



**We all Stand on
Sacred Ground:**

Learn, Respect & Celebrate

PORT STEPHENS

NAIDOC TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

Thursday 9th July 2015

Lakeside Sports Complex
Hosted by Port Stephens Police



WELCOME FROM PORT STEPHENS POLICE

Welcome to the first of many Port Stephens NAIDOC Touch Championship held at Lakeside Sports Complex. On behalf of the NSW Police Force, I would like to thank all the participants, match officials, support staff, local business and the community for your attendance on this Thursday of NAIDOC Week 2015.

We have no doubt it will be an exciting day for not only the players and officials but all that come and support this fun packed day. We must thank all the groups involved including the Emergency Services, Port Stephens Council, the Local Aboriginal Community, Royal Australian Air Force and the Raymond Terrace Junior Rugby League Club for all their hospitality and assistance in making sure this event is not just a success but enjoyable day for all.

If you are not aware, NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

Celebrations and activities take place across the nation during this week for all Australians to enjoy.

Good luck to you all, ensure you play the game hard, play the game competitively but always with honesty and with an attitude toward fair play. Ensure you thank your team mates, your opposition, game referees, support staff and all your family and friends for making this day the best it can be.

Enjoy the event and have fun.

Anthony Townsend

**Duty Officer
Port Stephens LAC**



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EVENT STAFF

Tony Townsend	NSW Police Force
Andrew Smith	Worimi Land Council
Justin Ridgeway	Kup-Poon-Dee Community Services
Cindy Vasconcelos	Port Stephens Council
Ivan Cole & Peter Retallick	RAAF Base Williamtown

REFEREE DIRECTORS

Karen Davies	Director of Referees
Ivan Cole	Referee Coordinator

PARTICIPATING GROUPS/AFFILIATES

Local Aboriginal Community	
Emergency Services:	NSW Police
	St John Ambulance
	NSW Fire and Rescue
Port Stephens Council	
Royal Australian Air Force	

SUPPORT PROVIDED BY

NSW Police Force
Worimi Land Council
Kup-Poon-Dee Community Services
Port Stephens Council
Royal Australian Air Force - RAAF
St John Ambulance
Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association - PCYC
Raymond Terrace Junior Rugby League Club

REFEREES

Karen Davies	Pat Moran	Michael Almond
Ivan Cole	John Dingle	Shayne Hayne
Peter Retallick	Anthony Schieb	Brett Grogan
Jason Taylor	Richard Lindeman	Aron Green



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VENUE

Lakeside Sports Complex
Macdonald Park, Leisure Way, Raymond Terrace



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DRAW

	0830	KOORI DANCE - WELCOME TO COUNTRY			
		F1		F2	
MO	0900	INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS	v	RAAF	
				EMERGENCY SERVICES	v
				COUNCIL	
XO	0940	INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS	v	EMERGENCY SERVICES	
				COUNCIL	v
				RAAF	
MO	1020	INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS	v	EMERGENCY SERVICES	
				COUNCIL	v
				RAAF	
XO	1100	INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS	v	COUNCIL	
				RAAF	v
				EMERGENCY SERVICES	
MO	1140	INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS	v	COUNCIL	
				RAAF	v
				EMERGENCY SERVICES	
XO	1220	INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS	v	RAAF	
				EMERGENCY SERVICES	v
				COUNCIL	
	1300	LUNCH			
		F1 - MO		F2 - XO	
PLATE	1345	3	v	4	
				3	v
				4	
CUP	1425	1	v	2	
				1	v
				2	
	1500	AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS			

GAME FORMAT

All games including the Plate and Cup (finals) games will be 2 x 15 minute halves with a 5 minute half time.

Divisions being contested: MO - Men's Opens
XO - Mixed Opens



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PRESENTATIONS

The presentations for the Port Stephens NAIDOC Touch Championship will take place at 3pm in front of the club house. The Plate and Cup winning teams for both divisions will be announced.

PARKING

There is off street parking along Leisure Way which is close to the fields. Ensure that all parking signs are adhered to as a police presence will be at this event.

SECURITY

There will be security for the duration of the event. Although there is security present, we recommend you keep all valuables secure and out of sight while at the field. To minimise issues during the day with bags and uniforms going missing, we ask all participants and spectators to be vigilant with their belongings.

TRAINING & WARM-UPS

Throughout the event, teams are encouraged to utilise the surrounding (vacant) fields to train, warm-up and cool-down. Warming-up will prepare the body for your game, as well as helping to prevent injury to muscles, which can be more susceptible to injury when cold. Cooling-down helps the body clear lactic acid that builds up while competing. Less lactic acid means less soreness and stiffness the next day!

FOOD

Raymond Terrace Junior Rugby League Club will be running their canteen throughout the event. There will be a large range of hot and cold food options available including a variety of beverages.

WATER

Bottles of water will be available to purchase at the canteen. There will also be taps located in the changing rooms and toilet blocks around the grounds.

WET WEATHER

If wet weather or adverse weather conditions are threatening, and nothing has been advised by Event Staff, please check with your team manager / official to find out whether cancellation has occurred. We ask that players / managers do not assume that this Touch event will be called off because of rain / storms - always check.



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GENERAL CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

PLAYERS, COACHES, STAFF AND SPECTATORS

All participants at this Port Stephens NAIDOC Touch Championship are expected to adhere to the following values & behaviours. Everyone involved in this event have a right to participate in a safe and supportive environment.

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the this Touch event, regardless of age, gender, race, place of origin, athletic ability, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status, or cultural background.
2. Be fair, considerate and honest in competition and all dealings with others. Applaud good performance and efforts by all individuals and teams and congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Operate within the rules of the sport governed by Touch Football Australia.
4. Respect the decisions of referees and coaches. If there's a disagreement, follow the appropriate channels in order to question the decision and recommend other people to do likewise.
5. Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the sport of Touch, the Port Stephens Region and respective Associations into disrepute.
6. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by refraining from using foul language towards, and harassment of administrators, coaches, players or referees. The use of violence in any form will not be tolerated and is not appropriate in any situation.
7. Cooperate with officials at all times during this event.
8. In accordance with Port Stephens Council Smoke Free Outdoor Areas Policy, Smoking is prohibited at this event.
9. For the purpose of this event, Lakeside Sports Complex including its car parks and surrounding sports fields are Alcohol Free Zones.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Port Stephens NAIDOC Week Committee would like to thank the following individuals and organisations for making this event possible;

- Raymond Terrace Junior Rugby League Club for the coordination of the canteen, PA system, sirens and surrounding facilities.
- St John Ambulance for providing essential First Aid.
- Port Stephens Councils, Cindy Vasconcelos for organising the venue, grounds and coordinating the media promotions.
- Kup-poon-dee's, Justin Ridgeway and Worimi Lands Councils, Andrew Smith for the opening ceremony and various activities around the grounds.
- All referees for their assistance and Ivan Cole for the coordination of referees, event fixtures, publications and promotions.
- Coaches and Team Managers for organising their teams.
- All others who may have helped in anyway towards making this event a success.
- A special mention must be made for Inspector Tony Townsend from NSW Police Force for making this and the many other events organised throughout NAIDOC week possible.

Thank you.



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