



Pakistani Cultural Society of Tasmania

The PCST Pamphlet

Dear Tasmanians,

I am thrilled about publication of first edition of The PCST Pamphlet. I am excited to share the highpoints of PCST's so far journey with the wonderful Tasmanian Communities. It has been two months since the launch of Pakistani Cultural Society of Tasmania and the love and acceptance that we have received and experienced is absolutely beyond our wildest contemplations. PCST advocates for diversity and inclusion we aim to steer Tasmania towards a path where intercommunity harmony and intercultural congruence can be witnessed. Tasmania is an exquisite place with exquisite people and I am determined to make it a land where people thrive and bloom without worrying about not fitting in! PCST allocates its energies and resources to host initiatives where people from different communities can come together and connect with each other. These connections then go a long way in attributing to the social, economic and cultural prosperity of Tasmania.



Navigate through this newsletter to see the highlights of PCST's recent events that promoted diversity and inclusion. Happy Reading!

Best wishes,
Syed Mustafa Kazmi
Chairperson & Founder

Greetings to all the readers,

PCST is an initiative that aims on bringing people together irrespective of their national backgrounds, cultural histories, traditional orientations and religious preferences. People of Tasmania have always been very welcoming towards the immigrants who come here to get settled, pursue a career or an academic path. PCST therefore wants to magnify the true spirit of Tasmania by giving everyone a chance to connect with each other because we believe that inclusion is beautiful. Highlighting the cultural aspects of every community gives everyone a chance to get familiarized with different cultural domains of the world and I think it's of substantial importance as it also gives the younger generation a chance to stay connected with cultures and traditions. Needless to mention that its vital to take out a little time from our busy routines to relax, recreate and have some fun. It's wonderful to get together once in a while!

Warm regards,
Dr. Sakina
Vice-Chair (Women's Wing)



Hello everyone,

Happiness is our individual choice, but people around us can influence our choices; thereby, I always prefer to be surrounded by positive people. Positive people affect our lives positively, they make us feel more confident, self-assured and self-sufficient! This was the motivation that inspired me to be a part of the creation of a platform that may spread positive vibes all around and that's how we started our very own PCST. Caring and sharing are the ethos that signify the roots of PCST. Diversity and inclusion are critical for any peaceful and developed society; leading to improved innovation, creativity and decision making. Our platform powered by innovative team will ensure to organise more diverse events and support programs where all communities can participate and where everyone has a voice. PCST strives to offer opportunities for everyone to progress and contribute to the success and growth of Tasmania; the place where we all belong.

Best wishes,
Zaman Khan
Vice-Chair & Founder





One Day Family Cricket Tournament

Pakistani Cultural Society of Tasmania hosted a big sporting event at Pembroke Park, Sorell on 24th October, 2020 with the aim of bringing the Tasmanian communities together. PCST wanted to come up with an initiative to help and assist the people in reviving their social and communal routines after the COVID-Era. Keeping that in mind, the idea of One Day Family Cricket Tournament was laid out. The event was planned not only for sports fans but for families as well. There were fun activities, games, food stalls and music to create a whole vibe of recreation. Almost 175 people attended the event; we received guests from as far as George Town, Smithton and Burnie. Senior board members of MCOT also attended the event and were full of praises about PCST's efforts to arrange such a successful show. PCST accomplished its goal to provide people with a day filled with fun and recreation. Diversity was promoted by encouraging the people belonging to different social and cultural backgrounds to connect and interact with each other.



MCOT's Annual General Meeting

MCOT has always been an inspiration for us owing to its phenomenal organizational strengths and strong strategic perspectives. The Annual General Meeting of Multicultural Council of Tasmania turned out to be an extraordinary event for every Tasmanian Pakistani! One of the esteemed Board Members of PCST; Ms. Aimen Jafri, contested for the seat of Senior Vice Chairperson and won the election awe-inspiringly. Team PCST attended the AGM and cheered for her as she marked the day with success and became an eminent representative of Tasmanian Pakistanis at MCOT!

It was a privilege and honour for PCST to present a cake on the occasion which was cut by the CEO of MCOT, Mr. Duncan Spender. Pakistani Cultural Society of Tasmania was established as a representative of the Pakistanis residing in Tasmania and seeing its mission being accomplished at the AGM of MCOT made it a Day to Remember for every PCSTian!



Hobart Mosque Open Day



National Mosque Open Day was held in Hobart Mosque on 31st October to celebrate the reopening of Mosques after the global COVID-Episode. Team PCST also went to the Hobart Mosque and celebrated the big day with local Muslims and other communities. PCST went as the representative of the Pakistani Community and signified the beautiful values of Pakistani cultures and Islamic domains. Our Team received a warm welcome and people took great interest in learning about Pakistani norms and ethos that signify the religious glory.

Tasmania's First PUBG Tournament

Pakistani Cultural Society of Tasmania proudly hosted a magnificent Gaming Event at Multicultural Hub on 8th November, 2020. The thrilling event was executed to bring the Tasmanian communities together; setting an example for many to pursue! Exuberance, excitement, and energy signified the true essence of the event. The participants, guests and other community representatives exhibited remarkable exhilaration on meeting each other and the entire event turned out to be a major success.

52 players fought in the vicious battlefields for the final Chicken Dinner and Saif Shah managed to grab the first spot; claiming the trophy and winner's takings! Sameer Hemani and Mubashir Ali Shah secured the second and third spot! People from different Tasmanian communities like Bengalis, Indians, Nepalese and Afghanis along with Pakistanis joined in to attend the event; thus, adding the perfect touch of diversity and inclusion! Here are a few glimpses of the D-Day!



Recognizing Our Stars

The Top Team Members

Raveel Khan is one of the most active and dynamic team members of PCST. He has worked tirelessly in all the events and has always given his one-hundred percent. From planning to implementation, decision-making to execution; Raveel has always been there, working meticulously and assiduously!



Sheharyar Tahir is always ready to contribute his time, efforts and energies for Pakistani Cultural Society of Tasmania. He never backs down, never shies away and always takes the front seat to work diligently towards the cause of PCST. Sheharyar is an asset and he takes responsibility for anything and everything to ensure smooth execution of events.



Qamar Zaman is an all-rounder! He possesses extraordinary event-management skills and works like a one-man army. He always exhibits incredible eagerness to partake in all sorts of activities and completes the tasks with utmost efficiency and thoroughness. He always puts PCST before anything else and serves PCST's cause selflessly.



Hashir Naeem is another devoted and diligent member of Pakistani Cultural Society of Tasmania. His presence adds a lot of positive energy at all events and he always works determinedly to attain the goals of PCST. He always extends his support wherever needed and renders valuable services for the society.



The Outshining Volunteers



Ehsan-ul-Haq is a remarkable volunteer and he is always keen to take initiatives. He brought fruit salad for about 200 people at One Day Family Tournament and worked all day to ensure success of the event. Likewise, he worked tirelessly at the PUBG event.



Muhammad Adil is an outstanding volunteer who has rendered volunteer photography services for PCST. Adil is driven by passion to ace in the world of photography. Adil's services are valuable to PCST as the photographs taken by him are used at various online platforms.



Omer Hayat is also an incredible volunteer. He fits the true definition of a helping hand and always brings ingenuity to tasks. He has extended remarkable help and support at the One Day Tape Ball Tournament and the PUBG Event. Omer's is undoubtedly an outshining volunteer.



Zeeshan Qureshi is another creative volunteer who has rendered his services on two major events of PCST. Zeeshan is a creative man and he created the whole Ghillie Suit at the PUBG event. Zeeshan is thoughtful and considerate and always stays humble about his work.



Syed Hussain Raza is an outstanding volunteer and he has rendered his services as a chef at all the events of PCST. He is extremely supportive and loves to take initiatives. He always lends a helping hand wherever needed and promotes volunteerism.



Adnan Zafar is yet another magnificent volunteer who has contributed his time and services for PCST. Adnan is ambitious and creative; he always comes forward with ideas and willingness to support PCST. Adnan is a great volunteer and his efforts are priceless to us.