

## PORT MACQUARIE TO HOST TRANS-TASMAN INDOOR CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Continuing our regions reputation as a sporting destination of choice, Port Macquarie has secured the hosting rights for the prestigious 2016 Trans-Tasman Indoor Cricket Series.

The prestigious event will be held over 3 days from 9-11 September in Port Macquarie's newly constructed Ark Indoor Cricket Centre, and brings together the finest indoor cricketing talent from the world's leading indoor cricketing nations, Australia & New Zealand.

Our Australian Men's and Women's sides are the reigning title holders of the Trans-Tasman Series.

Port Macquarie-Hastings Mayor Peter Besseling was thrilled that our region had been chosen to host the championships.

"Council's focus on providing sporting facilities and developing local sporting talent helps us attract top level competition and continues our recent tradition of hosting world-class sporting events.

"To secure the only International event for indoor cricketers at Open and Youth level in Australia in 2016 is a major coup, and we look forward to welcoming all participants and building a strong and productive partnership with Cricket Australia," said Cr Besseling.

The event will attract approximately 220 players, officials, and companions for the 7-day period of training and competition, with the players using the event as a stepping stone towards selection in the 2017 Indoor Cricket World Cup to be held in Dubai.

Port Macquarie's Ark Sports Centre is a new high-spec 2 court indoor cricket and sports facility that will see indoor cricket return to the Port Macquarie-Hastings for the first time in a number of years.

"This is huge news for us as it promotes indoor cricket to our already talented area, and gives locals a good look at the best players from Australia and New Zealand right here on our door step", said CEO of Ark Sports Centre, Gerrit Wilken.

Cricket Australia Executive General Manager, Game & Market Development Andrew Ingleton said "this tournament is an attractive opportunity for elite indoor cricketers who, in representing Australia, are reaching the pinnacle of the Australian Indoor Cricket pathway. We congratulate the team at Ark Sports Centre and thank Port Macquarie-Hastings Council for their support of the event".

For further information about the championships visit [pmhc.nsw.gov.au/indoorcricket](http://pmhc.nsw.gov.au/indoorcricket) or to find out more about indoor cricket in the Port Macquarie-Hastings visit [arksports.com.au](http://arksports.com.au).

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