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KIDSPORT LAUNCHED GIVING ALL WA KIDS A FAIR GO



Premier Colin Barnett and former football star Barry Cable with Wirrabirra Primary School students at the KidSport launch.

Families struggling to pay their children's sport and recreation club fees will welcome the state government's new \$10 million KidSport initiative, launched in November by Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett.

Through KidSport, eligible families can receive up to \$200 annually for each child aged between five and 18 years, to subsidise their club registration fees.

Eligible families include those with health care cards or pension concession cards, or those referred by community groups, such as schools, juvenile justice teams, government agencies and health practitioners (referral agents).

It is anticipated that during the life of KidSport (currently four years) up to 30,000 children will take advantage of the subsidy and join the state's many sport and recreation clubs.

Sport and Recreation Minister Terry Waldron says there are numerous benefits to be gained from clubs for both children and families.

"Physical activity improves health, school performance and decision making skills. Club membership provides children and their families

with positive role models, new friendships and opportunities for community engagement," Mr Waldron said.

Parents can also benefit from participation as a club volunteer.

To receive a KidSport subsidy:

- Obtain an application voucher from a participating local government, their website, a sport or recreation club or referral agent.
- Fill in the voucher and take it, with proof of eligibility, to your local government to be validated.
- Take the validated voucher to your sport or recreation club for processing when registering your children.

If you are accessing the KidSport subsidy through a referral agent they will assist you with your application. It's that easy!

KidSport is a new program and not all local governments have signed up yet, so you will need to check with them first. More information is at: www.clubsonline.wa.gov.au/kidsport



Wirrabirra Primary School students help get KidSport off to a great start.



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Western Desert Indigenous Sports Development Officer Stephen Anthony with students from Punmu's RAWA school and Well 33 at the Telfer pool.

TELFER OPENS ITS POOL TO COMMUNITIES FINDING THE COOLEST WAY TO SPEND A HOT DAY



Charleston Miller.

Some relief from the desert heat was warmly welcomed by young people from the Western Desert on a hot Thursday in October.

Twenty-five RAWA school students from Punmu and Well 33 visited Telfer for one of a number of swimming visits that have occurred and been planned for the warm months in 2011 and 2012.

Western Desert Indigenous Sports Development Officers (ISDOs) Stephen Anthony and Mike Plumb planned activities such as freestyle skill development, fun retrieval activities, find the golf balls and entry skills including diving for the students.

Games such as water polo, dodge ball and swimming races also made a splash.

On this particular swim visit, two Sports Science students from the University of Western Australia helped ISDO Stephen Anthony in delivering swimming lessons and a variety of games. The students were on a week-long practicum that saw them visit several Western Desert communities with the ISDOs and deliver activities and games in basketball, football and Uni Hoc.

Between all the fun in the pool, the kids, teachers and teacher's assistants enjoyed a healthy lunch followed by a treat of ice cream.

The day was part of a long term program to increase water safety and awareness, increase physical activity and develop good swimming techniques, with the aim of eventually running a mini swimming carnival against other communities.



A healthy lunch was capped off with a treat of ice cream.

HOW SPORT IS KEEPING KIDS OUT OF NORTHBRIDGE



The Department of Sport and Recreation's (DSR) Northbridge Project has worked to halve the number of young people being picked up in Northbridge for breaking the curfew.

Every Friday and Saturday evening in Midland and Armadale young people can be found playing basketball, learning circus skills, dancing, and participating in a range of other fun activities.

These nights are run in partnership with the PCYC, the Swan and Armadale local governments, the Department of Child Protection and a number of not for profit organisations.

One of the important features of the program is that when the night is finished the young people are all taken home.

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Another important feature of the program is that much of it relies on the support of community volunteers, for example the Midland Midnight Basketball tournament regularly has over 20 volunteers willing to work on Saturday in jobs as diverse as coaching, umpiring and food preparation.

The programs have also seen support from some of Perth's sporting and media elite. Three-time NBA champion Luc Longley has volunteered his time, as has Junior Masterchef regular Anna Gare.

"The Northbridge Project has been an important demonstration of the power of sport and recreation to make a positive difference to the community," said DSR Director General Ron Alexander.

"Sport cannot solve all social problems but it is important as an engagement tool. Once the young people are engaged then others can get to work on them. We call this the sport plus model."

PROFILE: EFFIE GARLETT



The efforts of Midland PCYC role model Effie Garlett have earned him the 2011 PCYC Youth Volunteer of the Year Award.

Here's a little more information about this young volunteering legend.

Name: Effie Garlett.

Age: 12.

Pets: Two dogs.

Favourite team: Fremantle Dockers.

Favourite player: Hayden Ballantyne.

School: Swan View Senior High School.

When I grow up I want to be: An AFL umpire.

Why do you come to the PCYC on a Friday and Saturday night? To hang out with my friends. It provides different activities for kids and they stay out of Northbridge.

I am involved in the leadership group because: I like helping out.

JULIE MAKES THE FINALS

Congratulations to the Department of Sport and Recreation Indigenous Sports Unit's Julie Jackson, who was a finalist in this year's WA Seniors Awards.

Julie was recognised for instigating the Aboriginal Seniors Activity and Information Days, raising the concept with the Seniors Recreation Council back in 2004.

The events continue to encourage Aboriginal seniors to become physically active and improve their nutrition.



NO REASON WHY THEY CAN'T REACH NBA GOAL CHANCE TO BE BASKETBALL'S FUTURE STARS NOT SO REMOTE



Nullagine Primary School students polish up their basketball skills.

They may live in remote communities but they still have a shot of being future stars of the National Basketball League (NBA).

Western Desert Indigenous Sports Development Officer Stephen Anthony and state basketball coaches Daniel Fisher and Ty Matthews spotted some raw talent on the court during a September trip to the communities of Warralong and Nullagine.

At each community the state coaches delivered a number of basketball clinics to help participants brush up on their dribbling, passing and shooting skills. Fun, modified games encouraged teamwork and an understanding of the rules.

The basketball visits were the first of a number of trips planned to develop basketball as a prominent sport in the Western Desert, with the goal of it becoming a regular competitive

fixture at the Western Desert League carnivals.

“The students enjoyed the trip and learnt many important rules and strategies of the game to accompany their raw talent,” Stephen said.

“The state basketball coaches were astounded by the high skill level displayed and the speed at which the young basketballers picked up particular basketball skills.

“Both Daniel and Ty observed the women’s high level of skill and potential with the game and commented on how quickly the girls would pick up a skill in comparison to girls from Perth.

“Ty commented that there was no reason why a Western Desert player could not make it to the National League and even the NBA.”



Then it was Warralong school students' turn.



OPPORTUNITIES KNOCK FOR STARS OF NAIDOC

After gaining selection through this year's NAIDOC Week Netball Carnival, the NAIDOC Allstars team played a curtain raiser match against a side selected from the North West Championships.

The Allstars, who came from across Perth and some regional areas of Western Australia, also participated at the Darling Range Netball Championships.

Department of Sport and Recreation Indigenous Sports Development Officer Julie Jackson said opportunities provided to the team were examples of the pathways the NAIDOC carnival provided to Aboriginal youth and women.

GLORY ON THE GOLD COAST



Western Australia was the inaugural winner of the Kickstart National Championships held on the Gold Coast in August.

Coached by Des Headland (Subiaco) and Trevor Stack (Peel Thunder), WA was the dominant team of the carnival and was never seriously challenged in the short, round-robin preliminary games. The side went on to win the final by 41 points at Metricon Stadium, played before the Round 24 Gold Coast versus Hawthorn game.

Small forward Jamie Ryder (Subiaco) was judged best afield in the final, while midfielder and vice captain Jarrod Pickett (South Fremantle) was voted WA's best and Player of the Carnival.



PROFILE: AARON NANNUP

Australia's only Indigenous professional skateboarder

About me

For some years now I have been Australia's only Indigenous professional skateboarder. Through my experiences I have been able to meet many important and influential people within the industry, gaining professional endorsement through sponsorship, and ultimately flying to America to join my counterparts for three months last year.

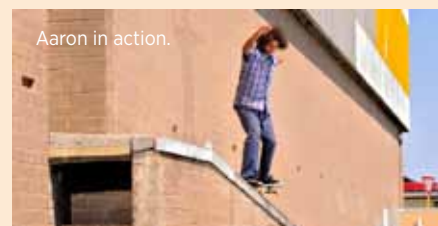
Upon my return from the States I decided I wanted to have a further influence within my community and positively impact our next generation.

The school demonstrations

I was able to organise and garner funding for a trip to Geraldton for myself and six other skateboarders. We were invited into five primary schools to give demonstrations and talk to the children about the sport and where it can lead. We were invited onto the local Indigenous radio station to discuss our trip and what influence we hoped to have, and I was interviewed for the magazine *Deadly Vibe* and appeared on the cover and a pull-out poster. Most recently I travelled to Fitzroy Crossing to demonstrate for the Aboriginal community there.

In the future

I look forward to seeing how far I can take my knowledge of skateboarding and the positive impact it can have on young children, through its mental and physical discipline. I feel the mass appeal of the sport to people from a young age through to adulthood could target a large following and positively impact the community through the impressionable stages of early adulthood.



KARRATHA FOOTY FAITHFUL'S LONG WEEKEND WITH SWANS



Swans vs East Fremantle in Karratha.

The long weekend in July was a busy one for all football fans, with six additional games of football being played at Kevin Richards' Memorial Oval in Karratha.

Inspirational Swan Districts captain Josh Roberts made a strong return from his wrist injury for the annual North West WAFL game, but in the end, East Fremantle proved too strong for the black and whites.

On Friday night, an inaugural Women's Game was played, with representatives from Hedland taking on the Karratha women, assisted by their captains and state representatives, Rikki Ryder and Chelsea Randall. Success went the way of the Karratha women, with the big game proving that demand is high for Women's Football. With this in mind, the Karratha team has continued to train and aimed to take on Hedland in two additional rematches by the end of the year.

Following this exciting game, some older gentleman with young-at-heart spirits took to the field for the Masters and Vets game, with Scott Cummings, Brendon Fester and Adam Hunter providing some support and entertainment.

Saturday proved to be the big day of competition, with two Pilbara Development Squads commencing the days' games by playing in front of talent scouts. All players showcased their skills and



The women's game was a first.

talents, identifying the Pilbara region as one of the high ranking recruitment zones.

In one of the most anticipated matches of the day, the South African International representative team played a newly created Pilbara 21s team. Following the WAFL game, the North West Representative team took on the Perth Hills team. The North Pilbara side finished more than 10 goals in the lead.

Sunday saw community sessions at Wickham taking place, with members of the South African International team and the Swan Districts Football Club taking coaching sessions with local community members. The highlight was clearly the warm-up and cool-down taken by the South African team, proving that international borders, age and fitness are no barrier to enjoying any level of football. *Photographs courtesy of V Swans.*



Tomas Hovane about to make a tackle against ACT/Southern NSW for Combined States.

FIRST FOR WA RUGBY

Congratulations to Western Australians Tomas Hovane and Thomas Ashworth on their selection for the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT), National Indigenous U/16 team and participation in the Australian Rugby Union U/16 Championship held in Sydney in September.

Tomas hopes his involvement will encourage other Aboriginal boys and girls to give rugby a try.

The two WA boys were selected from a Combined States team that contested the Santos National Indigenous U/16 Championship on the Gold Coast in August and are the first WA players to represent at a national level.

Tomas is from a large Aboriginal family from Broome and has links to the Yinjibarndi group in the Pilbara and the Kija and Gooniyandi groups in the Kimberley. He is also proud of his Slovak/Australian heritage. Tomas currently plays rugby union with Trinity College and the UWA Rugby Club. Tomas hopes his involvement will encourage other Aboriginal boys and girls to give rugby a try.

Thomas has family links to the Wongai and Martu group from Wiluna on his mother's side and links to the Noongar people of the South West on his father's side. He currently plays with Guildford Grammar and Kalamunda Rugby Club. Being 15, Thomas will get another opportunity in 2012 to represent LMRDT on the national and international stage.

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS AND SPORT

In 2010/11 the Kimberley region experienced its biggest and longest wet season in 25 years, the resultant flooding in March 2011 wiping out the Aboriginal Community of Warmun, 200 kilometres south of Kununurra.

Sport and recreation played a vital role in supporting the 400 community members evacuated and minimising the impact of the devastation which saw 98 per cent of buildings flooded or destroyed.

An emergency area was declared and a Warmun Re-Establishment Taskforce was established a



A flooded Warmun.

programs in partnership with the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, and assisted with coordination of bush camping experiences for Warmun Youth in partnership with Kimberley Indigenous Sporting Organisation, Garnduwa.

DSR also replaced backboards and rings at basketball courts in preparation for a return to the community.

The partnerships established in response to the disaster saw 17 new homes built; eight homes refurbished; a temporary accommodation facility for 200 people constructed; recreation and sporting facilities renovated; a temporary school and health clinic established; and all evacuees moved back home in the first week of July.

On 12 July a traditional ceremony celebrated the reuniting of residents with their community. The WA Football Commission, West Coast Eagles and Netball WA provided sporting packs for the children, which were presented as part of the celebrations.

David Wirrpanda of the Wirrpanda Foundation presented the results of a blanket and clothing drive.

Work is continuing to rebuild the community.



A Warmun toddler gets a sports pack on return to the community.

week later. In addition to the permanent rebuilding of Warmun, the taskforce was given responsibility for rehousing Warmun evacuees back in Warmun in just 10 weeks. The mammoth task required housing and temporary accommodation for 400 residents – most were housed in the Garrjang Workers Village in Kununurra.

The Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) took on the role of supporting the 400 evacuees, including over 100 children, and implemented initiatives to minimise the impact.

First a recreation and youth committee was established to devise an action plan for the April school holidays and beyond. The department then coordinated the placement of six UWA practicum students to assist with the delivery of school holiday

ABORIGINAL SOCCER TEAM UNITED ON THE FIELD

After five months of preparation, the Banksia United Nyoongar Soccer Team played its first match against Edmund Rice Glory in Koondoola in October.

While the Glory won the match 7–1, it didn't stop United shooting for an opportunity to challenge the winners and a rematch was scheduled in November.

Banksia United is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soccer team based in Banksia Grove. The team was formed in May 2011 to provide opportunities for local Aboriginal children and youth and their families to be part of a team.

Sport is used as a medium to foster leadership abilities, build relationships and community capacity and provide a positive alternative to negative influences that impact on these young people.



Watching the Jigalong Eagles play the Nullagine Dockers.

CARNIVAL HELD IN PARTNERSHIP PROMOTES PARTICIPATION

It was the Western Desert community of Warralong's turn to play host to five football and four softball teams for a four-day carnival in July.

The Warralong Carnival is run by the Department of Sport and Recreation in partnership with Newcrest and is supported by the Western Desert Sports Council.

The carnival was a highly-anticipated event, which was evident in the participation figures. The five football teams were made up of 22-30 players each. The teams each played five games plus finals over four days.

The four softball teams of 10-12 players also played five games each plus finals, as well as an exhibition match.

One hundred kids played netball, soccer, football, totem tennis and softball throughout the carnival.

The Punmu Bulldogs beat Nullagine Dockers in the softball grand final. In the football grand final, the Nullagine Dockers beat the Kiwirrkurra Lions.

An exhibition softball match was played between the home side and a combined Port Hedland Softball Association side. The result was a crowd-pleasing six-all draw.

Traditional dancing and music performed by local artists were also highlights of the carnival.

PILBARA VOLUNTEERS

Sport and recreation provides a common ground on which Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians can come together and interact in a positive environment.

We need people to volunteer one night every four weeks between 6pm and 8pm to run a sporting activity in Roebourne. Some possible activities include: volleyball, indoor soccer, indoor hockey, touch rugby, boxing and tee-ball.

For more information phone the DSR Pilbara office on 9182 2100 or email pilbara@dsr.wa.gov.au.



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