



December 2020 Newsletter

Hi Team,

Jingle Bells and greetings to you all!

Just as Santa is almost ready to start packing his sleigh, here at New Horizons we are finishing the pack-up (and sanitising ;)) of all our sporting equipment for another year.

Right around the state, New Horizons communities have celebrated the Christmas season with joyful hearts — we're all so particularly appreciative this year to have been able to connect for these events.

We had NO idea at the start of 2020 what the world was in for, and it's indeed been a rollercoaster. At your club here, we feel blessed to have made it to December with only one term off activities earlier on, and most of all, to have all of our members, families and friends covid-free. I think we all agree that Island life has more advantages than we had previously realised!

I'm signing off now from keeping Belinda's seat warm while she had a lovely first year at home with baby Harry. It will be fantastic to have her back at the helm! Thank you so much to Belinda, Ruth, Saskia, Stuart, Jess, Belinda C, the Board, volunteers and members for all of your support of me while I took on the Acting CEO role in this very odd (and sometimes admittedly tough) year.

Also, I'd like to express heartfelt thanks to Board members Scott Schilg and Melody West, who have reached the end of their tenure with us. Both made such an impact and will be sorely missed.

Making everything we do possible alongside the **Tas Government Department of Sport, Recreation and Communities**, have been our major corporate supporters: **Hudson Civil Products**, **Commonwealth Bank Tasmania** (in a three-year partnership that concludes this year), **The Kitchen Centre** and **Wayne Manion Plumbing**. We send our appreciation and warm Christmas wishes to their teams.

Now- hurry along, finish that shopping and get the turkey in the oven!

From all of us here at New Horizons, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, restful New Year break.

We're already excited about seeing you in 2021 😊

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NHT Office Hours

The NHT office will close at 11.30 am Friday 18th December and reopen on Monday 11 January 2021. Sports & activities will recommence in early February, with sport schedules released in late January.

The Membership fees for 2021 were set at the AGM in November,
Family \$70 Adult \$40
Junior (U 16) \$32

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS:

North West Christmas Dinner

The NW Athletes and Volunteers ended their year with a fun evening of Bowls and dinner at the Wynyard Bowls Club. A huge THANK YOU to Lyndall Hall for arranging a wonderful event and we wish Lyndall all the best as she takes a break from coordinating.



North East News from Vicki Forsyth

On Friday 11th our group held it's annual Christmas break-up with family and an enjoyable and fun time was had by all. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.



South wrap-up with Stu

We have had a busy few months in the South of the state and it's great to see so many new faces and members joining our expanded list of activities.

Our Monday basketball program has been a popular addition to the weekly calendar with a focus on skill development and game sense activities. Our volunteer facilitators Priyanka and Phoebe have noticed real improvement in everyone's involvement in this program. Basketball will finish up on Monday 14th December – we thank **Newtown High School** for a great venue to host this program and looking forward to really expanding basketball participation in 2021.



Mondays also saw an 8-week AFL program ran in conjunction with the **Glenorchy JFC** facilitators Joel and Sam Berry. Whilst we haven't had a National Carnival to aspire to this year, this didn't deter some regular faces turning up and some new members being involved. We thank Joel and Sam for an awesome program which we are keen on progressing into 2021, when hopefully our football program will see some normality.

Wednesday mornings in Term 4 have seen 10 new members from Taroon High School attend our GymAbility program in Kingston. This has been a fun, engaging movement program run by some awesome facilitators and staff at GymSports. This program will continue in 2021. Thanks to **Felicity at Taroon HS, Jo and the team at GymSports** and NHT Board member, **Penny Nicholls**, for their support of this program!

The Wednesday Multi-sports program continues to be our most popular weekly event with increased numbers enjoying a wide range of sports. All participants are displaying teamwork, inclusiveness and dedication to improve their own and other's abilities and we are proud of the progress being made with

everyone's involvement! Our last session for 2020 will be Wednesday 16th December which will coincide with a Southern Xmas gathering – stay tuned for the finer details on this one!

Fridays have seen our weekly lawn bowls program enjoy plenty of sunshine and relaxed competition from all attendees. We can't thank Ross and the team at **North Hobart Bowls and Community Centre** enough for always including us and supporting our organisation. We will definitely continue this program early into 2021.

We have also recently started our Southern cricket program on Fridays which will lead into some hotly contested Intrastate matches into 2021. Taking a small break over Xmas/New Year, we will continue cricket training into January 2021 to ensure our region is ready for some matches in February (stay tuned for the finer details with this!). We thank **North Hobart Cricket Club** for their support in cricket in the South.

Rounding up for the year, we would like to acknowledge three fantastic organisations who have made our Hobart program possible so far. A big thank you to the **Convict City Roller Derby League** and **AFL Tasmania** who have supported us so significantly by donating program and office space for NHT in Hobart for the last three years. And finally, to the **Commonwealth Bank** in Tasmania who core-funded our new Hobart operation. All three share credit in the fantastic outcomes that our Hobart program is delivering!

Song & Dance Concert

Wow, a sensational afternoon of Song and Dance prowess was on display at the **Scotch Oakburn College Auditorium** on Sunday 29th November.

It was the culmination of a year's hard work 'tripping the light fantastic' by our Song and Dance troupe under the tuition of Melissa Wimmer, and our Junior Song and Dance group and Choir under the guidance of Maryann Keach.

Congratulations to the members on a wonderful display and sincere thanks to everyone who made the afternoon such a success!



**Merry Christmas
from the
Craft group!**



BIRTHDAYS!

December

1st Garry Quill Connor & Alex Riley
2nd Joy Terry
3rd Darrin Geard Kiara Lavin
4th Linda Cox
7th Mitch Mansell
8th Brendan Fish
10th Brian Abey
11th Vinnie Hall
12th Xavier Bartninkaitis
13th Davinia Hart
15th Jade Radford Ryan Stott
16th Bronte Hart
17th Felicity Poke
21st John Cullen
22nd Pat Young
26th James Fisher
28th Sam Marthick Phil Moir
31st Jo O'May

January

2nd Glenn O'Brien
3rd Thomas Johnson
6th Blake Bonnitca
7th Amy Young Isaac Gration
9th Nick Carter Annette Devine
10th Elly Thompson Sarah You
13th Kaye Drinkwater
14th Katrina Bartninkaitis
15th Jo Wallace Justin Nilon
8th Jacquie Spencer Maryann Keach
22nd Claire Colgrave
Puneet & Nonadini Kashyap
18th Denise Young
23rd Chris Meale
26th Jenny Dell



LAUNCESTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Launceston NHT group had such a wonderful Christmas gathering at Tailrace, enjoying a performance by **Melissa Wimmer's** dancing Minions (including our own NHT star, Megan) and a visit from Santa and Mrs Claus! Thank you so much to our friends at **Wayne Manion Plumbing** for sponsoring the evening, adding extra cheer our event!



THANK YOU TO OUR VERY OWN CHRISTMAS ELVES!

We've tried to not to talk about our funding stress this festive season too much, but it is certainly something that 'hangs' over our staff and Board members, as we go about making preparations for 2021.

With this in mind, we've been especially overwhelmed to have received incredibly thoughtful and generous Christmas donations by friends and community organisations!

Heartfelt thanks to **Phillipa and Tim Stackhouse, Ron and Sue Barker, Josephine Forbes-Young, Cripps Bakery, Pure Food Eggs, Evandale Rotary Club, Commbank Tasmania Staff, Velo Wines, Joe Fletcher and The Open Door Fellowship** for their incredible gifts to New Horizons XXOO