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FINACT T-20 Rolling Trophy Cricket Tournament 2013



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Namaste

It is a great honour for me, as the current President of FINACT, to write this message for the first FINACT Cricket souvenir. FINACT is a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation. Its values are: **F**raternity; **I**nclusiveness; **N**etworking; **A**ssistance; **C**ooperation; and **T**eamwork



FINACT is celebrating the successful completion of the second T 20 Rolling Trophy Cricket Tournament this year. The tournament was inaugurated by the High Commissioner of India His Excellency Mr Biren Nanda on 17 February 2013. We have had 12 teams play a great game of cricket and I extend my best wishes to all the players. The FINACT finals were played on 17 March 2013 in the presence of FINACT patron and ACT Multicultural Affairs Minister Ms Joy Burch MLA.

We have received wonderful messages from many dignitaries and FINACT looks forward to their continued support in the years ahead. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the Cricket sub committee members Arun Venkatesha, Chakradhar Ravinuthala, Laxman Prasad and Sanjay Pandey. I would also like to thank the member associations, businesses and community members for their generous donation of time and effort in making the tournament a success and for their help in publishing this souvenir. I thank our major sponsor the Commonwealth Bank of Australia for their support.

I hope that everyone involved has had an enjoyable time as we look forward to a great tournament next year.

Jayanti Gupta
President FINACT

The 12 participating teams:

KARNATAKA CAPITALS	TURBO TAMILS
CHANDIGARH CHALLENGERS	BJSM MOURYANS
TELUGU LIONS	GUJARAT MASTERS
KERALA TUSKERS	LAKSHADWEEP WARRIORS
DELHI STRIKERS	MUMBAI INDIANS
ASSAM RHINOS	PUNJAB LIONS

Winners of the 2013 Rolling Trophy: Turbo Tamils

Runners up – Telugu Lions

Man of the Series and Best Batsman: Chakradhar Ravinuthala

Man of the Match and Best Bowler: Vijay Selvarathinam



Biren Nanda
High Commissioner

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Message

I would like to congratulate FINACT for organising cricket matches in Canberra. Cricket is a game that unites India and Australia. It is, therefore, only fitting and appropriate that our cricketing ties are enhanced through efforts of Indian community organisations like FINACT.

I certainly hope that the community will participate in the cricketing tournament as players as well as spectators; and the tournament will bring all communities in Canberra together. Cricket like culture is unifying force across continents. It transcends boundaries of country and language and bridges the distance between peoples the world over.


(Biren Nanda)



Joy Burch MLA

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MEMBER FOR BRINDABELLA

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

As the Patron of the Federation of Indian Associations of the ACT Inc, I am very pleased to support the FINACT Rolling Trophy T-20 Cricket Tournament for 2013.

Twenty20 Cricket is not new to the Indian community. Since the rapid rise of Twenty20 cricket around the world the first official World Cup took place in South Africa during September 2007 and was won by the nation of India.

FINACT then set about adding our own local flavour to the concept and hosted the inaugural FINACT Tournament here in the ACT in 2012. Eight teams participated in that event, and this year the Tournament will feature 12 teams who will take to the field and compete passionately for the championship.

An added feature this year will be the selection of the FINACT Eleven at the end of the tournament, consisting of the top 11 players of the tournament based on their performance.

I wish all participants success and I look forward to seeing this Tournament as an annual fixture on our local sporting calendar.

I congratulate FINACT for this concept and I thank the sponsors and the local community who support this event and who make it such a success.

Yours sincerely

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Multicultural Affairs
January 2013

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FINACT T-20 Cricket Tournament 2013

Australia is a richly multicultural nation which embraces the cultural traditions of our diverse population. Our diversity is a source of social and economic strength, giving vibrancy and dynamism to Australian life.

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Minister for Sport I am a great supporter of championing the power of sport to inspire and promote participation, inclusion and a sense of belonging.

The Gillard Labor Government is committed to a multicultural Australia in which every person has the opportunity to contribute to our social and cultural strength.

Australians and Indians alike share a love of cricket. For Indian-Australians, the passion is doubled through support of two national teams and local competitions both in Australia and India.

The Indian community in Australia is diverse and reflects the incredible diversity in India. It is therefore quite fitting that cricket is also a means of uniting the Indian community in Canberra.

I congratulate FINACT on hosting your second tournament. We may see future champions in action that will one day play in T-20 leagues around the world.

I wish FINACT and everyone involved in the FINACT T-20 Cricket Tournament all the best for this this event.

Kind regards,

Kate Lundy



Message from Senator the Hon Garry Humphries

I would like to convey my best wishes to all those involved in the 2013 FINACT Rolling Trophy Twenty 20 Cricket Tournament. After the momentous success of the inaugural tournament in 2012, it is wonderful to see the event in its second year.

In both India and Australia, cricket has become far more than a mere pastime. Indeed, cricket represents an integral part of Indian and Australian culture.

While cricket for the most part divides our two nations as rivals on opposite ends of the pitch, it has also served to unite us. The World Cricket Tsunami Appeal 'Asia vs the Rest of the World' Twenty 20 Match in the aftermath of the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami was testament to the goodwill and decency fostered by the game.

The intensity of interest in the tournament from the ACT's Indian Community is remarkable, and FINACT's efforts to create such a popular and wholesome community event are to be commended.

I wish all players the best of luck.

Gary Humphries
SENATOR FOR THE ACT

*Shadow Parliamentary Secretary to the Shadow Attorney-General
Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Materiel*



Andrew Wall with Gujarat masters



Assam Rhinos



Turbo Tamils



Delhi Strikers



Kerala Tuskars



BJSJ Mouryans



Turbo Tamils Lifted the Cup



Inauguration



Organisers with Guests

FINACT T-20 Cricket Tournament

The Federation of Indian Associations of ACT (FINACT) Inc. is a peak umbrella body in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and enjoys membership of over 22 Indian Community organisations. The main objective of FINACT is to be the unified voice for the numerous and diverse Indian community groups in the ACT that is reflected in its slogan **Coordination: Cooperation: Collaboration.** (www.finact.net.au)

It's no secret that Indians are crazy about cricket and passionate about their teams and players. Most boast wardrobes and their study rooms with photos of their team players and record sheets and even have shrines in their homes dedicated to their favourite cricketers. If you ever talk to an Indian, you can easily recognise the extent of their dedication to this game of cricket.

To promote community interaction and to connect members of all age groups within the Indian community, FINACT organised the most popular and prestigious Annual tournament, the FINACT T-20 Cricket Tournament, in the ACT for the second year in February-March 2013.



You may be aware that the inaugural FINACT T-20 Tournament was launched jointly by the Deputy High Commissioner of India Mr V K Sharma, the Executive Director of Colliers International Canberra and CEO ACT Cricket Australia Mark Vergano on 5 February 2012. The Tournament received great and intense interest from the whole community and eight teams participated in the tournament that was held over four weeks with the finals at the Manuka Oval on 26 Feb 2012.

The support for the playing teams was overwhelming with over 400 people at the Tournament Launch. The finals at the Manuka Oval attracted a crowd of over 500. The event was attended by a number of distinguished guests, including the ACT Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Ms Joy Burch, the Shadow Minister for Sports, Ms Steve Dozspot, noted cricketer Mr Chris Cairns, other Colliers International staff and the Acting High Commissioner of India, Mr V K Sharma.



Encouraged by the success of the inaugural tournament, FINACT organised the second T-20 Cricket Tournament. 12 teams played this year with greater sense of competition and participation from wider community groups. Commonwealth Bank of Australia was the Silver Sponsor of this Tournament.



2013 FINACT T-20 Final Match Players with ACT Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Ms Joy Burch MLA

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Katy Gallagher MLA

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Mrs Jayanti Gupta
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Dear Mrs Gupta

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 January 2013 referring to the 2013 FINACT Rolling Trophy T20 Cricket Tournament.

Congratulations on hosting and the T20 Cricket Tournament. I understand the event was strongly supported by the community in 2012 and I trust you will receive similar support in 2013.

As requested, I have attached a short foreword for your use in promoting your upcoming tournament.

Thank you for your invitation to this year's FINACT Rolling Trophy T20 Cricket Tournament and the following Tendulkar-Akram Trophy. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend either event this year, however I wish you all the very best for both events.

Yours sincerely

Katy Gallagher MLA
Chief Minister

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Message from Zed Seselja

To all at FINACT, everyone taking part in this tournament, and cricket fans and players everywhere, I am proud to offer my congratulations and encouragement for the second annual FINACT Rolling Trophy T-20 Cricket Tournament, happening once again in the ACT for the second year in February-March 2013.



The love of cricket is just one of the many things that Australians enjoy as well as our neighbours and friends from Indian heritage. It is one of the great things that can unite us as people, as teams and even as nations.

I truly commend FINACT on their continued encouragement of cricketing in Australia and here in the ACT. To all who helped organise this important event, from the board and membership of FINACT to all those who help out at the matches in whatever role, I say well done. To all taking part I wish you all success and can offer no better advice than to echo the guiding words of FINACT: coordination, cooperation, collaboration. Good luck to all.

Zed Seselja, MLA
Leader of the Canberra Liberals



Message from Vicki Dunne MLA

I am delighted to see Canberra's Indian community working so strongly together and supporting the second FINACT T-20 Cricket Tournament.

We in Australia and the people of India, and the whole subcontinent, share a common heritage which is often manifested in our love of cricket. Cricket in many ways epitomises the aims of FINACT of Coordination, Cooperation and Collaboration.

With an increase in teams participating of 50% from last year, this tournament will quickly establishing itself as a feature of Canberra cricketing calendar. I am also excited at the prospect of a great combat for the Tendulkar-Akram Trophy in the Indo-Pak T-20 match in March.

Canberra is certainly being spoilt with a feast of great cricket in 2013 and hopefully this can be expanded in future years with more competitions such as the FINACT T-20.

Congratulations are due to all the sponsors, organisers and players who have contributed to the success of these events.

Vicki Dunne MLA
Speaker ACT Legislative Assembly

Message from Steve Doszpot



I am delighted to offer my warmest congratulations and support to FINACT on again staging the FINACT Rolling Trophy T20 cricket tournament here in Canberra.

Last year's inaugural event was most successful with eight teams competing over four weeks. Along with a large crowd of Cricket lovers at Manuka Oval, I enjoyed some exciting cricket on the "Finals" day, with Andhra Pradesh Warriors and Assam Rhinos doing battle for the inaugural Colliers Trophy.

I was also honoured, with the Acting High Commissioner of India, Mr V K Sharma, to be able to present the trophy to the winners Assam Rhinos, Captain Akash Saikia and the runners up Captain Sumanth, and to participate in the post match celebrations.

This year the competition has become bigger and stronger and twelve teams will now compete in the FINACT T-20 Cricket Tournament and I look forward in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Sport to once again follow the progress of this wonderful tournament.

My congratulations to President of FINACT Mrs Jayanti Gupta and her very industrious and energetic committee for once again staging the 2013 FINACT Rolling Trophy T20 cricket tournament, and wish the best to all the competing teams in this year's tournament.

These are matches that are 'must see' sporting events and of great importance in this special year in Canberra's history. In this centenary year this is also a great example of Canberra's truly multicultural community and shows how sport can lead the way to better understanding within our diverse Canberra community.

Best Regards

Steve Doszpot MLA

Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation

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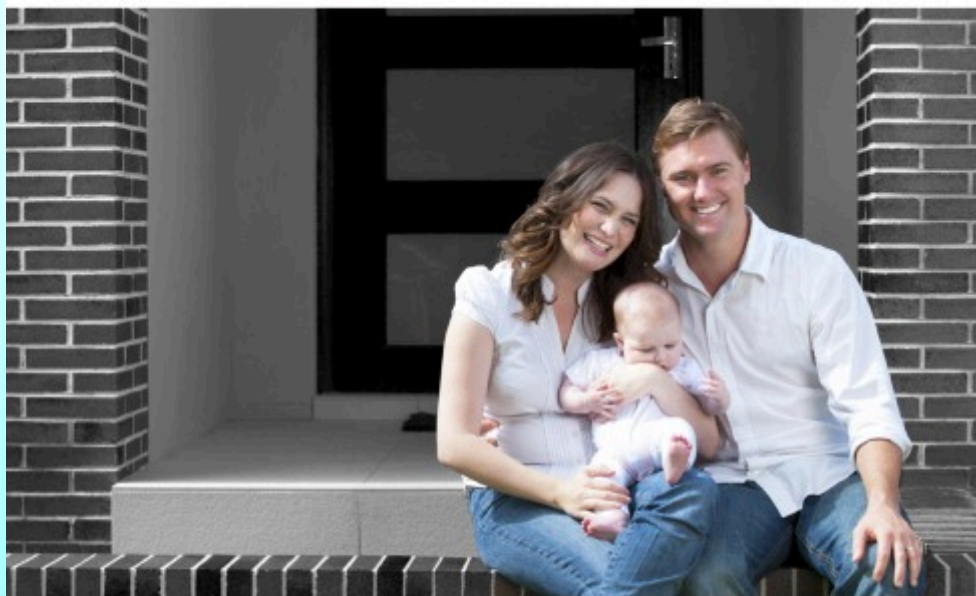
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