



Message from the Deputy Secretary

Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of *Actively in Touch* for 2020. I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing break with family and friends and are heading into the year feeling refreshed.

Communities, Sport and Recreation has this year welcomed a new Minister for Sport and Recreation, The Honourable Jane Howlett MP, who has taken over from The Honourable Jeremy Rockliff. We look forward to working closely with the Minister to continue to deliver and enhance sport and recreation opportunities around the state.

In this issue we hear about Basketball Tasmania's recent success at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup and an impressive redevelopment at the Campbell Town War Memorial Oval.

The Sport and Recreation Minor Grants Program is open with grants of between \$500 and \$10,000 available to sporting clubs, associations, local government and other not-for-profit providers of sport and active recreation.

The Ticket to Play sports voucher program has recently launched for 2020 and below you will find information on eligibility and how to apply.

I look forward to your continued support throughout 2020. Please remember to share your stories for inclusion in the next issue of *Actively in Touch* to sportrec@communities.tas.gov.au.

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Deputy Secretary, Communities, Sport and Recreation



Tasmania excels at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup

A record of 13 Tasmanian teams recently attended the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury Wodonga. With an official contingent of 160, the tournament provided an ideal development event for players, coaches, managers and referees.

Mr Chris McCoy, CEO Basketball Tasmania, said, "The Country Cup has grown on our calendar and families look forward to it each year. Our development program teams face strong competition from the larger states with Victoria Country, NSW Country, SA Country, New Zealand and Fiji attending."



"Along with the fantastic game experiences, we find that there are also great life experiences as we work together at our large camp site to ensure everyone is well prepared throughout the week."

"Usually we win around 33 per cent of our games however, this year, we improved significantly winning around 50 per cent of our games across all 13 teams, Mr McCoy said."

In addition to the fantastic overall performance, two Under 14 Girls teams excelled with both heading to the Gold Medal game undefeated. Tasmania has never won a Gold Medal in the girls competition and has never had two teams playing off in the grand final. Overall, this is only the second Gold Medal for Tasmania with the boys winning their division two years ago.

Nearly 200 family members went along to support the Tasmanian teams with all celebrating together at a dinner held at the Commercial Club (event sponsor) in Albury.

Photo: *Basketball Tasmania players, coaches, managers and referees at Melbourne Airport.*

The Change Room

The Change Room celebrates the contribution and achievements of Tasmanian sporting women and girls and brings to light the lesser known stories of sporting excellence and the people behind the games.

It will be presented at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery to coincide with the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's T20 World Cup in 2020.



The exhibition is open from 7 February 2020 to 29 March 2020 in the Bond Store Basement at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery,

Dunn Place, Hobart. For more information email tmagmail@tmag.tas.gov.au or phone (03) 6165 7000.

Photo: *Daria Bannister, North Melbourne Football Club*

Collingwood Magpies back in Hobart for pre-season match

The Collingwood Magpies will be sharpening their game in Hobart before the start of the 2020 Suncorp Super Netball competition.

The Magpies will face off against the Sunshine Coast Lightning in a pre-season match to be held at the Derwent Entertainment Centre on 28 February. According to head coach Rob Wright, the squad are excited to be returning to Tasmania this season.



"It's great being able to return to Tassie for another season, it's our home away from home," Wright said.

"We have a great support base in Tassie and love every opportunity we get to play in front of them."

In round four of the Suncorp Super Netball competition, Collingwood will take on the Giants on the Pies' undefeated home court at the Silverdome in Launceston.

Campbell Town Oval Redevelopment

The Northern Midlands Council has recently completed a redevelopment of the Campbell Town War Memorial Oval.

A new multi-function centre with inclusive change rooms, meeting rooms and a function centre capable of catering for 130 people has replaced the previous aged clubroom facility.



The construction of the multi-function centre was the catalyst for combining and relocating a number of sporting and recreational facilities at the one location to provide a true sporting hub for the town. The new centre now has a direct link to the community swimming pool complex, and pool patrons will share use of the centre's amenities.

The Campbell Town Tennis Club expressed interest in relocating to the site and sold their existing facilities to contribute \$60,000 toward the development of two public tennis courts at the facility. The official opening of the courts will occur this year.

Mr Des Jennings, General Manager Northern Midlands Council said, "the total cost to develop the tennis courts and immediate surrounds was \$321,580, and we were fortunate to receive \$80,000 through the Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program. Public feedback on the new facilities has been overwhelmingly positive, and the complex is a real boost for sporting activities in the town."

Photo: *The new Campbell Town tennis courts with the multi-function centre in the background.*

Sport and Recreation Minor Grants Program

The Sport and Recreation Minor Grants Program provides grants of between \$500 and \$10,000 to clubs, associations, local government and other not-for-profit providers of sport and active recreation.

The Minor Grants Program offers financial assistance towards equipment purchases and/or the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and recreation clubs and improve opportunities for Tasmanians to participate in sport and active recreation.



Eligible projects must benefit sport and/or recreation clubs. Applicants must contribute at least half of the project funding. The grant round opened on 22 January 2020, and applications close at 5:00pm on 4 March 2020.

For further information including the guidelines and application form, visit the [Communities Tasmania website](#) or call 1800 252 476.

Ticket to Play launches for 2020

The Ticket to Play sports voucher program is open for 2020.

Ticket to Play provides vouchers up to \$100 towards club membership for children aged 5-17 years who are listed on a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card or in Out of Home Care. The voucher can be used toward the cost of club membership fees.



The aim of the program is to increase the number of young Tasmanians joining clubs and being active in their communities.

The program launched for the first time in 2019 and provided over 6,000 Tasmanian children with vouchers towards club membership. AFL and Auskick combined had over 1,300 children

participate using a Ticket to Play voucher. Scouts, Guides and Cadets had a combined figure of over 300 participants using vouchers.

With over 30 sports participating and more than 800 clubs, there is a sport for everyone. Get your Ticket to Play and join a club now!

To find out more about Ticket to Play or to apply for a voucher, please visit the [Communities Tasmania website](#).

Doing Better Together Community Grants Scheme

Do you, your community group or club have an idea for a suicide prevention or wellbeing activity?

Funding is available for suicide prevention activities targeted to men 40-64 and people 65 plus. You can hold an event, do some training or just learn more about how your organisation can be more supportive.

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to community organisations, community social groups, sporting groups in the Burnie, Devonport and Central Coast Local Government areas.

Applications close on Tuesday 10 March 2020.

For more information and to apply please contact:

- Allison Daley, Burnie City Council at adaley@burnie.net or (03) 6430 5700
- Jackie Merchant, Central Coast Council at jackie.merchant@centralcoast.tas.gov.au or (03) 6429 8900
- Karen Hampton, Devonport City Council at khampton@devonport.tas.gov.au or (03) 6424 0527

Parks and Leisure Australia Awards of Excellence

Nominations for the 2020 Parks and Leisure Australia Awards of Excellence are now open. These annual awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding initiatives and innovative efforts of 'the people behind the places' which promote good use of leisure time for a number of social, environmental and economic benefits to the community.

Nominations close midnight Friday 27 March 2020. For more information and to nominate for an award, visit the [Parks and Leisure website](#).



Upcoming sporting events

Tasmania has a full calendar of sporting events during the coming weeks with a range of state and national events taking place.

A busy schedule for tennis has begun with the Hobart and Burnie International tournaments already completed. The Launceston International tournament takes place at the Launceston Regional Tennis Centre, from 3 - 9 March 2020.

Touch Football Tasmania will host the 2020 State Cup on the weekend of 8 and 9 February. The State Cup will take place in Launceston and will incorporate both junior and senior competitions.

In swimming news, Swimming Tasmania will host the 2020 Sprint and Relay Championships at the Launceston Aquatic Centre on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 February 2020.

Badminton Tasmania will host the Australian National Championships and the Ede Clendinnen Shield in late February in Launceston.

In motorsport, the North West Car Club will host the 2020 Motorsport Australia Tasmania Hillclimb series at Highclere, on Saturday 22 February. The Hobart Sporting Car Club will host Round One the 2020 Motorsport Australia Tasmania Circuit Racing and Hillclimb Championships at the Baskerville Raceway, Old Beach on Sunday 1 March 2020.

Meanwhile, Equestrian Tasmania is hosting the State Dressage Championships on Saturday 29 February and Sunday 1 March 2020 at the Bunjarra Equestrian Centre in Thirlstane. The event will cater for Classes from Preliminary to Grand Prix, including freestyles from Novice to Grand Prix.

March is also busy for Triathlon with the Paratriathlon World Series, Elite and Under 23 Continental Cup Series and National Junior Championships all being held in Devonport.



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