

## **Curling Australia Thanks Outgoing Chair Laurie Weeden for Outstanding Contribution**

**Released 27 August 2025** - Curling Australia today acknowledges and thanks outgoing Chair, Laurie Weeden, for her exceptional service and leadership. Laurie has contributed to the governance of curling in Australia since 2012, first through the Australian Curling Federation executive committee and later with Curling Australia following its transition in 2024. After returning in 2019, she was elected President at the 2023 AGM and continued through the transition as Curling Australia's inaugural Chair until 2025.

During her tenure, Laurie played an instrumental role in positioning Curling Australia for future growth and shaping its long-term strategy. Her leadership has been central to strengthening the governance framework and establishing robust, transparent structures that will sustain the sport's expansion in the years ahead.

Her contribution extended well beyond governance, with a strong focus on athlete development, pathways, and team performance. She played a key role in the appointment of Australia's first full-time Head Coach, working closely with stakeholders to achieve this significant development for the sport, and in facilitating and supporting the Australian Mixed Doubles team's journey on the international stage as they work towards qualification for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Reflecting on her time as Chair, Laurie said:

*"I am proud of the way this Board has worked together to establish strong foundations for Curling Australia, putting in place clear policies and frameworks to guide decision-making. Reaching key milestones in our transition to a company limited by guarantee has been an important step, and I look forward to seeing Curling Australia move into the next chapter."*

Laurie will continue to support the Curling Australia Board during this transition period and contribute to key projects. The Board extend their heartfelt thanks to Laurie for her immense contribution and commitment.

The appointment of a new Board Chair will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

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### **About Curling Australia:**

*Curling Australia is the governing body that leads, develops, and promotes the sport of Curling in Australia. We aid and support the individual Member States and their grassroots endeavours to advance Curling whilst providing a pathway for curlers to compete at National and International events, including the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.*

*Curling Australia is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion within our organisation and is a child safe organisation and has a zero-tolerance policy to child abuse and neglect in any form. We encourage individuals of all backgrounds and experiences to become involved with Curling in Australia.*

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