



The Islander



Christmas Island Community Newsletter
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TERRITORY WEEK

2nd October 2015
Pasar Malam
@ Tai Jin House

4th October 2015
Sports Day
@ CI Cricket & Sports Club

5th October 2015
Cove Day
@ Flying Fish Cove

31st October 2015
Badminton
Championship
@ Poon Saan Community Hall

Christmas Island Marathon



The CI Marathon is an internationally accredited course by AIMS (Association of International Marathons), and is considered an extreme Marathon event due to the temperatures and conditions. All contestants in the half and full marathon completed the course, showing that CI people are made of stern stuff, must be the phosphate in our water.

A crowd of around 300 at the Cocos Padang finish line welcomed the first runners from the 42.2km relay division which was hotly contested between CIDHS and Mixed Bag, aka Team Hicks with mixed bag pipped at the post by just 9 seconds by the CIDHS Team, which is about as close as a 42.2km relay can get. Melbourne resident Wael Mroue won the 21.2km run in an amazing 1:56, with local boy Tim Barnes placing second at 1:58, Ben Robertson at 2:09 and Chun Kiat Bong whom carried his mobile phone the whole distance in at 2:21.

The CI Marathon Committee wishes to thank the hordes of volunteers who made time to staff drink stands in the jungle, keep time, set up marquees, tables, chairs, find the 2014 Start banner (lost it until the week before), run the sound, lighting, sell food and drinks, face paint, run the games booths and the dozens of other little tasks that are needed to put on the Christmas Island Marathon.

One could have been mistaken that it was the beginning of a Hungry Super Hero month, not Ghost month, allowing all of the worlds super crime fighters to fall to earth for the day as capes and masks charged up Gaze Road towards the roundabout, and some further beyond. The Day Care Centre came up with a Super Hero theme for a fundraising drive in the 2km Family Walk which resulted in Christmas Island being crime free for at least 50 minutes, with villains sent packing. The 2km Family Walk was one of the events that took place on Saturday 26th September for the 22nd Christmas Island Marathon, which also included a 42.2km and 21.1km Team Run and Walk event as well as a 5km Dash from the Cocos Padang.

Temperatures reached the low 30s out in the jungle in the middle of the day with humidity as always around the 80% mark. Participants in the 42km and 21km events were challenged by the heat, terrain, dust and the ever present threat of mosquitoes. The Christmas Island St John's Ambulance Volunteers were on patrol around the marathon track ensuring that runners were staying safe. Australian Federal Police were also doing welfare checks of the runners from the jungle through to the township.

In amongst the fray of Super Heroes, the 5km Dash was held with Brendan Tiernan coming in at first place with 25:32, William Chic in 26:03 and Kim Wellstead in at 29:17 for the Men's class and Colleen Koh in at 33:04 and Anne Horscroft at 46:08 for the Ladies.

17th October 2015



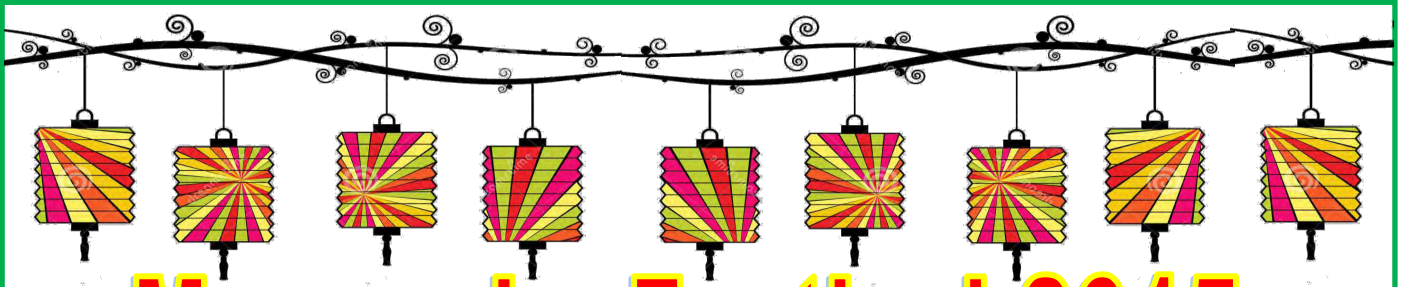
25th October 2015

Christmas Island Women's Association
Is celebrating
圣诞岛妇女协会
25TH ANNIVERSARY
庆祝圣诞岛妇女协会25周年宴会



Left: Super Heroes are Go

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Mooncake Festival 2015

Thank you to all who were present on Sunday 27th September to celebrate the 2015 CLA Mooncake Festival. A massive turnout! It was show-time with 17 entertainers, from Perth, Malaysia, Singapore and our local CI Kung Fu Club providing a variety of show. What a show!! First time ever !! Explosive drumming's by the Bukit Panjang Community centre; Chen style Tai chi by May Tan, lively multilingual songs from Andrew & Scott from Perth with special guest appearance by Nuha from Malaysia. And the return performance of Hip-Hop street -dancing by the Last Minute crew from Penang. Both the young and old loves it!!

The CLA like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, Christmas Island Phosphates, Shire Council, SERCO, Dept of Border Protection, Travel Exchange, Acker, Boong Trading, Billy Tan's Metro Supermarket and Meng Chong Trading for their continuing support. Without them, the CLA will not be able to stage such a good quality festival!

To our Administrator, Hon Barry Hasse, thank you for taking the time to join us and given us the speech. To Suzanne Chan for being the MC for the night. To our committee and also to our volunteers and the CI Kungfu Club, thank you too.

A great night!



Top View Of the Festival From the Balcony

Christmas Islanders & Friends Association, Perth

The CLA welcome Christmas Islanders & Friends Association, Perth to Christmas Island from SEP 25 to OCT 03. More than 100 of them arrived to celebrate the CLA Mooncake Festival 2015 as well as the Territory week. Some also participated in the Marathon on SAT 26SEP. To our ex-islanders- welcome back and to our visitors, welcome to our beautiful island.

