

Curling Australia Welcomes New Chair and Strengthens Leadership Team

Released 4 September 2025 – Curling Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of **Hamish Lorrain-Smith** as Chair of the Board. Hamish first began working with the Board in November 2023 as a governance advisor before being appointed as a Director in June 2024. He brings with him extensive experience in governance, business and a lifelong connection to curling.

Reflecting on his appointment, Hamish said:

"I am honoured to take on the role of Chair of the Board of Curling Australia. Curling has been part of my life from a young age in Scotland to now in Australia, and I have seen first-hand the tireless work of our Member States to grow the sport at grassroots level."

As Chair, my focus is on strong governance, building close relationships with our Member States, and supporting our leaders in high performance and infrastructure. As an organisation, we are laying the foundation for Australian curling to thrive on the world stage as we look ahead to Milano Cortina 2026 and the French Alps in 2030."

To support the organisation's continued growth, the Board has confirmed the appointment of two senior management positions:

- **Laurie Weeden** will assume the role of **Director – High Performance Projects**, continuing her long-standing contribution to the sport with a focus on shaping Curling Australia's long-term high-performance strategy. The role will also support athlete pathway initiatives and national team planning, laying the groundwork for sustained international success.
- **Hugh Millikin** has been appointed to the newly established role of **Director – Infrastructure and Strategic Partnerships**. A former Vice-President and Board Director of World Curling, Hugh will lead engagement with key stakeholders and support the broader vision for a dedicated curling facility in Australia.

These appointments represent an important milestone in Curling Australia's growth and reflect the organisation's commitment to building a strong governance framework, enhancing athlete support, and advancing long-term strategic priorities.

For more information, visit www.curling.org.au or contact: secretary@curling.org.au

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 State Associations 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 applications from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences.