



NEWSLETTER

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Hello there,



'The most wonderful time of the year' is almost upon us, so of course Christmas preparations are in full swing at New Horizons!

It was such a pleasure to be in the audience for our 2021 Song and Dance concert last weekend. Congratulations to all of our performers on a wonderful show — you were brilliant! Special thanks to Melissa Wimmer (our dance instructor) and to Maryann Keach (our choir coordinator), as well as Maryann's helpers Noelsy and Angie, who have once again led such popular programs for our members. What joy they bring!

Footy also brings us a lot of joy, and if you've been missing it, you're in for a treat! On Sunday the 5th, you can come along to Prospect High School, and enjoy taking part in, or supporting our AFL Inclusion Gala Day. In partnership with AFL Tas and Paraquad, we'll be enjoying AFL Inclusion, AFL Wheelchair and Basketball games.

Soon after, we have our various end-of-year celebrations around the state to look forward to. I'll be catching up with many of you at our Launceston gathering at the Country Club, and can't wait to introduce you to our fabulous new team members too. In Launceston we have welcomed Lesley Ikin as our Operations Lead and Tom McIntee as Northern / North-East Sport and Rec Coordinator. Cameron Burgess will be leading our Regional Co-ordinators and working with Stu in the south, and on the North-West Coast we have Katie Mitchell starting in January. A big thank you to Danielle Kidd who has been kicking off the preparations on the North-West.

There is so much for us to celebrate this year at 'the club'. The best Christmas present our organisation could have wished for is a team who are ready and able to grow our programs and reach throughout the state — and this is now our reality.

We're very excited for 2022, but also acknowledge that much remains unknown about what to expect in regard to the wider picture, with our state borders opening just as we close our programs for the year. The Board and I will be in contact with you by mid-December to outline our finalised Covid Policy for the New Year.

For now though, I wish you and your loved ones a Happy Christmas and a safe and restful holiday break!

Belinda



Get well soon!



Nada Miller and Kate O'May we send our get well wishes, hope to see you soon!



Condolences

Our condolences to Phil, Deb & Elly Thompson and Family on the loss of their Mother & Grandmother recently.

December Birthdays

1st - Emily Newman and Alex Riley (turning 21!)

2nd - Joy Terry

3rd - Darrin Geard

4th - Linda Cox

7th - Mitch Mansell

10th - Brian Abey

13th - Davinia Hart

15th - Ryan Stott

16th - Bronte Hart

22nd - Jack Moore and Pat Young

26th - Jim Fisher

27th - Hermann Riedl

28th - Phil Moir and Sam Marthick

31st - Jo O'May

Congratulations!

We'd like to congratulate **Hannah Syms** and **Rita Case** who are finalists in the 2021 Tasmanian Disability Festival Art Prize. Congratulations also to **Kane Wojcicki** for getting his forklift driver's license.



Membership Fees for 2022

Membership Fees for 2022 have been set by the Board for as follows:

Adult \$40 | Junior (14 - 16 years) \$34 | Family \$70

All memberships are due from 1st January 2022



New Members

This month's applicants are **John Stuart** and **Linley Aikman** (volunteers - north). If any member has just cause why an applicant should not be included into the club, they must advise the Public Officer (Belinda Kitto) in writing, no later than Wednesday 15 December. Mail can be directed to NHT, PO Box 49, MOWBRAY TAS 7248, or dropped off into the office. Without any objections, this member will be inducted into the club and advised accordingly.

NEW in the NORTH – Painting Sessions

Fred Fullerton, a local artist, and former art teacher at TAFE, will be starting painting classes at our New Horizons club house in February!

Thursdays, 10am - 11.30am, starting Thursday 10 February 2022.

Anyone wanting to join, please contact the office.

NORTH WEST News

As part of our project to expand New Horizons in the North West, a gathering of our Wynyard/Somerset athletes was held on 17 November. 22 athletes, carers and family members came to dinner to enjoy each other's company and tell us what activities they want to do next year.

Some big favourites were basketball, cricket and taekwondo, and the group are also keen to try disc golf and badminton.

Newly appointed Assistant Coordinator, Samuel Marthick, has been doing a great job contacting sporting organisations to check availability and our 2022 plan is coming together.

Somerset/Wynyard New Horizons Group Christmas BBQ



Wednesday 15 December
From 5pm
ANZAC Park, Somerset

Come along to enjoy some fun games! 😊📺



NORTH News



Craft & Woodwork



With only 2 weeks to go for the year, our 'Crafters' are in top gear finishing their projects and Christmas niceties. Last week we welcomed Davinia back to help us make clay Christmas decorations - what a treat! Our Woodworkers are occupied learning about and constructing a replica model with Linley - so lucky to have his expert help.



Our sincere THANK YOU to our super team of volunteers!

Tess

Maureen

Sue

Helen

Louise

Kim

Chris

Janice

Brian

Phil

We are indebted to you for your help and friendship each and every week - what a team!!!



NORTH Sports Schedule

	Activity	Time	Finishes on
Monday	Gym/Fitness	11.15am	13 December
	Boccia	12.15pm	
	Golf	1.30pm	
	Cricket	4.00pm	
	Soccer/Futsal	4.00pm	
	Rebound Therapy	5.15pm	
Tuesday	Craft	10.00am	14 December
	Woodwork	10.15	
	Song & Dance	Has finished for the year	
	Junior Song & Dance / Choir		30 November
	Taekwondo	6.00pm	14 December
Wednesday	Swimming Lanes	5.30pm	8 December
	Swimming Program	6.30pm	
	Tennis		
Friday	Basketball		3 December

***Gym/Fitness recommences Monday 17th January at 11.15am.**

SOUTH Sports Schedule

South Term 4 programs		Finish Date	
Cricket	Mondays 4pm	20 th December	TCA Indoor Centre Nets, North Hobart Cricket Club, Davies Ave, Queens Domain
Basketball	Mondays 4:30pm	13 th December	C-Block, 83 Federal St, North Hobart
Gymnastics	Tuesdays 10:15am	14 th December	GymSports, Kingston
Multi Sports	Wednesdays 4:00pm	15 th December	C-Block, 83 Federal St, North Hobart
Multi-Sports (Day Program)	Thursdays 10:00am	16 th December	C-Block, 83 Federal St, North Hobart

Term Fees

Invoices for activity/sport sessions this term will be sent out in December. If possible, payment prior to the office closing would be appreciated. If you have any queries please contact Ruth at the office.



Meet the newest team members!



Lesley Ikin

Hi! My name is Lesley Ikin and I joined New Horizons in November as part of the team in Launceston. My role is Operations Lead and I am really excited to have come on board as we move forward to 2022 and all the exciting things ahead for New Horizons.

I am a Launceston girl, however I have lived and worked both on the mainland and overseas over the years. Much of my working life has been in the youth homelessness sector; however I have also worked in the Arts and Museum field. I have a 19 year old daughter and we have a dog and several cats, who are part of our family at home in Invermay. In fact cats are another part of how I spend my time, as eight years ago I established and now help run a state wide cat rescue organisation called Rescue Cats Safe Haven Inc., which fills a bit of my spare time.

I'm really looking forward to meeting many of you over the coming months, and hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas.

Thank you, Lesley



Tom McIntee

Hi all,
I am excited to have started at New Horizons Tasmania last month as the Sport and Recreation Coordinator in the region of the north and northeast.

I am an avid sports fan following many sports including AFL, cricket, EPL and F1 to name a few. During the winter months you will find me umpiring football of a weekend across the state and during the summer months you will find me playing cricket for the Launceston Cricket Club. Two great sides to sport which I have a real passion and drive for. You may also see me jogging the streets of Launceston or your local oval all year round.

My love of sport doesn't stop at the participation or officiating side, I also studied a degree in Sports Management online at Torrens University which I completed last year.

I look forward to meeting and working with members as time goes on 😊

Thank you, Tom

NORTH EAST News



We had an enjoyable and informative day at the zoo and at Bridport last Monday. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Vicki 😊

SOUTH News

The Southern Xmas Event will take place on **Wednesday 15th December at 4pm** during our usual **Wednesday Multi-sport session at Bellerive Beach**.

All Southern members throughout 2021 are invited to come have a BBQ, play some beach sports and have a laugh to celebrate what has been a great year!



THANK YOU TO THE POLICE CHARITY TRUST!

NHT are so grateful to our friends at the Police Charity Trust for choosing New Horizons (along with Down Syndrome Tasmania) as beneficiaries of their fundraising ride this year — **this incredible group raised over \$60,000!**

Belinda was thrilled to attend the finish line event at St Helens to offer our thanks, as well as congratulations to all the participants for their incredible efforts. A special shout-out to our Board members Steve Ockerby and Alan Dengate, two of the star riders 😊.



Meet the newest team members!



Danielle Kidd

Hi everyone,

My name is Danielle Kidd and I've joined the New Horizons team to help kick off our expansion in the North West. I was born and raised on the North West Coast and live in Burnie. My competition days as a surf life saver are loooong gone and these days I'm more of a spectator. I'm really enjoying helping New Horizons re-establish connections and build new networks with North West athletes and working with Sam to bring lots of new experiences to the North West.



Sam Marthick

Hi everyone,

I'm Samuel Marthick and I live in Burnie and have just started as the Assistant Coordinator for the North West. I also work at Sharmans butchery doing deliveries. I have been an athlete with New Horizons and Special Olympics, playing basketball, swimming and athletics since 2003. I'm really excited to get activities going for the North West group. We have organised taekwondo in Somerset for term 2 next year, as well as a game of cricket for our Christmas breakup.



INCLUSION & WHEELCHAIR FOOTBALL GALA DAY

**Sunday December 5
Prospect High School, Launceston**

State AFL Inclusion match	11:00 AM
BBQ lunch and mini Wheelchair AFL game	12:10 PM
State Wheelchair AFL match	12:45 PM
Inclusion Basketball mini round robin	2:00 PM

Both the State AFL Inclusion and Wheelchair AFL matches will be live streamed via the AFL Tasmania Facebook page.

What's Coming Up



Song & Dance Concert Happy Snaps!



Thank you Volunteers!



"The hands that make a difference are the hands of a Volunteer!"

Thank you to each and every one of our incredibly generous Coaches and Volunteers. Thank you for giving so much of your precious resource - your time! It is incredibly humbling and we are beyond lucky to have such an incredible crew of Volunteers! ♥

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9.30am – 4 pm

Tuesday: 9.30am – 5pm (4pm in the holidays)

Friday: 9.30am – 3pm

Please contact the office if you need to make appointment times outside of these hours. **The office will close at 4pm on Thursday 15th December and reopens at 9.30am on Monday 10th January 2022.**