

Hurricanes Champions League – Grand Final Triumph

A significant event in the cricket calendar and milestone for the Intercultural Sports League (ICSL) was the 2021 Hurricanes Champions League Grand Final held on Sunday, 7 February. After five years and increasing its competition to 14 teams, the ICSL Grand Final was played on Blundstone Arena for the first time.

The Hurricanes Champions League is a partnership between the Hobart Hurricanes and the Intercultural Sports League, established in 2016 and supported through the Hurricanes Foundation.

Local Liberal Member for Clark and Attorney-General, Elise Archer represented the Government and spoke at this event for the fifth year running.

“Tasmania is a culturally, religiously and

linguistically diverse State, with a long history of migration,” Ms Archer said.

The ICSL is an incorporated not-for-profit organisation founded by Mohan Mattala, Raj Chopra and Johnpaul. The ICSL aims to reduce isolation experienced by refugee and migrant communities in Tasmania through participation in sport.

“I commend Raj, Mohan and John for having the initiative and sheer determination to pursue their dream of socially integrating our culturally diverse communities through sport and cricket in particular,” said Ms Archer.

“It’s great to see the rapid growth of the number of teams competing from nine teams in 2016 to 14 this season. As a supporter of the ICSL since its inception, it has been my absolute pleasure to be involved in supporting and sponsoring

this organisation, knowing how important it is for people to connect with and support each other,” continued Ms Archer.

“In 2020, the ICSL was granted \$2,865 from the Tasmanian Government’s Communities, Sport and Recreation’s COVID-19 Sport and Recreation Grants Tranche 2 to assist with items needed to return to play safely including hand sanitiser, wipes and cricket balls,” Ms Archer added.

“The competitors are players from diverse cultural backgrounds including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Syria and Australia,” said Mr Mattala, co-founder of the Intercultural Sports League.

Mr Simon Stebbings, Director of Cricket at Glenorchy Cricket Club was also at the event and said “Through the Glenorchy Cricket Club, specifically the Elise Archer Sponsorship, 15 players have been supported to play Premier League cricket.”

“Our thanks to the Glenorchy Cricket Club, Elise Archer MP and Cricket Tasmania,” added Mr Mohan.

In terms of Tasmanian cricket, the Tasmanian Government has committed funding of \$260,000 per year for four years from 2020-21 to 2023-24 to

Cricket Tasmania in the 2020-21 Budget. The total funding to Cricket Tasmania is \$1 million per year, made up of \$500,000 ICON funding to support Tasmania’s men’s and women’s teams in promoting the State, \$300,000 for the development of cricket, including women and girls cricket, and \$200,000 for BBL/WBBL games throughout the State.

“Our Government is committed to ensuring sport in Tasmania is inclusive, safe and fair for everyone. Congratulations to all those who have supported the growth of the ICSL – the volunteers who run the Intercultural Sports League, the coaches and officials and of course, the players,” Ms Archer added.

Photo 1: (L-R): Local Liberal Member for Clark, the Hon Elise Archer MP with ICSL players from KLM & TPS and Simon Stebbing, Director of Cricket Glenorchy Cricket Club.

Photo 2: (L-R): Local Liberal Member for Clark, the Hon Elise Archer MP.

Photo 3: (L-R): Local Liberal Member for Clark, the Hon Elise Archer MP with event Sponsor, Rashik Shrestha, Expert Education & Visa Services.



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Abu's diary

Diary of a wild Maltese Shih tzu - Mountain dog trained, strong and free. Raised by a goofy long-legged couple who spend endless amounts of energy fighting against their garden enemy no 1 – the mighty possum army

16th diary entry:

Last entry was all about my confusion as to why humans delude themselves with unattainable goals and dive head first into self - sabotage by not reaching them whilst beating themselves up so bad, so as the only option is to hit the bottle for self-soothing. Depressing right!?

I'm so happy the new year resolution goal talk hasn't ended my pack. Looks like my parents let their actions lead the way and the talk comes later. Maybe my doggy, fluffy wisdom does rub off on them? I do see how they watch over me while I nod off to bed every-night and chat about how gorgeous I am!

This diary entry? Well...it's simple! I officially have two chicken sisters. Can you believe the raw utter bravery of my most wonderful parents? Three weeks ago, they came home with the most ugly looking, skinny stinky creatures you will lay eyes on. My mum...bless her most glorious soul – spent hundreds of dollars on a chicken bed! That's when I knew it was her idea to bring two fluffy useless creatures into our lives. Three weeks later and I can't stop hearing them chirp away down under my feet where they wander below the deck. Scratching at the earth below, making a mess of everything...sending dirt and dust up my way as I perform the most important duty of us all, - guarding our home!

They even named them! "Moonie and Sunnie!" I did my best to communicate how heart broken I am to my most precious folks – I sulked for an entire 5 minutes! That was the longest, most challenging time of my short life. It was so hard for me not ignore jumping up and licking my most beloved folks, so I hid under the couch and willed myself to take a nap!

Apparently those two chickens are going to give us all glorious fatty eggs. They better! I look forward to sniffing up some tasty egg farts! Todd, the lazy cat from next door reckons egg farts are the most satisfying. He curls up all over his parent's bed and laps up their gases.

Apparently, the creatures that get on our nerves the most in life are a blessing sent to us to help us develop into better beings. Mmm...those two chickens sure get on my nerves! With their useless clucking and clawing at the ground. Can't they tell that Lenah Valley has terrible soil!?

"That's precisely why your folks probably got them, to get the soil better!" Todd told me. Can you believe it? Now even Todd, the grumpy, lazy cat is becoming my ally. Maybe that is my lesson. The universe sent me two clucky, clawing chickens to wander around below me all day – to teach me to make friends with those around me...

Mmmm, no! Only space for my most beautiful parents and me in my heart! Yes, I got it. That's the lesson – to be okay with not liking everyone around me. To focus on who really matters!

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Coming Together to Experience Chinese Culture

The Tasmania Chinese School promotes Chinese culture and traditions in Tasmania by providing performing arts classes to students aged 3 to 15 years. A recent event held in collaboration with Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania has

brought culturally and linguistically diverse communities together to appreciate and enjoy Chinese culture. Approximately 60 older community members from diverse cultural backgrounds, including Bhutanese, Chinese, Australian, British, German and Nepalese, attended the KGV Sports and Community Centre in Glenorchy to enjoy an array of performances by students of

the Tasmania Chinese School. Performances consisted of dance, martial arts, singing, and playing Guzheng, a traditional Chinese instrument. Each of the performances expressed an aspect of Chinese culture.

The continuous applause and appreciation expressed by the audience during each performance indicated the high entertainment value of the event. One audience member of Bhutanese heritage said that they enjoy learning

about other traditions and cultures, "I am glad to know about the Chinese culture through the form of music and martial arts," they said.

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Chronicles of An Umpiring Debut.

As Bill Klem says “The best umpired game is the game in which the fans cannot recall the umpires who worked it”.

Diverse Tassie was fascinated to witness the skills exhibited by two umpires from culturally diverse backgrounds officiating at local Hurricanes Champions league competition. We tried to speak to the two umpires about their experience and were able to get the interview of one the umpires, Akshay Tickoo. We will try to get the interview of the other umpire Shonit Sharma in one of our upcoming editions.

Akshay in his interview gave insights into his umpiring journey so far.

What got you into umpiring?

Well, my love of cricket obviously, but also me being too old and fat, as well as a traditionalist to play Twenty-20 properly. So, thought, if I can't play this format of the game, I can still be a part of it by umpiring. And always am interested in seeing the next batch of cricketers evolve, and umpiring gives me the best vantage point to view the same.

Umpiring can be very hard at times... but what keeps you going during tough times?

It surely is not as easy to do as it looks on tv or such. My goal is as much as possible to avoid any mistakes while umpiring, and strive to do so. However, knowing

that we are all humans and mistakes do happen, so I take it in stride, and just take those tough times as learning curves within this journey of umpiring. In every tough time, I just see what I can learn from it, so next time I face a similar situation, I am better suited to handle it, and maybe next time it wouldn't be that tough.

Did umpiring job have an effect on your personal life?

Does a bad decision haunt you?

Well, as mentioned above, we are all humans, and I would love to say that a bad decision does not



haunt me, but then I would be lying. There are some decisions in which I have gotten wrong, but I have now slowly learned how to switch off from it, and take that in stride.

How was it umpiring at ICSL? and how different was it?

Umpiring at ICSL was something of a whole different element, as the cricket in this competition was played as a festival of cricket, so whilst the level was mostly very high, but then there were more interactions between players and umpires, more jokes being passed around and a more relaxed atmosphere than cricket in other competitions. Umpiring in it had its ups and downs, at times it felt that the players took more liberty with the umpires over here, but mostly I felt quite empowered about umpiring in it.

What's your advice for someone who wants to take up umpiring?

Well, umpiring for sure is not

everybody's cup of tea. One must be thicker skinned in it, but I feel the most important mantra they need to remember is that, mistakes happen by all, including the players, irrespective of how good they are, but they should always be fair while giving their decisions, and the players will always respect that. Also, it does help having a passion for the game, and knowing as much of the rules as you can. Also, have confidence in yourself, and believe in yourself, because you are the one who is in charge of this beautiful game of cricket.



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Inaugural Community Cricket Gala Day hailed a success

11 February 2021

Staff Writer for Cricket Tasmania

Sunday February 7 saw Blundstone Arena play host to Cricket Tasmania's inaugural Community Cricket Gala Day.

For a ground that just a month earlier hosted some of the best T20 players in the country – if not the world – and next week will switch to kicking off part two of the 2020/21 Marsh Sheffield Shield season, last weekend the hallowed turf of arguably the country's most picturesque cricket ground played host to around 60 Tasmanian cricketers from various communities – and their 100s of their supporters and fans.

The day started with a game between Cricket Tasmania's Northern and Southern All-Abilities teams, which have been formed in partnership with New Horizons. The players have intellectual disabilities but generally play cricket in mainstream clubs.

Captain of the victorious Southern side, Craig Blaschke, said his side thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"It was good. I was pinching myself playing cricket on here [Blundstone Arena]," Blaschke said. "I've played a few footy games, but it was my first time playing cricket [on Blundstone Arena]. It was good fun, it was a great day, so

cheers for that Cricket Tas!"

The next match featured an Indigenous Invitational XI that played against a Cricket Tasmania Pathways XI. A part of Cricket Tasmania's development program, normally the indigenous team would go away to Alice Springs to the National Indigenous Championships at this time of year. However, unsurprisingly, this was not possible in a COVID-affected 2020/21 season, so instead there was the opportunity for them to play against some really high quality opposition in the Cricket Tasmania Pathways side.

"It was a really good opportunity to play for your state and play for your culture," said Indigenous Invitational XI player, Jack Callinan. "You don't get the opportunity every day of the week, so when it does come along, you take it with two hands."

"We were supposed to go to Alice Springs...[so it was] a bit disappointing we didn't get away there, but to play at this ground and this facility is unbelievable." The final game of the day was the Intercultural Sports League Grand Final, which is a significant event on the Tasmanian community cricket calendar each year. Including a Nepalese rock band as part of the pre-match entertainment, the main game had a significant crowd come along to see the

KLM Kings take out the title in the fifth year of the Intercultural Sports League.

Chair of the Intercultural Sports League, Raj Chopra, said playing on Blundstone Arena was a dream come true for many of the league's participants.

"It was an ambition of the Hurricanes Champions League since we started [in the] last five years... Every year we had the Grand Final at KGV [Oval] but this year Cricket Tas gave us the opportunity to play here. I think it's been talked about in different countries, we have friends in India and Pakistan and US and people have watched it and they absolutely loved it!"

Captain of the victorious KLM Kings, Umair Butt, echoed Chopra's comments.

"Honestly, I said on that day as well, it was a dream for every single player to play on Blundstone Arena and it's a feeling that can't be expressed ... everyone who has come from back home wants to play cricket in international facilities...it's a feeling that you can't just express in the words."

Cricket Tasmania's General Manager – Community Cricket, Ben Smith, said that whilst Blundstone Arena is often solely associated with elite sport, fundamentally it is a community cricket ground.

"It is a part of the community and it's a great asset for the Tasmanian community, and every opportunity that we can get to get anyone that loves the game and wants to play the opportunity to play out here is really important. It's obviously an outstanding surface and a great pitch and we saw over 800 runs scored on the day, so I think they all enjoyed the experience."

Whilst the day initially came about to make up for lost playing opportunities as a result of COVID-19, the success of the event has led to the inevitable question; when will the next one be?!

"I'm getting some really good support from our CEO at the moment," Smith continued, "he's made a couple of very encouraging statements about trying to find a date each year and lock this in as an annual event, and that would be our ambition going forwards."

"We pride ourselves on being a sport for all and cricket is so easy to modify and adapt; you can play it on the beach, you can play it in the backyard and you can play it regardless of what ability you have, so we're really keen to make sure that cricket is a sport for all, and celebrating all of these different groups who enjoy our game is really important to us."

Managing Mental Health and Back to School

By Tara Bufton

For many families around Tassie early February is a time of change. We've adjusted to holidays so well that the easy morning wake-ups and schedule free days are now the norm. For parents and children alike the process of going back to school involves some getting-used-to.

First, we have the morning routine. Early alarms, showers, lunch boxes and getting to the bus, in the car or walking to meet the school bell. Then there's the basics of school prep – have we got pencil cases, uniforms, books? Ohhh and then there's friends – who will sit next to my child (or me if you are the child) in class, on the bus and in the recess and lunch breaks? And after all the tricky stuff is sorted, there is the learning.

So, the morning routine is really all about adjusting to change. Habits take 21

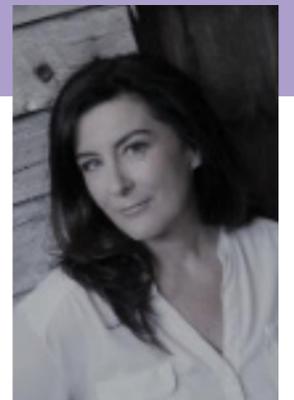
days to form. The holiday hours are well and truly entrenched by now. Reminding ourselves that it takes 21 days to learn our new routine is helpful. Anything that takes the pressure off and reduces stress is helpful. Our thinking, our mindset, around this stuff makes a difference. Give yourself and your family some grace. Knowing that in a few weeks the new routine will be working like clockwork. A suggestion for the next big Christmas break is to begin practicing the school morning routine two weeks before school goes back – then you will be back in the swing of it before the school bells have even been switched back on.

And this preparation applies to sorting all the basic necessities of school life. If you are able to do it a couple of weeks before that makes everything easier when the actual change to school life begins. I remember one year, when I was in grade 8, I didn't have my books. I was on what was called the "free list". I turned up to school with an empty school bag. Thankfully my uniform and school shoes all looked pretty sweet – but the embarrassment of not having books when everyone else did was significant. My first day back was made harder for it. Once the embarrassment was overcome – it was also the feeling of being one step behind. My books – un-labelled and uncovered – were not ready to be written

in. I remember the feeling 36 years later. I guess the bell has already sounded on this one for 2021...but still it's worth noting for future reference. Having all the gear ready to go is helpful.

As is, connecting with friends, and knowing they'll be there doing school with you. I have made a film called Nutty, that's in post-production as we speak, about school and mental health and friendship. It tells the story of two young adults who are struggling to get to school - due to some mental health challenges. They form a friendship and school gets that little bit easier. For most of us, the need to feel friendship and connection is essential. Sometimes mental health stuff can get in the way of friendships...but that's not the end of the story. Everyone can learn friendship skills. If your child is struggling in this area, seek out help from a mental health practitioner. Rest assured these skills can be developed along side of algebra and spelling.

Algebra and spelling are amongst many of the things we learn at school. We learn so much more than the content of the class – that's not to say that the content isn't important. In fact, I think that if our children focus in on the content – they can be less worried about the other school pressures. Learning for the enjoyment of learning is what can make school, and life



beyond, all the more enjoyable. There is some merit in achieving a high rating in your assessment – however the most important way learning can add to our lives is by getting internal satisfaction from knowing stuff.

I hope you and your family have transitioned from holiday life to school life smoothly. Before you know it Easter will be here with another 3 weeks to form the holiday habits again.



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THAI GREEN CURRY CHICKEN (PREPARE IN A WOK).

This dish can be chicken, cooked with bamboo, potato, capsicum, spring onion, asparagus, carrot, broccoli, large chili, and or pineapple. (Possibly a combination of them, but best to limit it to three types.)

If you want to use potatoes then you must cut to size and cook beforehand.

Vegetables would need to be prepared and cut to size, ready to add when the meat is almost cooked.

(Don't cut too small)

Mix in the wok:

1 x slightly rounded dessert spoonful of the curry paste (RED OR GREEN) to a dessert spoon full of either sunflower or canola oil. Don't add too much curry paste as this can be added if the flavour needs enhancing, after you have added the coconut milk. It should be OK as it is.

1 x slightly rounded tsp of chicken stock powder

(If you're cooking pork still use chicken stock)

2 x kaffir lime leaves broken into smaller pieces

3 x small hot Thai chili and 2 cloves of garlic. cut fine

1 x level tsp of raw sugar.

Stir until mixed well with a wooden spoon.

Then add 500 gm of the meat that has been cut into thin pieces to around 4 to 5 cm long. Stir and making sure all covered with mix

If you are adding carrot, that has been cut into thin slices, you need to add now because it takes longer to cook. If you are using pineapple add now and have it cut to a suitable size.

When meat is almost cooked add 1 x 400 ml can of coconut milk (AYAM OR MAE PLOY brand offers a good taste, as some cheap brands seem to be more rice flour than coconut milk.)

Now add your prepared vegetables and stir until the paste mix has blended with coconut milk.

At this stage I suggest you taste the mix, because you can add more paste, or more coconut milk or more chicken stock to correct it. If you have run out of coconut milk and the flavor is too strong, you can use some unsweetened condensed milk and water.

When vegetables are tender enough, serve with steamed rice (Don't overcook vegetables)

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Revised Estimates Report

2020-21

15 February 2021

Peter Gutwein, Premier

The release of the Revised Estimates Report 2020-21 confirms our economic recovery is well underway in Tasmania.

When compared to the 2020-21 Budget released in November last year, our economy and employment levels have both recovered more quickly than forecast.

Almost 80 per cent of Tasmanians have now returned to work since the height of the pandemic in May 2020 and our participation rate has returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Whereas the 2020-21 Budget anticipated an unemployment rate of 8½ per cent this year, the Midyear Review now forecasts 7 per cent unemployment in year-average terms, and employment is forecast to continue growing.

As Tasmanians return to work, our economy is now expected to grow this year rather than contract. Increasing economic activity is underpinned by growing consumer and business confidence, retail trade, and housing investment across the State supported by our successful HomeBuilder program. Dwelling approvals are at unprecedented levels, and in December were the highest since the series began nearly forty years ago.

A stronger economy strengthens our budget, through increased revenues, including GST receipts and state revenues including conveyance duty. Compared to the Budget, the Net Operating Balance

this year is estimated to have improved by \$157.3 million and Net Debt is also expected to be around \$150 million lower.

The 2020-21 Budget is our plan for economic recovery and includes an ambitious and landmark \$5 billion infrastructure program across the next four years that will support around 25,000 jobs.

Given the extraordinary activity in our building and construction sector, including through the HomeBuilder grants scheme, we have a very busy market, and our plan is doing exactly what we need it to - underpinning confidence and providing a strong pipeline and foundation for economic growth over the next four years. The Report identifies a number of risks for infrastructure delivery, however, it is pleasing to see that despite the pandemic, year-to-December infrastructure expenditure has been 10.4 per cent higher than this time last year.

Once again, the report demonstrates that our recovery is well underway but we know that there is more to do. That's why we will continue to focus on the health and safety of Tasmanians as we manage this pandemic, and we will continue our focus on growing our economy, creating jobs, and getting more Tasmanians back into work.

The Report handed down today is proof that we're delivering on our plan and rebuilding a stronger Tasmania.

Tolosa Park BMX development racing ahead

2 February 2021

Jane Howlett, Minister for Sport and Recreation

The Tasmanian Government is committed to providing modern, fit for purpose sporting facilities to encourage Tasmanians to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

Under the 2020-21 Improving the Playing Field Grants Program, grants of between \$25,000 and \$250,000 were available to local Government and sporting organisations for projects that develop or improve functional and inclusive amenities.

I am pleased to announce that 27 projects across Tasmania, totalling more than \$3.7 million will benefit from the large grants stream, with the Grants Program also providing assistance in supporting the state's building and construction industry and local jobs.

The Glenorchy City Council was one of the successful applicants and will receive \$250,000 under the Program for

the development of a new \$750,000 BMX track at Tolosa Park.

The current BMX facility at Berriedale has its limitations and is restricted to club members only and I am confident that the new track at Tolosa Park will also encourage more Tasmanians to take up the Olympic sport while providing young people in the area a safe community space to be active.

In 2019, Southern City BMX hosted a round of the National series with riders from across Australia competing, and the new track will make the area a prime candidate for attracting more national, and potentially international, BMX events to Tasmania.

Construction on the Tolosa Park BMX track will begin soon and the project is expected to be completed by January 2022.

A full list of the successful applicants will be available on the Department of Communities Tasmania's website at www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr

Design tender awarded for \$20 million indoor multi-sport facility

12 February 2021

Jane Howlett, Minister for Sport and Recreation

The Tasmanian Government is committed to providing modern sporting facilities around the State to increase participation in sport and encourage Tasmanians to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

That's why I am pleased to announce that the tender for the design of the \$20 million indoor multi-sport facility (IMSF) in Glenorchy has been awarded to Tasmanian firm ARTAS Architects.

ARTAS has offices in Launceston, Hobart and Devonport and with 30 years in practice, has an emphasis on integrated design.

ARTAS has a comprehensive and diverse portfolio with a proven track record of delivering projects on time and on budget.

The firm will partner with interstate firm Populous to deliver the design for the important new facility.

The IMSF will provide multi-use courts and amenities for a range of sports

including futsal, netball, basketball, volleyball and gymnastics. It will also provide multi-use rooms for community activities, while helping to meet the growing needs of the local community and encouraging more Tasmanians to participate in sport.

The new facility will also complement the larger redevelopment of the Derwent Entertainment Centre (DEC), which will serve as the home base for the Tasmanian Jack Jumpers when they enter the National Basketball League in the 2021-22 season.

The IMSF project team, comprising of representatives from Communities, Sport and Recreation and ARTAS, will start meeting with sporting and community groups next week to enable input into the design of the facility.

The project team will also work with the project team managing the DEC upgrade, as the two facilities will be adjacent to each other.

Construction on the multi-sport facility is set to commence in November 2021, with the facility expected to be completed in late 2022.

Tasplan International Women's Day Awards for Excellence 2021

15 February 2021

Sarah Courtney, Minister for Women

Nominations are closing soon for the Tasplan International Women's Day Awards for Excellence.

The Awards recognise outstanding contributions by women in the Tasmanian State Service, the community services industry and local government, including in the categories of:

- * Tasmanian State Service: Inspirational Leader;
- * Tasmanian State Service: Aspiring Leader;
- * Community Services Industry: Inspirational Leader;
- * Community Services Industry: Aspiring Leader;
- * Local Government: Inspirational Leader (Elected Representative); and
- * Local Government: Inspirational Leader (Officer).

I urge anyone who knows a woman who is making an outstanding contribution in these areas to nominate them so we can recognise and celebrate their service and achievements.

The Awards will be announced at an online event to be held on Thursday 4 March to celebrate International Women's Day.

I am thrilled to advise that Ms Grace Tame, the 2021 Australian of the Year and proud Tasmanian, will be delivering the keynote address.

Grace has demonstrated extraordinary courage by using her voice to push for legal reform and raise public awareness about the impacts of sexual violence, as well as being an advocate for all vulnerable groups in our community.

The Tasplan International Women's Day Awards for Excellence are a collaboration between the Tasmanian State Service; Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT); the Tasmanian Council of Social Service (TasCOSS) and Local Government Professionals Australia Tasmania.

International Women's Day (Monday, 8 March 2021) is a day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This year's theme - #ChooseToChallenge - inspires all of us to challenge and call out gender bias and inequity, seek out and celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness against bias and take action for equality.

Nominations close 12 noon, this Friday 19 February 2021 and can be made at www.tascoss.org.au/tasplan-iwd-awards-for-excellence-2021.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at <https://tascoss.org.au/events/tasplan-iwd-awards-virtual-event-2021/>

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Leadership Changes – Intercultural Sports League (ICSL)

Intercultural Sports League ICSL announces its new President elect - John Paul Palissery Co-Founder of ICSL who will also continue with the role of Finance Director since 2016 of ICSL. John comes with a wealth of experience in business development, finance and has a strategic mind to lead ICSL into the future.

John said “I am humbled and it’s an honour to accept this new position in ICSL - the organisation we - Raj, Mohan and I founded 5 years back. I am proud of the ICSL’s journey so far and looking forward to an even more exciting future for community sports. As I refer to its proud journey so far, I wish to acknowledge Raj and Mohan for their contribution to ICSL’s achievements”

Mohan Mattala Co-Founder of ICSL will assume the position of Vice President - Operations/Administration and Raj Chopra Co-Founder of ICSL will take on the Vice President - Creative Marketing/Public Relations position in ICSL. The decisions to reshuffle the leadership roles comes after an executive meeting to give new strategic direction to ICSL.

Raj in his new role will focus more on the creative marketing/public relations side to make the competition more sustainable for ICSL - Hurricanes Champions League. This also gives Raj a much needed break who has served as successful President of ICSL for the past 5 years. “ICSL has inspired local Tasmanian clubs and players across the

Hobart region to become welcoming for newcomers and we are very proud of that achievement and will continue to do so” said Raj Chopra.

Mohan as Vice President will oversee all aspects of internal administration and plan short-term/long-term roadmaps for ICSL. Mohan said “ICSL has and will continue to work as a team to provide opportunities for emerging communities of Tasmania through sports”.

Season 5 of Hurricanes Champions league was a great success ending with a thrilling match between KLM KINGS and TPS at Blundstone arena. John said “I would like to thank all our supporters, sponsors, captains, players and their families in Tasmania for supporting us unconditionally and I look forward to working with you all in coming season.” He added “Lets mark season 5 Finals at Blundstone in our history as this was a great opportunity

offered to emerging communities by Cricket Tasmania. ICSL’s mission is to bridge the gap and bring communities closer - Let’s get it done together!

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