



MEDIA RELEASE

NEWCASTLE VIBE 3on3 – IT'S A WRAP

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The Newcastle National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3® held on December 8 was one of the best yet, according to organisers.

The action-packed event 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.

The rain did not dampen the spirits of the hundreds of children who attended from all over the Newcastle region.

"It was a fabulous day! It rained again but the Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium is one of the best 3on3 venues in the country and we had over 65 teams competing for the prizes," Event Producer Mayrah Sonter said.

"It was our last event for the year and it was a great way to end an extremely successful year of 3on3 events, a total of 12 completed this year - more than any other year."

She said the role models were in force at the event led by local boys, the Street Warriors who performed their hit 'Solid Rock' as well as doing workshops with the kids. Actor Luke Carroll as MC was well received - signing many autographs and posing for lots of photos throughout the day. Former Australian Rugby Seven's footballer Matt Sonter came along and ran the Indigenous games workshops.

Dancers Darren Compton, Medika Thorpe, comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, and Olympian Benn Harradine (also a local boy) all engaged the young people and there was even a surprise drop in by Newcastle Knights star Timana Tahu.

"There was a record eight stalls in the health expo and great talent was on display in the break dance competition," Mayrah said.

"There was a wonderful overall spirit to the day and overwhelmingly positive feedback from teachers."

There are many local sponsors to thanks including: the Awabakal Medical Service Australian Electoral Commission, NSW Aboriginal Safe Gambling Program, Joe's Meats at Westfield Kotara, Bakers Delight at Westfield Kotara, Coles at Westfield Kotara, Hunter Headspace, Hunter New England Health, Wollotuka Institute, Wandiyali ATSI Inc, Charlestown Police and Yarnteen College.

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*.

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PIC: Benn.jpg

CAP: Ben Harradine with girls from Irrawang High School at the Vibe 3on3 event.



WINNERS Newcastle 3on3

Boys Junior

Presenter: Benn Harradine

Organisation: Vibe Australia

Team Name: Wallsend Magpies

Callan Briggs, Robert Briggs, Rueben Beale, Jonty Nailor, Jacob Findlay, Luke Izzard, Blake Lockwood.

Boys Middle

Presenter: Gerald Bradshaw

Organisation: Sport and Rec

Team Name: Wallsend Eagles

Travis Lockwood, Cooper Putan, Keehan Hughes, Jack Summers, Isaac Findlay.

Boys High

Presenter: Nigel Welsh and Caroline Barton

Organisation: Awabakal AMS/ Australian Electoral Commission

Team Name: Hunter River Princesses

Jeremy Fredericks, Robert Barber, Jacob Afflick, Glen Fodder, Jake Howarth.

Boys Senior

Team Name: Northies 1

Jayden Buttling, Jalum Duncan, Jermaine Cavanough, P.J. Adams.

Girls Junior

Presenter: Kristy Crooks and Thomas Kroft

Organisation: Hunter New England Health

Team Name: Pelaw Main Pebbles

Teia Murphy, Shakira Mason, Chloe Huntington.

Girls Middle

Presenter: Joel Wenitong

Organisation: Last Kinection

Team Name: Worini Sister Girls

Denisha Kirby, Bonnie Feeney, Tiahli Bills, Merinda Clarke, Nari Barnsworth.

Girls High

Presenter: Matt Sonter and Trent Lake

Organisation: Australian Rugby 7's/NSW Waratahs

Team Name: Irratics

Sophie Caddar, Tiana Russle, Lani Smith, Madeline Oliver.



Girls Senior

Team Name: Northies 2

Shaunee Townsend, Shellie Townsend, Taylah Donnelley, Jaelen Chan.

Rap/My Story Competition

Presenter: Abie Wright

Organisation: Street Warriors

Name: Johnny Quinlin

Art House

Presenter: Kevin Kropinyeri

Organisation: Vibe Australia

Team Name: Kurri Kangaroos

Emma-lee Gesell, Chloe Chedzey, Jacinta Baumanis.

Breakoff Competition Winners

Girls

Presenter: Medika Thorpe

Organisation: Vibe Australia

1st – Seraya Maher, 2nd – Nettie Foya, 3rd – Shantana Buckshiram

Boys

Presenter: Darren Compton

Organisation: Vibe Australia

1st – Callan Briggs, 2nd – Tristan Ormerod, 3rd – Jy Paylson

Puggy Hunter Award

Presenter: Claude Williams and Nick Rippon (representing Sharon Grierson, Federal Member for Newcastle)

Organisation: Vibe Australia

Name: Joel McMillan