Fair Game News - February 2023

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Trips Galore across the School Holidays!

The school holiday period was packed with fun, with our teams spending six weeks in the regions. We visited a heap of communities including Meekatharra, Roebourne, Wickham, Yandeyarra, South Hedland, Jigalong and Kimberley's flood affected town of Fitzroy Crossing.

Our teams were welcomed in every community with open arms by both community members and other service providers and all the sessions were well attended with lots of active games and laughs had by all.

We were also thrilled to be able to donate a large collection of sports equipment in Fitzroy Crossing to replenish goods lost or damaged in the flood waters.

None of our trips are possible without the support of our vast network of partners and funders but we would like to give a special shout out to a few of our friends who helped make these school holiday trips possible;

- PCYC Roebourne who generously provided a venue and support to ensure our Roebourne trips were a big success.
- The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) who helped out with on the ground logistics support in the Kimberley region making the visit to Fitzroy Crossing possible.

We have a very busy year ahead with plenty of trips planned across the Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest and Wheatbelt regions. These trips are made possible thanks to a number of generous funders who support our regional operations. KIMBERLEY

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L: Dodgeball in Fitzroy Crossing (January, 2023)

R: Fair Game trip team (Ally, Jacob, Anna, Emma and Rolly) pose in front of the PCYC centre in Roebourne at the end of our second successful trip in a three week period (January, 2023)



Our team (pictured with Adam and Tom from DLGSC) with the haul of pre-loved sports equipment which will was taken to Fitzroy Crossing in January 2023

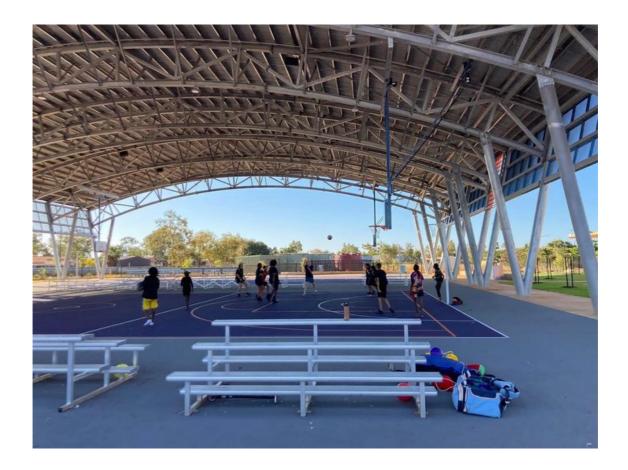
Macquarie Sports supports the South Hedland Hub

We are pleased to announce the support of Macquarie Sports who are cofunding the South Hedland Afterschool Game On! program for 2023.

Macquarie Sports supports Australian sporting organisations to deliver youth

program in South Hedland.

Now in the fourth year, the South Hedland Game On! program has grown in popularity, targeting at-risk children by providing fun, active games in a safe and inclusive environment. The program is run at the JD Hardie Youth Centre on Monday nights during term time, delivered by two Fair Game project officers supported by a group of local volunteers and community police officers.



Macquarie Group Foundation



Breaking Records with CTI Logistics

Fair Game's Recycle & Donate program broke all previous records in 2022! We received more donations of equipment from WA's sport loving community and distributed more to our beneficiaries across the state than in any previous year.

This success was, in large part, due the wonderful support of CTI Logistics who

equipment. This logistics support is in addition to also providing us our home base, 'Fair Game HQ' in Bassendean.

We can't thank CTI Logistics and their staff enough for their ongoing support to Fair Game, helping us spread the joy of sport to the children in WA's remote, regional communities.



Ravi our local CTI logistics legend picking up a Recycle & Donate box.

New Recycle & Donate Recruits



L-R: Josh Duane - Recycle & Donate Coordinator and Emmanuel Harmon - Project Officer

The Recycle & Donate program is set to soar this year with Josh Duane and Emmanuel Harmon joining our small staff team.

Josh has joined us as the new Recycle & Donate Coordinator, bringing years of experience in corporate communications and sports coaching. He's keen to grow the Recycle & Donate Program, starting with four new 'Blue Bin' collection sites at Ray Owens Sport Centre (Lesmurdie) and City of Stirling's - Herb Graham Recreation Centre (Mirrabooka), Hamersley and Scarborough Leisure Centre's. We also hear he's a pretty handy cricketer and coach (which will hopefully come in handy re-gripping our pre-loved cricket bats!).

' I joined Fair Game as I am passionate about creating opportunities for communities that are in need.'

We also welcome back Emmanuel, who completed a practicum placement as a Community Development student from Murdoch University in 2022. After witnessing his passion during his internship, we were pleased to employ him to support Josh in running our Recycle & Donate program. Emmanuel's motivation stems from his youth, growing up in Liberia and in a refugee camp in Ghana, where he had to make soccer balls out of socks and plastic bags. He understands first-hand the impact that having access to sports equipment can make in a child's life, particularly to their health and wellbeing.

If you are looking for a new way to engage your students in creating positive community change in 2023, then don't forget to schedule in a <u>Be a Sporting Hero Free Dress Day</u> to support Fair Game.

This initiative allows students to have fun while increasing access to sport for children right across WA, by donating any unwanted or outgrown preloved sports equipment along with a gold coin and come to school dressed as their sporting hero or in their team colours. The financial donations help us get the items to their new owners helping them to play the sports they love.

This is a great project for school leaders and we have a heap of <u>helpful</u> resources on our website, including a step by step guide for student organisers, posters to print and videos to share.



Floreat Park Primary School students had a blast hosting a Be A Sporting Hero free dress day in 2022

Find out how to get involved!



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