



Message from the Deputy Secretary

Welcome to our June edition of *Actively In Touch!*

It's hard to believe we have reached the half way mark of 2019, and with winter sports in full swing it won't be long until a number of summer sports gear up for their 2019/20 season.

In this issue you will find articles on a number of grant programs opening, along with some local forums that have recently taken place.

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Nominations for the Tasmanian Sporting Hall of Fame

Nominations for the Tasmanian Sporting Hall of Fame open from 1 July 2019.

The Tasmanian Sporting Hall of Fame honours outstanding Tasmanian sportspeople who have represented their state and nation with distinction and ensures their achievements are given long-term recognition.

To be considered, a person must:

- have achieved outstanding performance in sporting competition while either identifying themselves as Tasmanian or acknowledging Tasmania as their home;
- have participated in open competition at the highest level of their sport;
- be retired from that level of competition for a minimum period of four years; and
- have exhibited a standard of behaviour that is fair, ethical and above reproach in relation to the rules and regulations of their sport and the community's expectations.



Sporting Hall of Fame inductees have typically represented Australia with a medal-winning or outstanding performance in their sport.

Entry into the [Tasmanian Sporting Hall of Fame](#) is a great honour and inductees will join 133 Tasmanians who have been honoured with inclusion.

Nominations can soon be made online on the [Department of Communities Tasmania website](#).

Nominations close 23 August 2019, with an induction ceremony planned for 20 November 2019.

Moments of Excellence - Local basketball coach drives to the top

Tasmanian local basketball coach, Mark Radford has continued to enhance his standing within Australian basketball by recently being appointed as coach of the Australian under 17 boys team for the upcoming Oceania Championships.

Radford, Basketball Tasmania's development manager, has previously coached an Australian side at the World University Games and was pleasantly surprised by the appointment due to the number of good coaches currently at junior level in Australia.

He may be joined at the championships by local players Taran Armstrong and Reyne Smith who are currently in the extended squad. Penguin's Sharn Hayward is in contention for the girl's side.



The Oceania Championships will be held in New Caledonia from 17 -25 August 2019.

Photo: *Mark Radford*

Australian Adventure Activity Standards - Coastal waters paddle-craft draft good practice guide for public comment

The draft activity good practice guide for Coastal waters paddle-craft has just been released for public comment.



Coastal waters paddle-craft covers sit in and sit on top kayaks, canoeing and stand up paddle board activities on enclosed waters, coastal waters and open waters.

The draft good practice guide is available to download or readable online via the [yoursaywebsite](https://yoursaywebsite.com.au). Feedback submissions can be lodged via the websites submission forms. These include 'general impressions', as well as the opportunity to provide detailed and 'specific feedback' on any piece of content or section.

Feedback submissions will close at 9.00am on 9 July 2019.

Coach Network Forum

Communities, Sport and Recreation (CSR) hosted two Coach Network Forums during May.

The aim of the Coach Network Forums is to provide networking and professional learning opportunities for coaches including coaching directors, development officers, community and club coaches across a range of sports.

Keynote speakers at the Coach Network Forum held at Blundstone Arena were Cricket Tasmania's Emma Doherty, Player Development Manager and John Hayes, Cricket Tasmania's State Coach Development and Pathway Manager.



Emma outlined her role working with and managing relationships with high performance athletes, while John highlighted his role working with and developing coaches at the community club and high performance levels throughout Tasmania.

In Launceston, the Tasmanian Institute of Sport's (TIS) Sports Program Manager Alisa Denne and Ilene Carr, Talent Development Hockey Coach, were the guest speakers.

Alisa had held softball scholarships with the Australian Institute of Sport and the Queensland Institute of Sport and shared her experiences as a high performance athlete as part of the Australian Olympic squad. Alisa also outlined her current role managing relationships with elite athletes, coaches and parents at the TIS.

Ilene, who also started as a softball player moved to the sport of hockey and made the transition from athlete to coach. She spoke about the mentors who have supported her development as a hockey coach and gaining practical experience at state and national programs.

Coaches across a range of sports including cricket, football (soccer), lawn bowls, dragon boat racing, basketball, golf, softball and rugby attended the forums.

If you are interested in learning more about the forums, coaching resources or upcoming coaching events please contact Neil Connell at Neil.Connell@communities.tas.gov.au or (03) 61 655 086.

Photo: *Emma Doherty, Cricket Tasmania*

Disability Sport and Active Recreation Network Forum

Communities, Sport and Recreation hosted a Disability Sport and Active Recreation Network Forum on 22 May 2019. The forum is hosted twice yearly to identify opportunities, share information and develop networks to increase participation of people with a disability in sport and active recreation in Tasmania.



The forum at the Silverdome in Launceston attracted more than thirty five attendees from the sport, disability sport, disability service and education sectors. The forum focus was Every Ability Active - Pathways to Participation with three engaging presentations highlighting different ways people with disability can participate in sport and active recreation in Tasmania including:

- AFL Inclusion Pathways - Belinda Kitto (New Horizons Tasmania), Scott Harris (AFL Tasmania) and Alan Dengate (Captain and AFL umpire).
- Rebound Therapy Tasmania - Carolyn Fitzpatrick (Northern Support School) and Philipa Hedley (Gymnastics Tasmania)
- Australian Paralympic Athletics - Deon Kenzie (athlete) and Mike Gunson (coach)

A facilitated networking activity generated lively and productive sessions and utilised cross-sector knowledge, skills and experience to identify challenges and opportunities for inclusive participation in sport and active recreation. Feedback highlighted that the forum provided useful networking opportunities, motivating examples of cross-sectional collaborations and inspirational stories of sporting achievements.

The next Disability Sport and Active Recreation Forum will be held in the second half of 2019 in the south of the state. If you wish to be added to the mailing list for the forum, please contact Morgan Kent, Project Manager - Participation on (03) 6165 5090 or Morgan.Kent@communities.tas.gov.au

Photo: participants at the recent forum in Launceston

Release of the guidelines for the inclusion of Transgender and Gender Diverse people in sport

Hot off the press from the Australian Human Rights Commission are the *Guidelines for the Inclusion of Transgender and Gender Diverse People in Sport*. Developed in partnership with Sport Australia and Coalition of the Major Professional and Participation Sports, the *Guidelines* provide practical guidance for sporting organisations on strategies that promote inclusion of trans and gender diverse people. In line with relevant legislation, the guidelines encourage sports to review their inclusion policies to consider



elements that incorporate this cohort of sports people.

One useful section in the *Guidelines* covers definitions for commonly used terminology within the LGBTIQ community. Also of value are the numerous case studies that focus on sports specific issues. These case studies cover a range of issues including provision of player facilities, club membership and non-gendered uniforms.

A detailed flow chart is included to assist sport administrators in determining if current practices are inclusive of trans and gender diverse people and align with legislation. The *Guidelines* contain a handy inclusion checklist for sports to identify the steps needed to create a more inclusive culture in their sport for trans and gender diverse people.

The valuable resource is available from the [Sport Australia website](#).

Complaint Handling Workshop

Communities, Sport and Recreation will pilot a Complaint Handling Workshop in Hobart on 25 July. Workshop numbers will be limited for this once off pilot course.

Sport, increasingly, must provide best practice complaint handling services to members at all levels and across a range of areas of sport from team selection, to member protection and allegations of discrimination or bullying.

The Complaint Handling face to face workshop will leverage the best practice approach of Play by the Rules.



Prospective candidates for this workshop are advised of the following steps if they wish to attend:

1. Complete, as a pre-requisite, online Complaint Handling training course through the [Play by the Rules learning portal](#).
2. Register for the [Complaint Handling workshop](#) which is scheduled for 6.00pm - 9.00pm on Thursday 25 July at the Domain Athletics Centre in Hobart.

Further information regarding the workshop is available from Al Adams, Communities, Sport and Recreation on 6165 5094 or al.adams@communities.tas.gov.au

Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program

The Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program provides grants of between \$15,000 and \$80,000 to sport and recreation organisations, local government and other not-for-profit providers of sport and active recreation.



The Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program offers financial assistance towards major equipment purchases and/or the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and recreation clubs and improve opportunities for Tasmanian's to participate in sport and active recreation.

Grant funding is limited to a maximum of half the project cost and eligible projects must benefit sport and/or recreation clubs.

The application period opens Monday 1 July 2019 and closes on Wednesday 30 October 2019.

More information is available from the [Communities, Sport and Recreation website](#) during the application period.

Healthy Tasmania Fund

The Healthy Tasmania Fund will provide grant funding to community organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of their communities.



The new Healthy Tasmania Fund grants program will focus on the following areas:

- reducing smoking levels
- reducing obesity and the levels of overweight Tasmanians
- improving healthy eating and/or physical activity levels

Grants of up to \$200,000 will be available for projects or initiatives of up to two years in duration.

The Tasmanian Government will provide a total of \$1.4 million in funding in 2019-20.

Applications will open on 1 July 2019 and close in late August 2019.

To be eligible for funding your organisation must:

- be an incorporated not-for-profit legal entity, or be sponsored by an incorporated organisation or a not-for-profit legal entity (this includes local government)
- have an office or branch in Tasmania and be proposing to undertake the project in Tasmania.

Further details about the grants, including the guidelines and how to apply are available on the [Healthy Tasmania website](#).

Get Moving Tasmania Physical Activity Award - Nominations Open

The 2019 Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards are now open. Why not consider nominating for the Get Moving Tasmania Physical Activity Award?



The Get Moving Tasmania Physical Activity Award acknowledges the important role not-for-profit community organisations play in promoting and providing opportunities for physical activity.

Physically active communities are inclusive, healthier and happier. Regular physical activity is a major contributing factor in preventing a number of chronic diseases and can benefit both physical and mental health.

The Get Moving Tasmania Physical Activity Award recognises programs, services and projects that increase, improve or provide physical activity participation opportunities in communities.

We encourage not-for-profit organisations to submit an entry, or if you are aware of a not-for-profit organisation doing great things in the physical activity space, you can nominate it yourself.

Nominations close on 14 August 2019. To enter or view more information visit the [Community Achievement Awards website](#).

Aboriginal Tennis Holiday Program

Tennis Tasmania will be hosting a school holiday program for Aboriginal children in July.

Coinciding with NAIDOC week, the sessions will cater to all abilities, and is open to all Aboriginal school aged children (ages 5 -17).

The program will be run state-wide including the following sessions:

North

Launceston Tennis World
8 -9 July, 10.00am - 3.00pm

North West

Burnie Tennis Club
11 - 12 July, 10.00am - 3.00pm



South

Domain Tennis Centre
15 -16 July, 10.00am - 3.00pm

Cygnet Tennis Club
18 -19 July, 10.00am - 3.00pm

Anyone wishing to represent Tasmania at the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival in Darwin from 29 August is encouraged to participate. The annual carnival celebrates youth, culture, music, food and sport through the delivery of tennis, cultural activities and workshops. To allow participants of all abilities to be involved, the carnival has two types of competitions available - participation and performance.

Registrations for the school holiday program can be done through the Tennis Tasmania website.

For more information about the program or the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival, please contact Olivia French at Tennis Tasmania on 6108 8200 or email at olivia.french@tennis.com.au

Photo: *participants from the 2018 National Indigenous Carnival*

Wheelchair Aussie Rules - Football without the running

Wheelchair Aussie Rules is a sport for people of literally all abilities.

Wheelchair Aussie Rules was developed by Kevin Faulkner, Sports Development Coordinator, ParaQuad Tasmania, and is described as an all abilities sport. It is open to anyone whether with a disability or not allowing people with physical disabilities the opportunity to play Aussie Rules with friends.

ParaQuad Tasmania will be holding a Wheelchair Aussie Rules Gala Day on Saturday 13 July between 10am and 2pm at the Moonah Sports Centre.

The gala day will include children's activities, skills competitions, wheelchair skill workshops, wheelchair aussie rules games and a celebrity match.

Attendees will be encouraged to form a team to compete in a 6 week regular social competition following the day. There will also be opportunities for anyone interested in becoming an umpire, goal umpire or scorer.



To learn more about the sport, please phone ParaQuad Tas on 6272 7513 or email sports@pdstasmania.org

Vacant Board Position - Gymnastics Tasmania

Gymnastics Tasmania is a dynamic and vibrant organisation coordinating the delivery, participation and growth of gymnastics in Tasmania. In particular the Board is working to achieve significant gains in participation growth and participation satisfaction, as well as ensuring the provision of quality services and products are delivered in safe and welcoming environments.

The Board is calling for expressions of interest for an appointed director. Nominees with diverse cultural backgrounds who are either located in or have a strong understanding of the North West Coast are particularly encouraged to apply. The Board is seeking an individual with highly developed skills in the following areas:

- Community sport and participation
- Facilities and infrastructure

The position will commence in July 2019 for a period of up to two years, with the option for the Board and successful candidate to extend up to a further two years. For further details please see the Gymnastics Tasmania website. Expressions of interest are now open and close 5pm Sunday 7 July 2019.

If you would like further information please email gymtas@gymnastics.org.au



ICC T20 World Cup Volunteer Program

The ICC T20 World Cup is coming to Tasmania in 2020 and volunteers are needed!

Fast-paced, high-energy cricket and pulsating entertainment! Volunteers will be the face of the tournament.

Roles include client and customer service, media and broadcast, drivers, operational support and hospitality. You'll gain important skills, meet new people and be contributing to a world class tournament.

Requirements include:



- You will need to be 16 years of age or older at time of application (volunteers under the age of 18 will need parental consent to volunteer).
- Able to speak and read English or an Australian Sign Language user
- Attend a selection interview if you are shortlisted
- Attend role and venue training if you are offered a role
- Be available to pick up your uniform and accreditation
- Minimum of 3 days availability to carry out shifts.

For more information and to apply, visit the [ICC T20 World Cup website](#).

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