

## Australia Claims Historic First World Mixed Doubles Gold Medal in Geneva

2 May 2026 - Curling Australia proudly acknowledges a historic milestone, with Tahli Gill and Dean Hewitt securing Australia's first ever World Mixed Doubles Gold medal at the 2026 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship in Geneva, Switzerland.

This achievement represents a significant moment for curling in Australia and has been shared widely across the community, with supporters following closely and taking pride in the team's performance on the world stage.

The result marks Australia's best ever finish at the event and builds on the pair's bronze medal success at the 2025 World Championship in Fredericton, Canada.

Gill and Hewitt entered the tournament among the world's strongest combinations and delivered throughout the week, topping their round robin group and progressing through the semi-finals. In the semi-final, they defeated Italy's Stefania Constantini and Amos Mosaner in an extra end, the same pairing that claimed bronze at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. They then advanced to compete for gold in a World Championship final for the first time, facing Sweden's Therese Westman and Robin Ahlberg, where they finished with the Gold medal.

The championship was staged alongside the World Senior Men's and World Senior Women's Championships, with the Australian environment in Geneva strengthened by teammates, friends and family supporting the pair throughout the event. Back home, the wider Australian curling community followed closely, sharing in the experience and the pride of seeing an Australian team compete at this level on the world stage.

Curling Australia Chair Hamish Lorrain-Smith said, "This is an exceptional achievement and one that every person connected with curling in Australia should be proud of. Tahli and Dean have again lifted the standard of what is possible for our sport. To move from bronze last year to Gold this year, while competing against the very best nations in the world, is outstanding. They have represented Australia brilliantly and inspired our whole community. We also recognise the contribution of the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia and the Australian Olympic Committee, whose ongoing support enables our athletes to compete and perform internationally."



*Front: Mixed Doubles gold medallists Tahli Gill and Dean Hewitt  
Back: Lisa Rogerson and Perry Marshall; Photo: World Curling*

National Head Coach Perry Marshall said, “It’s a result that reflects not just their performance on the ice, but the work and commitment behind it. They’ve earned this and it’s great to see it resonate with people back home as well.”

Dean Hewitt was also recognised with the event’s Most Valuable Player award, shared with Sweden’s Therese Westman, further highlighting the impact of the team’s performance across the week.

Curling Australia congratulates the athletes, National Head Coach Perry Marshall, Performance Enhancement Consultant Lisa Rogerson, the Victorian Institute of Sport and Queensland Academy of Sport, who support both athletes across the program, along with the wider performance and support team who have contributed to this achievement.

This result marks another important step in the continued progression of Australian curling and highlights what is possible through sustained commitment, alignment and support across the program.

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