



**ALBANY VIBE 3on3® - ALL THE INGREDIENTS OF SUCCESS**

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Record attendance and participation, action and plenty of fun were the keys to a successful Vibe 3on3® in Albany on Thursday.

Students came from Albany and the surrounding regions Katanning, Little Grove and Tambellup to attend, with 59 teams registering for the thumping Thursday event, held at the Albany Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

The Vibe 3on3® is a fun, free event for Aboriginals and non-Indigenous Australians and featured a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition and a health expo, all accompanied by a backing track of the latest RnB, hip hop and Indigenous music.

ABC television's Playschool presenter and renowned actor Luke Carroll hosted, along with an array of role models to inspire and challenge the young people of WA. Role models included Black Diamond Claude Williams, dancer Medika Thorpe, breaker John Gallagher, DJ Jimblah, artist and comedian Kevin Kropinyeri and a first time appearance by local rapper Kieron Pearce, who gave his first public performance at the event.

The event kicked off with an Opening Ceremony featuring a Welcome to Country by Lester Coyne on behalf of the Noongar people of the Meananger group and a welcome from Freda Ogilvie of the WA Department of Education and Training. Dignitaries attending the ceremony included Tanya Paunic representing Federal Member for O'Connor Tony Crook and Councillor Des Wolf from the City of Albany.

"This is the second time we have brought the Vibe 3on3® to Albany. A strong local organising committee, record registrations, great role models and support from local sponsors, made for a successful event," Executive Producer Georgia Cordukes says.

"The Aboriginal Medical Service, the Great Southern Aboriginal Health Service, set up a number of interactive stalls and we also had the ABC's Dreambox attending to work with local participants to capture their dreams through their program which records dreams through photography.

"The Australian Electoral Commission attended to teach young people about voting. They set up voting systems for the artworks produced on the day and voting was strong, with over 200 votes received."

The Vibe 3on3® would like to thank its local sponsors City of Albany and the Department of Sport and Recreation.

The Vibe 3on3® would not be possible without our sponsors the Department of Health and Ageing through the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Vibe Australia. We also thank our supporters the *Koori Mail*, *Deadly Sounds* and *Deadly Vibe*, the Jimmy Little Foundation and the 'Thumbs Up' Healthy Tucker Program, and the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program through



the Australian Electoral Commission.

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### **ALBANY VIBE 3on3® WINNERS**

#### **Boys Junior**

Presenter: Rick Inman  
Organisation: Great Southern Aboriginal Health Service  
Team Name: Little Grove Sportsters  
Peter Grocoe  
Cyrus Upson  
Che Cheysleeman

#### **Boys Middle**

Presenter: Tony Norment  
Organisation: Australian Sport Commission  
Team Name: Little Grove Bombers  
Taylor Wishard  
Tyler Spouse-Nastasi  
Jamie Widdison

#### **Boys High**

Presenter: Tony Norment  
Organisation: City Of Albany  
Team Name: Boss Team  
Nicholas Marino  
Boyd Woods  
Tyron Roe

#### **Boys Senior**

Presenter: Brett Hill  
Organisation: Australian Electoral Commission  
Team Name: Joe's Bro's  
Joseph Santia  
Gavin Flynt  
Marcus Dibble

#### **Girls Junior**

Presenter: Carrie Barclay  
Organisation: Albany Leisure and Aquatic Center  
Team Name: Dee Jayz  
Shakira Gurny  
Jess-Ammee Atkins



Dorenza Woods

### **Girls Middle**

Presenter: Freda Ogilvie  
Organisation: Department of Education  
Team Name: Yakamia Hotshots  
Tahnee Roberts  
Emily Hulm  
Aleesha Narkle  
Shontay Woods

### **Girls High**

Presenter: Tanya Paunic representing  
Organisation: Tony Crook MP (office of)  
Team Name: KA Girls  
Nadia Woods  
Moniesha Pickett  
Kaitlyn Eades

### **Girls Senior**

Presenters: Anita Philips (on right) and Maryka Knapp (on left)  
Organisation: Great Southern Aboriginal Health Service  
Team Name: Lubly Sings  
Amber Gorden  
Ashley Pinner  
Ruby Nelson  
Marya Woods  
Codey Brown

### **Rap**

Presenter: KP  
Winner: Phill Lockyer

### **Arthouse**

Presenter: Kevin Kropinyeri  
Organisation: Vibe Australia  
Winner: Little Grove Pocket Rockets  
Meake Bee  
Sharni Day  
Jenna McCreadie  
Gracyne MacKenzie

### **Breakoff Winners**

#### **Girls**

Presenter: Medika Thorpe  
Organisation: Vibe Australia  
1<sup>st</sup> Amy Bobby



2<sup>nd</sup> Ellie Thomas  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shellie Ganzer

### **Boys**

Presenter: John Gallagher  
Organisation: Vibe Australia  
1<sup>st</sup> Mindum Brown  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lyndon James-Wallace  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tama Davis

### **Puggy Hunter Award**

Presenter: Claude Williams  
Organisation: Vibe Australia  
Jess Harris