



**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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## **Basketball Tasmania closes office for 4 weeks as the sport is officially shut down due to COVID-19**

Basketball Tasmania has closed its office from this coming Monday for a period of four weeks with all staff on Annual Leave. Along with other sports, basketball is officially postponed until further notice with no games or trainings.

Yesterday's announcement of the postponement of the NBL1 competition for 2020 follows all other major competitions around the world and in Australia – NBA, NCAA, Euroleagues, NBL and now NBL1.

BTAS CEO, Chris McCoy stated: "Basketball Tasmania is committed to coming through this unprecedented situation with our sport and staffing team ready to attack a bright future. We are fortunate that our balance sheet is quite robust and we will be working hard to keep our excellent staffing team with us during this time. In line with this commitment, our staff all agreed to using their annual leave entitlements to assist the sport in a time where they cannot travel anywhere".

"Basketball has a fantastic history and a very bright future with huge advancements over the last few years internationally, domestically and certainly within Tasmania. Along with other sports, we look forward to playing our part in leading the community back from these 'extremely difficult times'."

BTAS staff will resume duties on Monday 27 April with a plan to revise the 2020 basketball calendar from this time.

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### **Launceston Media Opportunity – Elphin Sports Centre (outside)**

- Today - Wednesday 25 March 2020 at 2pm
- Further enquiries: phone Chris McCoy 0414 671 904