

## Tasmanian Athlete of The Year

On Wednesday evening at Princes Wharf 1, the TIS hosted a special cocktail function, supported by 7Tasmania, celebrating the 2022 Tasmanian Athlete of the Year and the Tasmania Sporting Hall of Fame.

Georgia Baker was announced as the 2022 Tasmanian Athlete of the Year.

The award recognises outstanding performances at the international level, contribution to the athlete's sport and contribution to the Tasmanian community.

The finalists for the 2022 Tasmanian Athlete of the Year were:

- Georgia Baker (cycling)
- Josh Beltz (hockey)
- Eddie Ockenden (hockey)
- Ariarne Titmus (swimming)
- Matthew Wade (cricket)
- Henry Youl (rowing)

It's been a remarkable year for Georgia, having achieved the following results:

- Three gold medals at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games in the Teams Pursuit, 25km Points Race and Road Race. The Australian Team set a new Commonwealth Games record in the Teams Pursuit.
- A bronze medal at the 2022 World Road Championships in the Teams Time Trial and an eighth place finish in the Individual Time Trial.
- Two fourth place finishes in the Teams Pursuit and Madison at the 2022 World Track Championships.



## Tasmanian Sporting Hall of Fame

Tasmanian athletics star Tristan Thomas has been inducted into the Tasmanian Sporting Hall of Fame.

Tristan enjoyed a successful career on the track as a five-time Australian National Champion in the 400m Hurdles.

Between 2004 and 2013, Tristan was selected in nine Australian teams competing at the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games, 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games and World Cup, 2007 World University Games, 2009 World Championships and World University Games, 2011 World Championships, 2012 London Olympic Games and 2013 World Championships.

With his induction, the number of members in the Tasmanian Sporting Hall of Fame is now 140.

The Tasmanian Sporting Hall of Fame gallery is located at the Silverdome, in Launceston. [Details of the members of the Sporting Hall of Fame can also be found on the Sport & Recreation website.](#)



## Eddie Ockenden Achieves 400 Games Milestone

In game two of the five game Test Series vs India being held in Adelaide, the Kookaburras ensured Eddie's 400th international game would be memorable and matched the magnitude of this occasion as they defeated India 7-4.

This is the first time the 400th game milestone has been achieved by an Australian hockey player and he joins a small elite group of international players to have achieved this goal and is now the seventh player in history to reach this mileage. Eddie continues to be the Kookaburras games record holder.

It was a proud achievement for Eddie and his family, friends and former teammates who were on hand to witness the historic occasion.

A member of the TIS since 2004, the TIS congratulates Eddie on reaching such a fantastic milestone and we look forward to watching Eddie as he continues to strive for selection to Paris 2024.

**Photo:** Australian Kookaburras

**Image:** Hockey Australia



## Hockey

The Oceania Junior World Cup qualifiers will see the Jillaroos and Burras versus New Zealand in Canberra from 8-11 December. Maddison Brooks, Evie Dalton and Josh Brooks will represent the Jillaroos and Burras respectively. TIS Head Hockey Coach Tim Strapp, will also attend as the Assistant Coach to the Jillaroos. This is an important part of the preparation for Junior World Cup to be held in December 2023.

The Kookaburras are mid-way through their five-match series against India in Adelaide. Josh Beltz, Eddie Ockenden and Jack Welch are members of the 23-man squad who so far have won two of the three matches played. With two matches to go the series is evenly placed.

Match 1 - Australia 5 v India 4

Match 2 - Australia 7 v India 4

Match 3 - Australia 3 v India 4

The remaining two games of the series will be played on the 3 & 4 December.

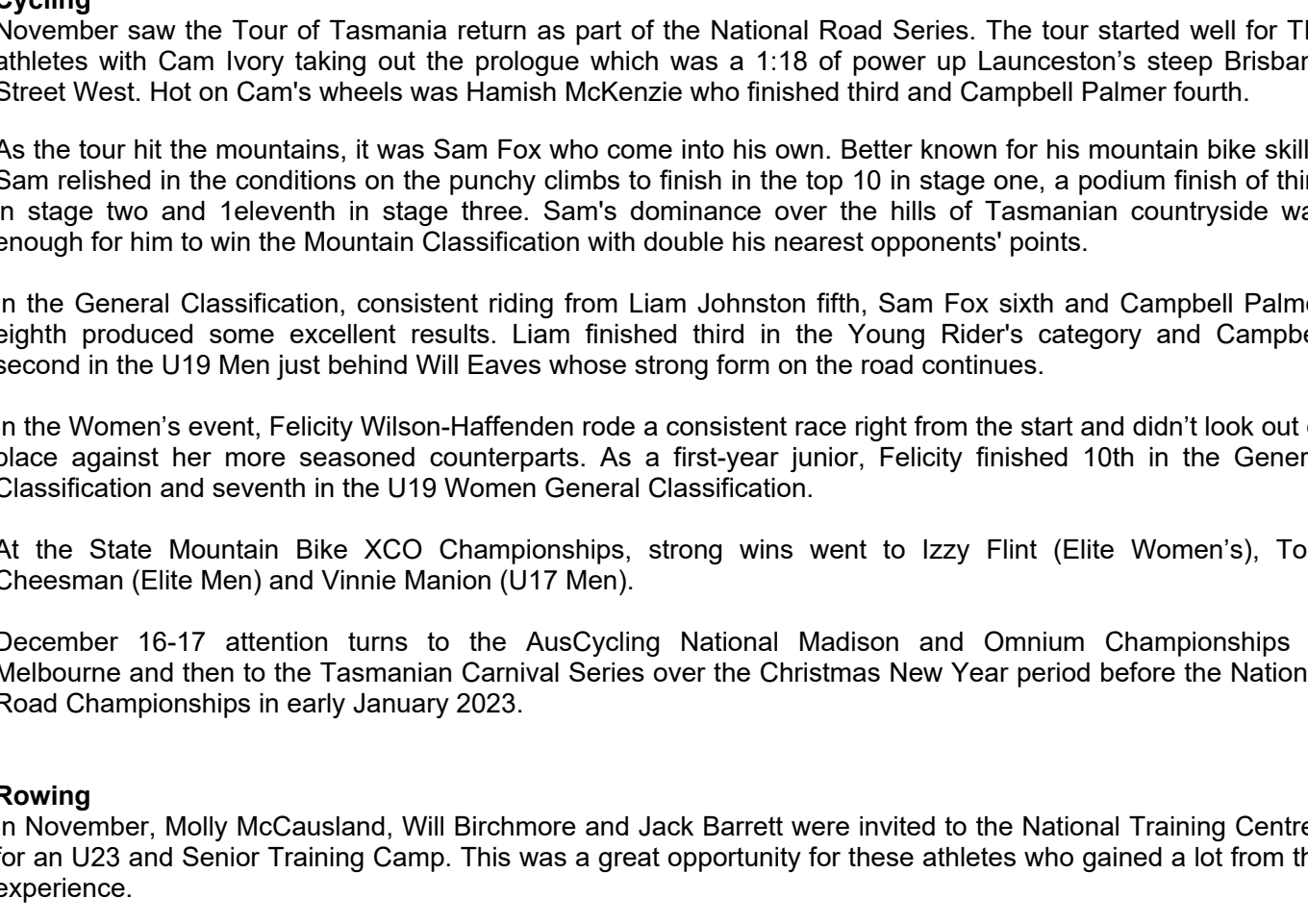
### Foodbank

Hockey program athletes and staff volunteered their time at Foodbank on 21 November. Engagement in the community is an important aspect of the hockey program with athletes' conscious of supporting members of the community who are less advantaged.

Foodbank is Australia's largest food relief organisation feeding and supporting vulnerable Australians.

Foodbank provides more than 70% of the food rescued for food relief organisations nation-wide.

The TIS Hockey Program commenced the volunteer program last year and volunteer at the Princess Wales Bay site on a quarterly basis.



## Sport Program Activities

### Athletics

Stewart McSweyn won the Invitation International Road Mile event in Japan for the second year in a row in a comfortable time of 4:00.00. Stewart now turns his focus to preparing for the Tasmania Carnivals at Christmas and more notably, the World Cross Country in February 2023 in Bathurst, NSW.

Sam Clifford competed in the Western Australia 10K Championship finishing second with a time of 31:04.00.

Upcoming events will see athletes compete in:

- National Relay Camp, Brisbane 8-11 December – Jacob Despard
- Zatopek 3000M, Melbourne 15 December – Alexander Kwa
- Tasmanian Christmas Carnivals, Burnie, Hobart, Devonport, Launceston 17-31 December – Stewart McSweyn, Deon Kenzie, Jack Hale, Jacob Despard, Jagga Pybus and Sam Clifford

### Cycling

November saw the Tour of Tasmania return as part of the National Road Series. The tour started well for TIS athletes with Cam Ivory taking out the prologue which was a 1:18 of power up Launceston's steep Brisbane Street West. Hot on Cam's wheels was Hamish McKenzie who finished third and Campbell Palmer fourth.

As the tour hit the mountains, it was Sam Fox who came into his own. Better known for his mountain bike skills, Sam relished in the conditions on the punchy climbs to finish in the top 10 in stage one, a podium finish of third in stage two and eleventh in stage three. Sam's dominance over the hills of Tasmanian countryside was enough for him to win the Mountain Classification with double his nearest opponents' points.

In the General Classification, consistent riding from Liam Johnston fifth, Sam Fox sixth and Campbell Palmer eighth produced some excellent results. Liam finished third in the Young Rider's category and Campbell second in the U19 Men just behind Will Eaves whose strong form on the road continues.

In the Women's event, Felicity Wilson-Haffenden rode a consistent race right from the start and didn't look out of place against her more seasoned counterparts. As a first-year junior, Felicity finished 10th in the General Classification and seventh in the U19 Women General Classification.

At the State Mountain Bike XCO Championships, strong wins went to Izzy Flint (Elite Women's), Tom Cheesman (Elite Men) and Vinnie Manion (U17 Men).

December 16-17 attention turns to the AusCycling National Madison and Omnium Championships in Melbourne and then to the Tasmanian Carnival Series over the Christmas New Year period before the National Road Championships in early January 2023.

### Rowing

In November, Molly McCausland, Will Birchmore and Jack Barrett were invited to the National Training Centres for an U23 and Senior Training Camp. This was a great opportunity for these athletes who gained a lot from the experience.

Penrith's National Training Centre will be the venue for the National Time Trial on the 10-17 December. Eve Mure and Jack Barrett will compete in the senior event and Molly McCausland and Will Birchmore in the U23.

The State Club Regatta series continued throughout November. Rowers travelled to Franklin for Regatta 2 and Lake Barrington for Regatta 3. Regatta 4 will be held the week prior to Christmas at Lake Barrington before January sees the final of the Club Regattas in preparation for NSW Championships in early February.

### Wheelchair Rugby

Rubie Gallagher attended the Shibuya Cup in Tokyo, Japan with the Australian Development squad to play against the Japanese Development squad from the 19-20 November. Rubie played four games and gained valuable international experience. Rubie was awarded the best Low-Pointer of the tournament.

**Image:** Rubie Gallagher

**Credit:** Paralympic Australia



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### Cycling

AusCycling National Madison & Omnium Championships, Melbourne, VIC, 16 - 17 December.

Christmas Carnival National Road Championships:

Rosebery Carnival, 17 December

Hobart Carnival, 27 December

Launceston Indoor Carnival, Silverdome, 28 December.

Devonport Carnival, 29 December

Launceston Madison, 30 December

Burnie Carnival, 31 December

St Helens Carnival, 21 January 2023

### Hockey

International Test Series Kookaburras vs India, Adelaide, SA, 26 November - 4 December:

Match 4 – Saturday 3 December (4.00pm local time, 4.30pm AEDT)

Match 5 – Sunday 4 December (4.00pm local time, 4.30pm AEDT)

Oceania Junior World Cup 2023 Qualifiers, National Hockey Centre, Canberra, 8 December - Josh Brooks (Burras) and Maddie Brooks and Evie Dalton (Jillaroos):

Thursday 8 December

4.00pm AEDT - Jillaroos v New Zealand

6.30pm AEDT - Burras v New Zealand

Saturday 10 December

1.00pm AEDT - Burras v New Zealand

3.30pm AEDT - Jillaroos v New Zealand

Sunday 11 December

12.00pm AEDT - Burras v New Zealand

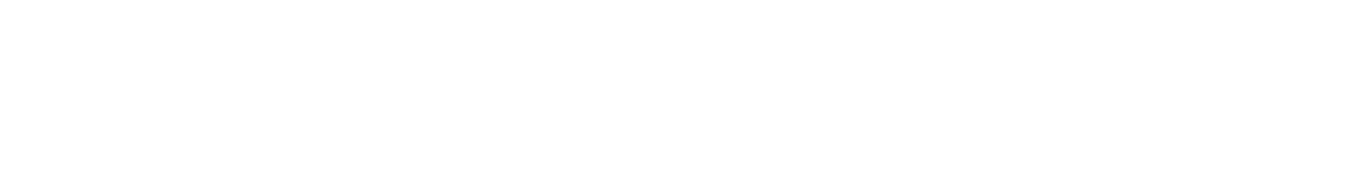
2.30pm AEDT - Jillaroos v New Zealand

### Rowing

National Time Trial, Penrith, NSW 10-17 December - Eve Mure & Jack Barrett (Senior), Molly McCausland and Will Birchmore (U23).

Tasmanian State Club Regatta No 4, Lake Barrington, 17 December

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