



**CANTERBURY
OLYMPIC ICE RINK**

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FROM THE CHAIR



Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink Redevelopment

The redevelopment project has reached an important milestone with design finalisation now underway and demolition activities progressing on site. The removal of the solar panels and commencement of roof sheet removal mark visible steps forward in preparing the facility for its transformation.

We are pleased to confirm that Canterbury-Bankstown Council has granted an extension to the Little Tasker Park licensed area, which will support the efficient delivery of the new rink. While recent heavy rainfall has impacted progress and will extend the overall timeline, the project remains well supported, with funding assistance from the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants (WSIG) program.

This redevelopment is a significant investment in the future of ice sports and the wider community, and we look forward to providing further updates as works continue.

Q&A WITH DIRECTOR GEORGIE REILLY



Skating Journey

Q - When did you first start skating, and what inspired you to begin?

A - I first began skating when I was 4 - my big brother had started skating, and of course I had to try and keep up! It helped that the ice rink was down the road from our house, but for as long as I can remember, I always wanted to skate!

Q - Which rink did you train at, and how many days a week were you on the ice?

A - I trained at Narrabeen ice rink when I was younger, and then I moved to Macquarie when Narrabeen closed. When I started skating synchro, I skated at Canterbury. I was skating 5 days a week by the time I hit primary school.

Q - Did you compete, and if so, what was the highest level you reached?

A - I competed in both singles and synchronised ice skating. I reached Junior as a singles skater, winning NSW State Championships. In synchro, I have skated at multiple World Championships.

Q - When did you begin coaching, and at which rink?

A - I began coaching in 2009 at Canterbury.

Q - What do you enjoy most about coaching?

A - When I am coaching, all of life's problems are forgotten, I am completely absorbed in the moment. I learn as much from the skaters as I hope they learn from me, and I love seeing the sense of achievement in skaters when they master a skill they've been working hard at achieving!

Q - Do you have other work or interests outside of coaching?

A - To be honest, coaching takes up a lot of my weekend time at the moment - but outside of coaching, my day job is a lawyer in corporate law. When I'm not working, I'm spending time with family and friends, or catching up on sleep!

Family Life

Q - You're married and have children—what ages are they, and do you think they might skate in the future?

A - I have a son, he's almost 9, and we have been skating a few times and he's been to an AIHL hockey game. I'm not sure skating is in his future, despite my repeated suggestions!

Board Involvement

Q - When did you join the board, and what motivated you to get involved in this role?

A - I joined the Board in 2024. It was my time to give back to Canterbury. The Board had already done an incredible job securing the WSIG, but now the next challenge was upon us. Building the rink! This was always going to take a mammoth effort, and I felt that I could assist from both a legal and skating background to help bring Canterbury back to life!

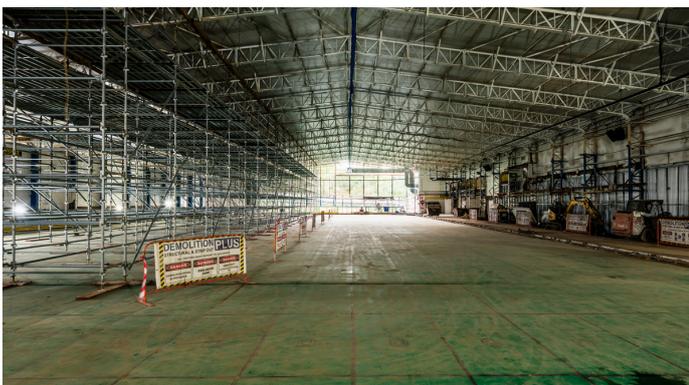
GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY



What an amazing turnout for our Ground Breaking Ceremony!

We are grateful to have had Sophie Cotsis MP, Kylie Wilkinson MP, Mayor Bilal El-Hayek (CBC), Deputy Mayor Cllr Karl Saleh, the COIR Board, Olympians Stephen Carr, Danielle McGrath, Greg Merriman and Danielle O'Brien as well as our cooperative members and club representatives join us for this special occasion.

After the speeches, everyone was invited on a short tour of the rink – an exciting moment for all as we caught a glimpse of what's to come. We are looking forward to the next stage of this incredible journey!



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