

Curling Australia Signals Intent to Pursue Dedicated Curling Facility

Released 24 September 2025 – Curling Australia has signalled its intent to pursue a dedicated curling facility on Australian soil as part of its long-term Olympic and Paralympic ambitions.

To support this goal, Curling Australia has appointed Hugh Millikin to the role of Director – Infrastructure and Strategic Partnerships, as part of broader leadership changes earlier this month.

This direction aligns with Curling Australia's goals in performance development, participation growth, and future infrastructure needs.

The sport has achieved international success despite access to a purpose-built curling venue in Australia. The Mixed Doubles team of Tahli Gill and Dean Hewitt, Australia's first Olympic curlers at Beijing 2022, recently won a historic bronze medal at the 2025 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships. The pair continue to train and compete primarily overseas in the absence of local curling infrastructure.

"A purpose-built curling facility will leave a lasting legacy for our athletes and for future generations of curlers," said Hamish Lorrain-Smith, newly elected Chair of Curling Australia. *"It's an essential step towards building opportunities to grow, compete and connect through the sport."*

Initial engagement with key stakeholders is underway, with the aim of initiating progress during the next Olympic and Paralympic quadrennial. While no formal announcements are being made at this stage, the creation of a dedicated role underscores Curling Australia's commitment to realising this future goal.

Curling Australia welcomes conversations with stakeholders who share this vision.

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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