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Sat. 28th November 15

BABY  
Rhyme Time

@ Shire of Christmas  
Island Public Library

Sun. 29th November 15

OTAI  
VS  
ZURICH

Wed. 2nd December 15

CIP  
VS  
ZURICH

Sat. 5th December 15

CI Women's  
Association  
Early  
Christmas  
Party



Sunday, 13th Dec 2015 3:30-5:30pm at the Rumah Tinggi

Fundraising Auction



## C.I SOCCER FEDERATION VS ZURICH SWISS SENIORS TEAM



It wouldn't have been surprising if anybody had thought that they had somehow lapsed in time, and found themselves at a Swiss local football tournament on arriving at the Cricket Club last Sunday 22nd November.

With the sounds of cow bells ringing in the air, and boisterous Swiss football chants by a red and white contingent of travelling fans waving the national flag of Switzerland, it would be understandable if someone had made a resolution to stop drinking and take a holiday. But yes the scene was set for the world game, and the world game had arrived to Christmas Island with all of its trappings.

It was Giorgio Keller, the groups coordinator that conceived the idea after watching a World Cup football qualifying match between Brazil and Germany. Whilst the top 2 teams in the world played to guarantee their places in the next qualifying rounds for the World Cup so did teams rated at the bottom of world football rankings such as Montserrat and the Vatican city. It was then that the idea of putting a team of players together from various Swiss Senior League clubs to play the other side of the worlds best as well as enjoy a holiday came together. In its 13yrs the Zurich Seniors team has played countries such as the Vatican City, Monserrate, Antigua, broadening its scope to include territories such as Gibraltar, Cocos Keeling and Christmas Island, and from secret inside sources are hoping finally for a win.

Well that hope was dashed after a valiant game against a fit and skilful Christmas Island team on Sunday. The first half was contested with a 2-1 score line with Zurich pegging a goal back with a penalty shot. With the unaccustomed heat and heavier legs, the Swiss side conceded another 4 goals making the final tally a 6-1 win for the C.I side coached by Kevin Grima. Kevin working wonders with the team whilst on Island from Football West. Goal scorers were - Safwan 2, Hafiz 1, Seong 1 penalty, Ruben 1 penalty, Anuar 1. The game was expertly refereed by Sultan Syed with lines mans Azmi Yon & Shahrhan Salleh. Players from both sides and spectators thoroughly enjoyed the day that included junior and piwi matches as well as a fine array of C.I delicacies available at the food stalls. 2 more matches will be played on the return of the Zurich team to C.I against OTAI & CIP.

Check out the Schedule within this Islander.



Above: Back left to right: Safrizan, Leigh Kinder, Anuar, Chee Seong Tan., Ruben Criel, Faizul, Rashid, Radhi  
Front Left to right: Syukri, Shadrie, Hafiz, Safwan, Sutham (Tom), Hollace, Chung Kiat



Zurich Fans



Zurich Seniors



Above: C.I Glory

Article Written by: Oliver Lines

# SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE BUILDING PROJECT



Numerous articles have been provided by the Shire of Christmas Island (SOCl), through regular issues of *The Islander* to continue informing the community of progress regarding the Senior Citizens Centre project being constructed at the Poon Saan Community Hall.

The community would be aware that the Shire of Christmas Island (SOCl) received significant funding assistance from the Commonwealth, together with its own financial contribution for the project. In early 2014 at its Ordinary Council Meeting, SOCl appointed Calmly Planning & Design Services to manage the project on behalf of SOCl, and later in 2014 at its Ordinary Council Meeting, SOCl awarded the contract to construct and build the Centre to Watsons Island Carpentry and Excavation Services under the supervision of the appointed project contract manager.

The photos show the stages of the project whereby the building has been completed externally and at lock up stage with only the internal fit out remaining. Work has commenced on constructing the car park that includes sealing, kerbing and retaining walls, and then disabled access construction will commence. When disabled access is completed this will essentially complete the project.



*Photos on the Right  
of completed building external view*

*Photos below of car park construction*



Progressive photos of the car park construction stage will be provided in the next report. It is anticipated at this stage that the car park and disabled access construction process will be completed by early January next year. Further queries regarding the project can be obtained for either Councils Chief Executive Officer or the Manager of Community Services on 91648300.

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