 2025 IHNSW Women's Grand Final – **Canterbury Eagles Silver**

Sydney Arrows Ice Racing Club

Five skaters represented the club at Nationals in Melbourne during October, delivering several notable performances.

- Junior E Women – 1st place **Hyobynn Ahn**, 2nd place **Maya Elise**
- Senior Men – **Aidan Shearer-Hawkins** 2nd place

Adding to the success, Head Coach **Scott Weeke** was nominated by the AOC, IOC, and ISU for the International Coach Enrichment Certificate Program, supported by Olympic Solidarity.