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## Chapter 8

# SPORT, RECREATION AND CULTURE

**Tasmania's sporting, religious and cultural heritage is drawn from a number of diverse environments, ranging from the lifestyle and culture of the Tasmanian Aborigines prior to European settlement through to the world-wide appeal of the World Rowing Championships held at picturesque Lake Barrington.**

Prior to European settlement of Tasmania at the beginning of last century, sport, recreation and culture, as many of us think of it today, was unknown or unrecognised by the new colonists. However, the Aboriginal peoples who had settled the 'island' over 35 000 years before had maintained an intricate lifestyle and culture. Evidence of this culture is revealed at numerous archaeological sites around the State.

Notable sites include the rock carvings at Mt Cameron West and High Rocky Point, an ochre quarry at Louisa Bay, hand stencils on cave walls and rock faces in the Southwest and Derwent Valley, and a stone arrangement at Cox's Bight. Some of the hand stencils, made with a mixture of ochre, blood and animal fat, date back over 10 000 years. The carvings at Mt Cameron West have been dated to 1600 BP.

### ***Tasmanian Aboriginal song, dance and religion***

Tasmanian Aborigines may have had a simple material technology, but their spiritual and artistic lives were rich and complex.

Song and dance seem to have been their main forms of entertainment and artistic expression for their thoughts on life, love and death. Their songs were melodious and sweet, and three-part harmony sung by women was often heard. This



*Aboriginal rock carvings, Mt Cameron, 1973.  
Photo: Archives Office of Tasmania*

is very uncommon in the Australian context. Their melodies too were unusual and had more in common with island Melanesia than with the rest of Australia. The style thus may be as old as the colonisation of Australia around 60 000 years ago.

In the dance, both men and women could show off their athletic prowess and grace, and their superb gifts of mimicry. Many of their dances were carefully observed renditions of the behaviour of animals such as kangaroos and emus. Dances devised after European contact reflected the strange new invader; they told stories of horses, dogs, guns and bullock carts. It was clearly an adaptable and thriving art.

Religious life appears to have been part of the same tradition as that of mainland Australia. Tasmanian Aborigines professed a belief in the Dreamtime, and the ancestor spirits who created life and the physical world in that time.

Some of the religious song cycles appear to form part of the network of such cycles which spread across south-eastern Australia. They observed taboos on the eating of certain animals, and followed strict procedures to appease the spirit world while carrying out daily activities such as gathering certain foods or making items like spears. As a result, Tasmanian Aborigines were able to move confidently within their physical and spiritual world.

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## 8.1 SPORT

**Sport is a feature of the Australian way of life and this is reflected in Tasmania where Tasmanians take pride in their own personal achievements in sport but also take a special pride in the achievement of Tasmanian athletes at national and international level.**

Sport in Tasmania plays an important role in the State's economy. An impact study by the Economics Department of the University of Tasmania shows that outdoor sport and recreation expenditures indirectly produce over 17 000 jobs or nine per cent of Tasmania's workforce. The same study suggests the output of the industry is valued at \$355 million. Special sporting events held in Tasmania provide a major boost to the economy.

Sport also has many tangible health and social benefits. Health expenditure can be greatly reduced by preventative measures such as regular exercise with the potential to reduce the risk of two of Australia's most prevalent chronic health problems, heart disease and lower back pain. Increased physical activity has also shown positive effects in reducing absenteeism and increasing productivity at the work place.

Sport plays a major role in Australian society, having the ability to unite families, bring people together and cross class barriers. It is one of the few activities that create a feeling of national pride throughout Australia.

For its population, Tasmania has provided an impressive register of national and world class sporting heroes including Darrel Baldock, David Boon, Danny Clark, Doug and Bill Youd, Bill Emmerton, Helen Gourlay, Peter Lawson, Geoff Ayling, Ian Davies, John Goss, David Connor, Stuart Hamilton, James Giannaros, Denise Millikan, Penny Gray, Michael Grenda, David Foster, Don Calvert, Nick Rogers, Malcolm Campbell, Richard Fromberg and Christine Marshall.

Tasmania played host to a number of national and international sporting events in 1990 and 1991. Major events included the World Rowing Championships at Lake Barrington in October 1990, the Victoria versus Tasmania State-of-Origin football match in June 1990 (in which Tasmania was victorious) the annual Sydney to Hobart and Melbourne to Hobart yachting classics, the Australian Deaf Games in 1991 at the Clarence pool and the 1991 Flag Australian Three Peaks Race.

### 8.1.1 Sporting Achievements

Tasmanians continue to perform successfully at both the national and international level with a number of notable achievements over recent years.

1990 was Richard Fromberg's year. He improved his world tennis ranking from 125th to 32nd, won the Sportmen's Association of Australia's Tasmanian Lindy Award, was named the Mercury-Caltex Sports Star of the Year and became the first Tasmanian to represent Australia in the Davis Cup against the USA.

David Foster contested five championship events and won them all at the 1991 Royal Sydney Easter Show to bring his world championship title tally to 110. For his services to woodchopping, David received a medal in the general division in the 1991 Queen's Birthday Honours list.

At the Australian Open titles in Melbourne in April 1991, Hobart's Scott Goodman won the 200 metre butterfly event. His win was only the third by a Tasmanian in Australian Open Championship history.

Third place in the Sydney to Melbourne Westfield race went to Tasmania's Andrew Law. He completed the 1028 kilometre course in a personal best time of seven days, nine hours and 32 minutes.

Former footballer and sprinter, Arthur Hodgson, was inducted into the Tasmanian Sporting Hall of Fame. Known as 'The Black Prince' he was one of only three Australian footballers to represent his State in five carnivals.

Australian Harness Horse of the Year, *Thorate*, became the first Tasmanian pacer to earn \$1 million in stakemoney. The locally owned and bred champion won the Inter-Dominion final in Adelaide in February 1990 and the Winfield Tasmanian Pacing Championship in December 1990 in record time.

### Events

Seven Tasmanian rowers were selected to represent Australia at the World Rowing Championships at Lake Barrington in October 1990. The seven current and former Tasmanians were the State's largest number of national rowing representatives in the largest Australian team ever assembled. Chosen were Launceston's Glenn Myler and Hobart rowers Simon Burgess and Stephen Hawkins together with former Tasmanians Bruce McWatt, Andrew Pierce, John Keogh and Robin Bakker. Stephen and Simon won bronze medals as members of the men's lightweight quad sculls.

Tasmania had a 33 point State-of-Origin win over Victoria in June 1990. The win, the first by a Tasmanian team against Victoria since 13 June 1960, was watched by 18 651 spectators at the North Hobart Oval.

Jamie Cox was named captain of the 14-man Australian youth cricket team to tour the West Indies in July 1990. David Castle and Stuart Oliver were also selected to play in the three youth tests to be played in Jamaica, Barbados and Guyana. The appointment of Jamie follows his impressive Sheffield Shield performances for Tasmania in the previous season when he hit 693 runs, including a century in each innings against New South Wales. His performance gained him selection in the Prime Minister's XI team against the touring Pakistanis in Canberra where he scored a half-century. Jamie is a former Australian under-19 vice-captain and, at the time of his selection, captain-coach of University in the TCA.

Susan Andrews was named the winner of the TasTV Young Achiever of the Year Award in September 1990. Nineteen-year-old Susan, who competed in the 1990 World Junior

Athletic Championships in Bulgaria, won a gold medal as a member of the 4x400 metre relay and came fourth in the individual 400 metre event.

The 1990 William Leitch Medal was won by New Norfolk captain, Ricky Hanlon, who polled 25 votes. It was the equal highest number of votes to win the medal since 1964.

The inaugural Tasmanian soccer writer's Player-of-the-year Award was won in 1990 by Scott Young, midfielder of Cadbury State League soccer champion *White Eagle*.

Tasmanian racehorse, *Sydeston*, took earnings to \$2 million when he won the 1990 Caulfield Cup. *Sydeston* was the first Tasmanian horse to win the Caulfield Cup since *Beer Street* in 1970.

Basketballer Kathy Foster and weightlifter Alison Rogers received awards as the State's leading achievers in women's sport. Kathy was named Tasmanian Sportswoman of the Year for 1990 and Alison received the 1990 Junior Sportswoman Service to Sport Award.

A 15-year-old record in the Melbourne-Devonport yachting classic was broken in 1990 by *Fuji Logitech* sailed by Ron Spence of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.

*Sagacious V* was the handicap winner of the 1990 Nortel Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race, *Ragamuffin* took out line honours.

### Obituary

Tasmanian bowls champion, Peter Lawson, died in January 1991, aged 53. As well as earning national recognition in bowls Peter had been a keen golfer, played more than 100 football games with Devonport and Launceston and represented the former North-Western Football Union and Northern Tasmanian Football Association. He was one of only two bowlers to have won the State master's singles bowls title twice, once in 1987 and again in 1989. Peter was named as Devonport's inaugural Sportsman of the Year in 1982 and represented Australia in the first-ever Australia versus England bowls Test, played at Tweed Heads in 1983. He is the only Tasmanian to have won the Australian Championship of Champions single title, a title he won in 1986.

Local mare *Bitter Spring* won the 1991 Launceston Cup and brought her winnings to \$250 000 without leaving the State.

Two 15-year-olds, Alison Wigston and Andrew Painter, rewrote the record books by winning the major titles at the 1991 Tasmanian Open tennis championships.

Joe Holyman, in his debut match as Tasmanian wicketkeeper, captured a world record with seven catches. The record came during Western Australia's first innings in the Sheffield Shield match at the Bellerive Oval in March 1991.

The Hellyer College golf team of Paul Marshall, Aaron Papas and Emma Heazlewood won the 1991 Niblick Australian School Teams Championship at the Victoria Golf Club in Melbourne.

The 1991 Sheraton-TCC Sheffield Shield Player of the Year Award was won by Peter McPhee. He took a record 43 wickets for the season, breaking the previous best of 42. He also broke the record for the most shield wickets for Tasmania in a season.

The 1991 TCA player of the year was Scott Smith who polled 23 votes.

David Foster won the 375mm single-handed sawing championship in a record-smashing victory at the Royal Easter Show. In a field of the best from Australia, New Zealand and the USA, Foster sliced .28 seconds off the record. He also brought his world championship title tally to 110 when he won the 300mm Standing Cut Hardhitting championship. In another record-breaking performance he had a clear victory in the 325mm Logs Underhand championship by breaking his own record by 1.27 seconds. David received a medal in the general division of the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to woodchopping.

The Beauty Point yacht *Hazadatas*, with crew Bruce Guy, David Wright, skipper Nick Edmunds, runners Garth Foley and Wayne Byron, won the Flag Australian Three Peaks Race.

Richard Fromberg completed a clean sweep of major 1990 sports awards when he won the Sportsmen's Association of Australia's Tasmanian Lindy Award.

Ashley Riley of Devonport was selected in the four-member Australian under-21 tenpin

bowling team to play in the world championships in Guam. At the championships he won three gold medals. Riley won the prestigious singles title to take his first gold, then went on to win gold in the doubles event with countryman Damien Norman, and in the all-events division he won his third.

Tasmania's top jockey Garry Glover won a lucrative contract to ride overseas for six months.

Scott Goodman swam his way into the Australian team for the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships with a stunning victory at the Australian Open titles.

The new \$1.1 million City of Devonport Raceway and grandstand complex was opened. The complex provides first class facilities for pacing, greyhound racing and Devonport Exhibition patrons.

Clare Hawthorne was named in the Australian Orienteering Team to contest the Australia-New Zealand Challenge and the senior championships in Czechoslovakia and the junior world championships in Berlin, Germany.

Andrew Law came third in the Sydney to Melbourne Westfield race.

The new \$1 million Devonport Racing Club's Spreyton Park amenities complex was opened. The building has a bar, full tote facilities, a restaurant and a first-class viewing area.

Jamie Cox and Rod Tucker were named in a 13-man Australian cricket team to tour Zimbabwe in September.

Champion high jumper Andrea Hughes was named the winner of Tasmania's inaugural MLC Junior Sports Achiever of the Year award. At a meeting in Tallahassee, Florida, she broke her personal best and recorded the best jump by a Tasmanian.

Leanne Wright became the first Tasmanian to represent Australia at the under-18 Appaloosa World Championships in Canada.

Launceston's Cataract Gorge was chosen as the venue for one of five rounds of the World Canoe Slalom Cup. The Cup is the first to be held outside Europe and America in its 10-year history.

Pieta Langham was selected in the Australian

under-21 women's hockey team.

Sarah Fitzgerald and Monique Brumby were selected to represent Australia in a three-test soccer series against a New Zealand under-19 youth team. Naomi Denne was selected in the Australian under-16 junior squad.

In the Special Olympics in Minneapolis, USA, Brian Kirkwood won a gold medal in the 200 metres, a bronze medal in the 100 metres and a silver medal in the relay.

A 45-hour BLF darts marathon, at Hobart's Brisbane Hotel, broke Australian and world records to put Tasmania in the Guinness Book of Records.

Danny Clark won his fourth world title by winning a gold medal in the gruelling professional motor-paced event at the World Cycling Championships in Stuttgart.

The Tasmanian-based men's lightweight quad sculls won gold in the 1991 World Rowing Championships in Vienna.

*Bitter Spring* was named 1990-91 Tasmanian Racehorse of the Year.

The Hobart Quit Islanders won the Women's National Basketball League grand final with a three point win over the Melbourne East Spectres.

Clarence player, Gary Williamson, won the 1991 Holden William Leitch Medal for the best and fairest player in the Statewide Football League.

North Hobart defeated North Launceston in the 1991 Statewide Football League grand final.

Simon Hollingsworth set a new State residential 400m hurdles record. Recording a time of 50.7 seconds he shaved 1.8 seconds from the previous record set 37 years ago by David Lean.

*Westburn Grant* won the \$125,000 Australian Pacing Championship at Mowbray in November. It was the first time the pacing titles had been held outside a mainland capital city.

Orienteer Christine Marshall was named Tasmanian Sportswoman of the Year. Lacrosse player Jacqui Lawless was named Junior Sportswoman and the Islanders Basketball team received a special award to honour their NWBL title-winning performance.

Basketballer Nita Burke and Olympic diver Julie Kent were inducted into Tasmania's Hall of Fame.

*Brindabella*, the 19.6 metre Farr-designed pocket maxi skippered by George Snow, took line honours in the 1991 Sydney - Hobart Yacht Race. *Atara*, skippered by World Champion Irish sailor Harold Cudmore, won on corrected time.



1991 Sydney-Hobart line honours winner, *Brindabella*.  
Photo: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

### The AIS Slalom Canoe Satellite

The Australian Institute of Sport has established a satellite venue for canoe slalom training at New Norfolk. By its establishment in Tasmania, the AIS recognises the suitability of Tasmanian river environments for this sport. Assistance with training is provided from State and Federal Governments.

The Tasmanian canoeists have been very successful in this program and have been placed highly in international competition.

## WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**History was made by more than 1000 of the world's best rowers, representing a record total of 46 nations, when they contested the World Rowing Championships at Lake Barrington from 27 October to 4 November 1990. The event was historic because Australia was staging the championships for the first time. It was also the first time Tasmania had hosted a world championship in an Olympic sport.**

The championships marked the last time that East Germany and West Germany competed separately in a sporting event prior to reunification.

Launceston's Glenn Myler and Hobart rowers Simon Burgess, Stephen Hawkins and Sandra Harvey were joined by former Tasmanians Bruce McWatt, Andrew Pierce, John Keogh and Robin Bakker to give the State its largest ever number of national rowing representatives in the Australian team. Tasmania also had a record two coaches in Tim McLaren and John Driessen.

The advancement in technology was evident as the largest consignment of racing shells ever to enter Australia arrived from Switzerland to provide crews with state of the art equipment. Valued at \$1 750 000, the shells were built by a number of European countries.

Lake Barrington International Rowing Course is situated on a 21 kilometre stretch of the Forth River. The course itself is 2000 metres long and divided into buoyed lanes, each between 12.5 and 15 metres wide. It is set about seven kilometres from the southern end of the Lake and is sheltered from the weather by its surrounding hillsides. As well as being outstanding in its natural beauty, it is regarded as one of the fairest courses in the world. Excellent facilities are available for competitors, officials, spectators and the media. The course won universal acclaim from competing countries and Tasmania is well placed to host future world rowing championships if they come to the Southern Hemisphere.

The World Rowing Championships opened on Saturday 27 October 1990 with delegates from the various rowing nations convening for a congress in Launceston. Sunday 28 October was the official opening day with heats, semi-finals and finals occurring during the remainder of the week.

A crowd of 10 000 attended the opening ceremony with the largest row past of any world rowing event being staged as part of the

championships. Anita Derks and Fleur Spriggs carried the green and gold tipped oars for Australia. The ceremony was the culmination of years of planning and hard work. A cooee-call went out to the High Country Trail Riders who carried a scroll down Lake Barrington's steep hillsides to Mr Michael Field, the Tasmanian Premier. The organising committee had turned Lake Barrington into one of the best rowing championship courses in the world. Tasmanian tourism received a great boost as 120 representatives of the world media were there to record the outcome and television coverage was beamed to all parts of the globe. The crowd cheered and clapped as countries including the USA, West Germany, East Germany, China and the USSR participated in symbolic gestures of unity. For the next seven days they competed fiercely on the water.

An international panel of 15 umpires officiated, with five being from Australia. Their responsibility was for boat-weighing, shell skin-testing, safety, race start alignment, fair racing and crew photographs.

The finals took place on Sunday, November 4 and were rowed before a capacity crowd. Australia's best chance of a gold medal was thought to be the Coxless Four. In their heat the Australian crew, known as the 'Awesome Foursome' clipped 16 seconds off the course record and set themselves as hot favourites for the gold medal. The crew of Nick Green, Mike McKay, Sam Patten and James Tomkins led most of the way before a roaring home crowd to win Australia's only gold medal.

Australia collected its biggest medal swag in international rowing as they also won one silver and two bronze. Tasmanians Stephen Hawkins and Simon Burgess along with Gary Lynagh and Bruce Hick collected a bronze medal in the men's lightweight quad sculls. Amanda Cross, Pam Westendorf, Sally Ninham and Rebecca Joyce won silver in the women's lightweight coxless four. Double scullers Peter Antonie and Paul Reedy won bronze.



## WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990

## FINAL MEDAL COUNT

	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
G-EAST	5	1	5
G-WEST	3	3	1
ITA	3	-	1
URS	2	3	1
DEN	2	1	-
ROM	2	1	-
USA	1	3	1
CAN	1	2	1
HOL	1	2	1
AUS	1	1	2
BEL	-	1	1
AUT	1	-	-
FRA	-	2	1
TCH	-	1	1
ESP	-	1	-
SUI	-	1	-
YUG	-	-	-
GBR	-	-	2
NZ	-	-	1
NOR	-	-	1
CHN	-	-	1

(Source: Tourism Tasmania.)



World Rowing Championships, Lake Barrington, 1990.

Photo: Tasphoto Services

### 8.1.2 Participation in Sport

The Tasmanian Department of Sport and Recreation lists almost 100 different categories of sport for which they have registered participants. Although a person could be registered in more than one sport, total registered participants for the 1989 year totalled 144 618 compared with 156 000 in 1988.

#### 8.1 REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IN MAJOR SPORTS

Sport	Number	
	1989	1990
Athletics	3 761	3 517
Basketball	7 987	7 946
Bowling - Indoor	2 421	2 384
Bowling - Tenpin	3 515	3 426
Cricket - Indoor	15 000	15 000
Golf - women	4 190	4 290
Golf - men	11 981	12 786
Lawn bowls - men	4 906	4 906
Lawn bowls - women	3 127	3 059
Lawn tennis	n.a.	6 220
Netball - women	6 000	6 380
Softball	2 087	2 277
Squash	2 850	2 850
Volleyball	2 112	5 180
Yachting	4 627	4 597

(Source: Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation).

### 8.1.3 Government Support

The Tasmanian Government through the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation funds sporting and recreational bodies through the Recreational Development Fund, the Sports Development Program, the School Holiday Program and the Minor Capital Works Program.

Funding is allocated according to criteria established for each program. In total, Government support in these areas for 1990-91 was nearly \$900 000.

Further financial assistance is available to individual athletes and teams through the TIS Scholarship Program. \$150 000 was allocated in 1990-91 to scholarship holders.

The Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation also gives support through its Special Events Unit. International and national sporting

events, which included the National Relays, the BP Rally, the World Rowing Championships and the Great Bicycle Ride, received financial support.

#### *Sports Development Program*

Sport and Recreation Tasmania has provided state sporting organisations some \$411 000 in the last financial year. Each sport submits to Sport and Recreation Tasmania an annually updated three year development plan outlining its funding priorities in line with developmental targets set in conjunction with that sport, and Sport and Recreation Tasmania.

Areas that have had priority funding are coaching, education developmental programs, referee and officials' education, hosting national events and junior development.

#### *Coaching Development Program*

Coaching development and education has been a high priority with Sport and Recreation Tasmania for a number of years. Programs have now been established for all levels of coaching and these will be consolidated in the future.

Coaching programs include a High Performance Coaching Program which targets coaches of high performance athletes; a coaching scholarship program which enables coaches of development squads and talented athletes to gain further knowledge and skills; Level O and I programs which aim to raise the standard of coaching at the base level of sport; and a Coach-in-Residence scheme which brings international standard coaches to Tasmania over a short time for coaches of all standards to have exposure to contemporary methodologies and philosophies.

#### *Women in Sport and Recreation*

The Women in Sport and Recreation Policy was launched during the Women in Sport and Recreation Week. The Policy provides a framework to guide actions of Sport and Recreation Tasmania and state sporting organisations for future involvement of women and girls in sport. Highlights of the Policy include direction on participation, administration and leadership, use of the media, developing sponsorship and awareness programs for lifestyle and fitness.

The impact of the Women in Sport and Recreation Week in March is still being echoed as a resounding success by the Tasmanian community. Highlights of the week were the Sports Development Seminar with guest speaker Sena-

tor Rosemary Crowley, the "Come and Try" activities and the Expressions Breakfast Series for sportswomen.

### **Tasmanian Junior Sports Commission (TJSC)**

The TJSC has been established to develop a Junior Sports Policy for Tasmania. The Commission will provide an excellent forum for existing ideas and developing policies for the future directions of junior sport. It will provide a single voice to speak on behalf of both school sport and community sport, and will be an advisory body to Government and issues affecting junior sport.

Objectives are:

- To develop attitudes which will help children along a lifetime path of fitness and health.
- To identify and validate opportunities that will assist the development of junior sport within this State.
- To formulate strategies which will enhance the development of junior sport, with emphasis placed on participation, skill development and fun.
- To address the responsibilities and resource priorities of communities and schools in providing the best possible plan for junior sport.
- To support and promote the programs of the AUSSIE SPORT Unit.
- To develop a Government policy which clearly outlines its goals and directions in the area of junior sport.
- To educate and advise coaches, umpires and others on their responsibility to provide competent guidance while creating a healthy environment for all children to enjoy playing sport.

### **Sports Administration**

Sport and Recreation Tasmania has been conducting administration courses over a number of years and it has developed a series of handbooks for club administrators. From 1991, the Australian Society of Sport Administrators has developed a national accreditation scheme for all sports administrators and it is pleasing to note that Sport and Recreation Tasmania will be the agency for delivery of these courses.

### **AUSSIE SPORT**

The very successful AUSSIE SPORT program has continued to make an impact in Tasmanian schools. The Sportsfun Leader Program has been an outstanding success and has continued to expand into more Tasmanian communities. A pilot program for rural schools is being launched and this will reach a further 6000 school children.

The philosophy of the AUSSIE SPORT program is sport for all with emphasis on sportsmanship, skill development, fun and participation.

### **8.1.4 Tasmanian Institute of Sport**

#### **Background**

The Institute was established in 1985 to ensure that our future champions have the support they need to pursue their sporting careers at an international level within Tasmania. Since that time scholarships have been awarded annually to the State's most talented individual athletes and squads.

The program is currently being financially supported by both the Tasmanian Government and, to a lesser extent, the corporate sector.

#### **Scholarships**

Athletes may be eligible to receive either full or associate Institute scholarships.

Full scholarships offer athletes funding to assist with the cost of training expenses, equipment purchase, travel to competitions and sports medicine needs. They also provide sports science support, access to nutritional and weight training consultants and the Institute's resource centre.

Associate scholarships are awarded to talented junior athletes as a means of recognition and encouragement. These scholarships provide sports science testing and access to nutritional and weight training consultants and the Institute's resource centre.

#### **Performances**

In its short life the Institute has already achieved significant success by creating a structure to enable Tasmania's fine, young athletes to fully develop their potential. The performances and results of these athletes speak for themselves.

- Five athletes competed in the World Junior Track and Field Championships in August 1990. Susan Andrews was a gold medallist in the 4 x 400 metres relay. Joanna Campbell-Smith, Simon Hollingsworth, Andrea Hughes and Kealin Hanigan also competed.
- At the World Rowing Championships held at Lake Barrington in 1990, TIS rowers Simon Burgess and Stephen Hawkins were bronze medallists. Sandra Harvey and Glenn Myler were also World team members.
- In slalom canoeing Justin Boocock competed in the World Junior Championships and will join other TIS members Robert McGuinness and Peter Eckhardt to compete at the World Senior Championships later in 1991.
- Matthew Gilmore, TIS cyclist now training with the AIS, won a silver medal at the World Junior Championships earlier in 1991
- Other TIS international representatives are:

## Track and Field:

Gail Luke  
Jo Cubit  
Rohan Best  
Russell Foley

## Judo:

Angela Deacon  
Chris Bacon  
Dean Lampkin  
Brian Thomas  
Chris Palmer  
Simon Stones

## Orienteering:

Louise Fairfax  
Christine Marshall  
Cathy Liggins  
Clare Hawthorne

## Sailing:

Michael Cooper  
Robert Gough

## Weightlifting:

Ron Laycock

## Boxing:

Justann Crawford

## 8.2 TASMANIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1990-91

Susan Andrews	Athletics
Brent Annells	Waterpolo
Todd Apted	Athletics
Chris Bacon	Judo
Guy Belbin	Boxing
Rohan Best	Athletics
Justin Boocock	Canoe Slalom
Rachel Brown	Swimming
Leigh Bryan	Cycling
Richard Buchanan	Sailing
Simon Burgess	Rowing
Joanna Campbell-Smith	Athletics
Michael Cooper	Sailing
Justann Crawford	Boxing
Angela Deacon	Judo
Peter Eckhardt	Canoe Slalom
Louise Fairfax	Orienteering
Russell Foley	Athletics
Scott Goodman	Swimming
Robert Gough	Sailing
Kealin Hanigan	Athletics
Sandra Harvey	Rowing
Stephen Hawkins	Rowing
Clare Hawthorne	Orienteering
Simon Hollingsworth	Athletics
Andrea Hughes	Athletics
Steven Kingston	Athletics
Dean Lampkin	Judo
Ron Laycock	Weightlifting
Jarrod Leslie	Weightlifting
Catherine Liggins	Orienteering
Gail Luke	Athletics
Iain McGregor	Swimming
Robert McGuinness	Canoe Slalom
Andrew McLean	Equestrian
Christine Marshall	Orienteering
Jocelyn Millar-Cubit	Athletics
Camille Munting	Water Skiing
Nicole Munting	Water Skiing
Glenn Myler	Rowing
Julian Norton-Smith	Canoeing
Andrew Painter	Tennis
Chris Palmer	Judo
Craig Percival	Water Polo
Jason Reed	Weightlifting
Gelinda Riley	Athletics
Greg Robertson	Athletics
Simon Stones	Judo
Brian Thomas	Judo
Ross Watkins	Disabled Swimming
Teams	
Basketball (Islanders)	
Hockey - men's	
Hockey - women's	
Netball	
Volleyball - men's	
Volleyball - women's	

(Source: Tasmanian Institute of Sport).

## 8.2 RECREATION

**Tasmanians are becoming more aware of the physical, social and psychological benefits that can be gained through participation in satisfying leisure activity.**

Figures produced from a University of Tasmania study into the spending characteristics of Tasmanians on outdoor sport and recreation reveal that an estimated \$276 million was spent on leisure activity in 1988. These results show that leisure is a significant element in the lives of Tasmanians.

The Tasmanian Government through Sport and Recreation Tasmania develops projects aimed at encouraging all Tasmanians to participate in satisfying and challenging sport and recreation activity.

In 1990-91 almost \$390 000 in grants were provided to state and local organisations to upgrade facilities and to develop recreation projects.

### 8.3 MAJOR RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, 1990-91

<i>Grant</i>	<i>Amount (\$)</i>
Fitness Accreditation Council	7 500
Austswim	15 000
Royal Life Saving Society	14 124
RSVP Tasmania	17 000
Surf Life Saving Association	19 750
Bush and Mountaineering Board	18 000
Vacation Recreation Activities	20 650
Life Be In It	12 000

*(Source: Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation).*

Since hosting the first Australian Masters Games in 1987, over 5000 Tasmanians of all ages have participated in masters and regional games conducted throughout the State. These events have been organised to promote the social and physical benefits of participation in activity regardless of age or sex. The next Tasmanian Masters Games will be held on Tasmania's north-west coast in 1993.

The diversity of Tasmania's outdoor areas encourage many people to explore our mountains, forests, inland waters and coastal regions. Sport

and Recreation Tasmania plays a major role in promoting safety and developing outdoor skills in this State, and now through Project Hahn is also using this adventure environment for the personal development of individuals.

To take advantage of Tasmania's exceptional outdoor resources, a National Outdoor Leadership Centre is currently being developed at Lake Barrington, site of the 1990 World Rowing Championships.

## 8.3 CULTURE

**Tasmania boasts a talented and energetic arts community. The Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board sets programs which address the unique needs of Tasmania as an island State.**

### 8.3.1 The Arts

The Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board was established in 1975 to advise the Minister on all matters relating to the formulation, development and implementation of policies for the promotion of the arts. During 1990 the staffing arrangements of the Board were reassessed as part of the review of the Department of Education and the Arts. One of the recommendations was the establishment of the Office of the Arts which, in addition to supporting the programs of the Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board, will provide administrative and policy development support to the Department of Education and the Arts.

Each year, through Arts Tasmania, the Government invites applications from individuals and organisations for financial assistance in the form of grants, loans and subsidies. The Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board, using a peer group assessment system, evaluates all applications, and Arts Tasmania makes final recommendations to the Minister.

Tasmania leads Australia in several important areas as a result of its programs. These areas are the Art in Public Buildings Scheme (APBS), arts-based industry development, community arts and dance in education. Under the APBS, one per cent of the capital cost of the construction or refurbishing of every State Government building is allocated to the provision of contemporary artworks up to a maximum of \$20 000.

In Tasmania there have been a number of new initiatives in the visual arts, crafts and design and theatre. These include improved accommodation of audiences and artists.

The ideally located Salamanca Arts Centre complex, which is owned by the Government and managed by the Community and Arts Centre Foundation, provides a home for many subsidised arts organisations, as well as gallery, theatre, studio and retail spaces. These historic buildings are currently undergoing renovation which, while retaining the buildings' special character, will ensure the availability of more useful and comfortable facilities.

In 1991 the Office of the Arts initiated the establishment of the Tasmanian Design Development Company which will coordinate the promotion and marketing of high quality Tasmanian design and craft products. The TDCC will assist practitioners throughout Tasmania to create products. It will also foster links between Tasmanian designer makers and interstate and overseas interior designers and architects in both design production and limited manufacture.

For this major new arts development, the Office of the Arts has secured a derelict three-storey warehouse in a courtyard off Hunter Street, Hobart, and its refurbishing has commenced.

The TDCC is planning to be self-sufficient within three years through commissions and recouped rentals for the workshop and exhibition space. Its first project is the establishment of the TasWare line of products — an import-replacement program for Tasmanian kitchenware products, in conjunction with Habitat of Hobart.

Development of a stronger regional support base has been an important aspect of Visual Arts and Crafts funding. The location of ArtHouse Inc. in new premises at Ritchie's Mill in Launceston, and the exhibition program of the University of Tasmania's Launceston campus reflect a new dynamic focus.

The Office of the Arts has provided significant support for the annual programs of a number of organisations to deliver arts activity on a statewide basis in each artform. These statewide organisations, jointly funded with the Commonwealth Government, include Island Magazine, Tasdance, Zootango Theatre Company, Terrapin Puppet Theatre, Tasmanian Arts Council and the National Exhibitions Touring Scheme.

#### 8.4 MAJOR ARTS GRANTS, 1991

<i>Grant</i>	<i>Amount (\$)</i>
Arts Based Industries (special projects) -	
Tasmanian Design Development Unit	25 000
Community Arts (annual programs) -	
Community Arts Network	27 000
Kaleidoscope Community Arts Company	27 000
North-west Community Arts Assoc.	24 000
Cacti	19 200
Literature (annual programs) -	
Island Magazine	20 000
Multi Arts (annual programs) -	
Tasmanian Arts Council	55 000
Australian Film Institute (State)	10 000
Music (annual programs) -	
Top Left Music	30 000
Theatre (annual programs) -	
Tasdance	214 000
Salamanca Theatre Company	90 000
Terrapin Puppet Theatre	70 000
Zootango Theatre Company	60 000
Theatre Royal Management Board	40 000
Visual Arts and Crafts (annual programs) -	
Chameleon	22 500
University of Tasmania	18 270

*(Source: 1991 State Arts Grants and Loans, Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board).*

Arts Tasmania supports the right of Aboriginal people to determine their own cultural deferment, and seeks to assist the further development of Aboriginal Arts in consultation with Aboriginal communities.

On the international level, in October 1990 a compact survey exhibition of handmade crafts by artists and designers living in Tasmania travelled to Japan. Titled *Axis*, it focused on the combination of respect for the traditional values of the various crafts with innovation and the utilisation of modern technologies and materials in the manufacture of the work. The Tasmanian Development Authority presented the exhibition and sponsorship came from the Axis Gallery in Tokyo, the Japan Industrial Design Promotion Organisation and Qantas. Subsidies were given by the Tasmanian Office of the Arts, the Australia Council and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

In 1990 the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra toured South Korea and Indonesia from 21 July to 2 August. The Orchestra gave seven performances, all in different venues. It was the first time the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra had been overseas in 11 years, and the first time that the TSO toured in its own right.

### RETURN OF A GREAT GLOVER TO TASMANIA

In May 1990, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery purchased John Glover's outstanding work *The River Derwent and Hobart Town* for \$330 000, the most it had ever paid for a painting.

John Glover is one of Australia's most famous early colonial painters and the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery is widely known for its exceptional Glover collection. The artist arrived here from England in 1831 and after a relatively brief stay in Hobart settled for the rest of his life at his newly acquired property along the Nile River at the foot of Ben Lomond. He was fascinated by his new home. His picturesque glimpse of *The River Derwent and Hobart Town* 'painted on the spot' c1831 is one of 38 landscapes 'descriptive of the scenery and customs of the inhabitants of Van Diemen's Land' he sent back for exhibition in London in 1835. The picture stayed in England, its whereabouts until recently unknown. It is one of only two of Hobart. The other, *Hobart Town taken from the garden where I lived*, is held by the State Library of New South Wales.

*The River Derwent and Hobart Town* was unveiled in October 1990 by His Excellency General Sir Phillip Bennett, AC, KBE, DSO, Governor of Tasmania. It was dedicated to the memory of the late Sir James Plimsoll. The Art Foundation of Tasmania launched The Great Tasmanian Glover Appeal to raise its purchase price.



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Tasmanian writing maintains a national profile. *Island Magazine* has established itself as one of the influential small literary magazines in Australia, and provides an important forum in which Tasmanian writers can be published alongside significant interstate writers. The Writers Cottage, which is part of the Salamanca Arts Centre, attracts an exciting range of writers to the State to pursue their own work in fascinating historic surroundings. It also provides an ideal base for residencies and other writing projects involving young people and theatre and community groups in a mix of scriptwriting, poetry and prose.

Tasmania hosts a number of major annual arts and crafts festivals. These include the October Tasmanian Poetry Festival in Launceston (Tasmanian Fellowship of Australian Writers)

and the November Salamanca Writers Weekend in Hobart (the Tasmanian Writers Union).

The 1990 Mersey Valley Music Festival broke new ground by being linked to the World Rowing Championships (27 October to 4 November).

#### 8.3.2 Religion

Religious affiliation by Tasmanians appears to have decreased in recent years. The 1986 Census shows that just under 75 per cent of the population were adherents to various religious groups compared with almost 81 per cent in 1976. This trend is also evident in Australia as a whole. In 1976, 80 per cent of the Australian population were affiliated with various religions whilst in 1986 this had fallen to 75 per cent.

### 8.5 RELIGIOUS ADHERENTS, TASMANIA

Year	Christian religion	Other religion	Total population
1976	324 241	779	402 856
1981	317 415	1 267	418 962
1986	324 792	1 967	436 353

(Source: 1976, 1981 and 1986 Population Censuses).

The Anglican Church remains the largest of the Christian denominations in Tasmania, accounting for almost 36 per cent of the population. The three other significant denominations, the Catholic Church (18 per cent), the Uniting Church (8 per cent) and the Presbyterian Church (3 per cent) account for a further 29 per cent of the population.

### 8.6 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, TASMANIA, 1981 AND 1986

Religion	1981	% of popn	1986	% of popn
Anglican	151 207	36.1	154 748	35.5
Baptist	7 965	1.9	8 092	1.9
Brethren	3 947	0.9	3 856	0.9
Catholic	78 143	18.7	80 479	18.4
Congregational	1 790	0.4	1 241	0.3
Churches of Christ	2 110	0.5	2 046	0.5
Jehovahs Witness	1 510	0.4	2 062	0.5
Latterday Saints	1 281	0.3	1 414	0.3
Lutheran	1 631	0.4	1 753	0.4
Methodist	19 906	4.8	-	-
Orthodox	1 855	0.4	1 960	0.4
Pentecostal	1 357	0.3	1 953	0.4
Presbyterian	11 575	2.8	12 084	2.8
Salvation Army	3 202	0.8	3 437	0.8
Seventh Day Adventist	1 464	0.3	1 413	0.3
Uniting Church	17 668	4.2	36 724	8.4
Other Protestant	5 217	1.2	3 034	0.7
Other Christian	5 587	1.3	8 496	1.9
<b>Total Christian</b>	<b>317 415</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>324 792</b>	<b>74.4</b>
Non-Christian -				
Buddhist	238	0.1	438	0.1
Hindu	n.a.	0.0	305	0.1
Jewish	145	0.0	160	0.0
Muslim	370	0.1	569	0.1
Other Non-Christian	514	0.1	495	0.1
<b>Total Non-Christian</b>	<b>1 267</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1 967</b>	<b>0.5</b>

(Source: 1981 and 1986 Population Censuses).

The overall number of Christian believing people indicating a religious affiliation has fallen in proportion to total population. There has, however, been a large increase in the number of Uniting Church affiliations, which doubled from 1981 (4.2 per cent) to 1986 (8.4 per cent).

Muslims make up the largest group of non-Christian believers. It is significant that there has been a marginal increase in the overall proportion of non-Christian believers from 1981

### 8.7 PERSONS WITH NO RELIGION, TASMANIA

Year	Persons	% of population
1976	27 624	6.9
1981	36 222	8.6
1986	47 852	11.0

(Source: 1976, 1981 and 1986 Population Censuses).

(0.3 per cent) to 1986 (0.5 per cent). This increase is partly due to the increase in Asian immigrants into Tasmania.

There has been a large increase in the number of Tasmanians who are now not affiliated with any religion. In 1976, 6.9 per cent of the population professed no religious affiliation compared with 11 per cent by 1986. This pattern follows Australia as a whole but Tasmania remains slightly lower than the Australian average.

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