

## World Curling Congress 2025 Held on the Gold Coast

Released 10 September 2025 - The World Curling Congress 2025 took place on the Gold Coast this past week, bringing together representatives from 46 Member Associations for a full program of meetings, presentations, and cultural experiences.

The Congress was organised through the outstanding efforts of Hugh Millikin, who personally took responsibility for planning and delivering the event. His dedication ensured delegates experienced both a seamless Congress and the warmth of Australian hospitality, all guided by the themes of 'Inspire, Connect, Ignite'.

During the week, Hugh was supported by volunteers from the curling community, including Carolyn Swan and Steve Johns, whose contributions were formally recognised by World Curling President Beau Welling alongside Hugh's outstanding leadership.

Congress highlights included a keynote from Ian Chesterman, President of the Australian Olympic Committee, who spoke on the promotion of winter sports in connection with the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. The sessions also covered updates on governance, competition standards, funding, technology, and case studies from Member Associations preparing for the Games.



Photo L to R: Hugh Millikin, Carolyn Swan and Steve Johns with recognition from World Curling. Photo credit: World Curling

Curling Australia was officially represented at the Congress by Carlee Millikin (female representative) and John Anderson (male representative). In addition, several members of the Curling Australia Board attended in support of the event, continuing to strengthen connections with Member Associations around the world.

Curling Australia is proud to have had representation at this global gathering, which plays an important role in growing the sport both in Australia and around the world. The organisation extends its sincere thanks to Hugh for taking on the responsibility of organising the Congress, and to those who volunteered their time throughout the week to ensure its success.



Photos L to R: Curling Australia Board Chair, Hamish Lorrain-Smith, presents certificates to Carlee Millikin (left photo) and John Anderson (right photo) in appreciation of their voluntary service throughout the Olympic and Paralympic quadrennial as Curling Australia's female and male representative at World Curling meetings.

### **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 be involved with Curling in Australia.*

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