



TOOWOOMBA VIBE 3on3® - IT'S A WRAP

5 December 2011

It was smiles all round at the Toowoomba National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3® on 1 December, as hundreds of young people from the region turned out for an action packed day of fun and activities.

The wet weather did nothing to dampen the festive spirit as the community came together to celebrate living a healthy lifestyle and having fun.

Held at the Toowoomba PCYC, Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor Peter Taylor officially declared the event open amid a performance by country music legend Warren H Williams.

Students and teachers travelled from Toowoomba regional schools to form teams to compete in activities during the day, from 3on3® basketball to an art workshop and dance performance workshop.

Event producer Mayrah Sonter says the Vibe 3on3® team was pleased to return to Toowoomba for the second year and that it was a "massive success."

"We were very happy to go back and do it again for a second year in Toowoomba particularly because between last year's event and this year's - the devastating floods had been through the city.

"We had great feedback from the local community about the event. There was also some fierce competition from the children with some great break-dancing up there. Everyone had a good time," Mayrah says.

Local and national role models were on hand to inspire and pass on encouragement to young people throughout the day including former Australian Rugby Seven's player Matt Sonter, comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, actor Luke Carroll and dancers Darren Compton and Medika Thorpe. Hip Hop music provided the backdrop with some cool grooves laid down by DJ Jimblah and some deadly tunes performed by Lady Lash.

The Vibe 3on3® is a one day Aboriginal youth festival that incorporates basketball, dancing, art, culture and health. The event aims to promote healthy lifestyles, strengthen communities and boost self-esteem. The Vibe 3on3® is also an excellent opportunity for health services and related organisations to introduce themselves to the wider community. For more information go to www.vibe.com.au



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CAP: (Left) Students from Boggabilla Central School, Jamaya Wightman, Quindon McIntosh, Hayden McGrady and Bradon Heath with Kevin Kropinyeri at the Vibe 3on3 in Toowoomba on December 1.

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Boys Junior

Presenter: Warren H Williams

Organisation: Vibe Australia

Team Name: Harristown Hooligans

Ricky Robinson

Michael Robinson

Dre Robinson

Liam Widgell

Jamahl Withers

Boys Middle

Presenter: Matt Sonter

Organisation: Australian Rugby 7's

Team Name: Boggabilla 6

Jack Munro

Hezakiah Dennison

Brandon Brown



Boys High

Presenter: Emily Murphy
Organisation: Toowoomba Committee
Team Name: The Golden Eagles
Gerome Burns
Piok Piok
Michael Isaacs

Boys Senior

Presenter: Trish Cochrane
Organisation: Homestyle Bakery
Team Name: Dominators
Riak Deng
Manylok Malek
Andrew Herjok



Girls Junior

Presenter: Wayne Hippy

Organisation: Carbal Medical Service

Team Name: Harristown High Flyers

Ayesha Rhodes

Aliyah Garner

Bonnie Day

Girls Middle

Presenter: Councillor Mike Williams

Organisation: Toowoomba Rectional Council

Team Name: Harristown Hip Hops

Georgie Smith

Nikkita Scott

Maddison Pashley

Chloe Bartman



Girls High

Presenter: Ti A-Maree Paulson

Organisation: Australian Electoral Commission/Indigenous Electoral Participation Program

Team Name: The Dream Team

Tiarni Rowe

Maddi Savory

Skye Laurie

Girls Senior

Presenter: Tom Clevin

Organisation: Dream N Clean

Team Name: Team Brianna

Brianna Williams

Danielle Sayeg

Nat Callaghan



Rap/My Story Competition

Presenter: Lady Lash

Organisation: Vibe Australia

Name: Dustin Duffy – Fairview Heights

Art House

Presenter: Kevin Kropinyeri

Organisation: Vibe Australia

Team Name: Harristown High Girls

Tausi Muyobe

Cristina Siyajala



Breakoff Competition Winners

Girls

Presenter: Medika Thorpe

Organisation: Vibe Australia

1st – Maddie Savory & Mikayla Eedards

2nd – Anthea Torrens

3rd – Taya Hynch, chloe Laurie, Skye Laurie, Tiami Rowe

Boys

Presenter: Darren Compton

Organisation: Vibe Australia

1st – Jesse Wake

2nd – Kyle Carpenter

3rd – Beau Mathers

Puggy Hunter Award

Presenter: Mayrah Sonter/Dusty Wilson

Organisation: Vibe Australia/Toowoomba PCYC

Name: Gabe Hoopert (Female)

Photo- Puggy collected by Samantha Bailey, not

Gabe