

ICG Lake Macquarie 2014



Message from Lake Macquarie

At ICG headquarters it's dawning on us that in just over 20 weeks the world will be arriving in Lake Macquarie. We have been working and planning for this event for two years already, and it's hard to believe we're on the home straight!

We currently have 81 cities from 32 nations making plans to be here in December. It's exciting to see newspaper articles from around the world announcing their teams and talking about the Games in Lake Macquarie. We're receiving video messages from cities excited that they're on their way; make sure you check out the story below in Sports News, the message from Team Yekaterinburg in Russia brought us all to tears.

When you stop to think about it, it's huge and a big deal for the athletes and teams coming. Many are travelling from the opposite side of the world, arranging fundraisers, building community support and families are making sacrifices to get their kids here.

As Event Director, I'm privileged to be leading a passionate team of staff and volunteers who together will make sure the participants and supporters have the time of their lives at the Lake Macquarie International Children's Games.

Jodi Tweed

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Latest ICG News



Announcing the Voices of the Games

The Voices of the Games were announced at a spectacular performance at Charlestown Square last month.

Fifty singers auditioned for our judges, and it was a tough job choosing the 16 singers who will perform in our Opening Ceremony. Luckily for us, this region is full of amazing talent, and our 16 singers are the best and brightest of the bunch!

You can see these talented youngsters perform at our Lake Macquarie International Children's Games Opening Ceremony, which will be held at Speers Point Park on Sunday 7 December from 5pm. It will be just like the Opening Ceremonies at the Olympic Games, with the official entrance of the athletes, the lighting of the cauldron, the flag ceremony, and, of course, the Voices of the Games performing live!

A full list of the singers can be found [here](#), and don't forget to check out the photos from the night on our [Facebook page](#).

Lake Mac Project Team News



Meet our Choreographers

The Lake Macquarie International Children's Games are excited to announce our choreographers for our Opening Ceremony!

Jade Hillard and Steve Chandler from the **Australian Dance and Talent Centre** will be joined by **Tina Perry** from **Physical Funk for Kids** to create our dance sequences.

Jade and Steve are looking forward to creating dance routines involving different materials, props and puppets, and Tina says she's excited to bring bright, beachy elements to her routines.

Applications are currently open on our [website](#) for dancers to audition for the chance to perform in our Opening Ceremony.

Sports News



Greetings from Russia!

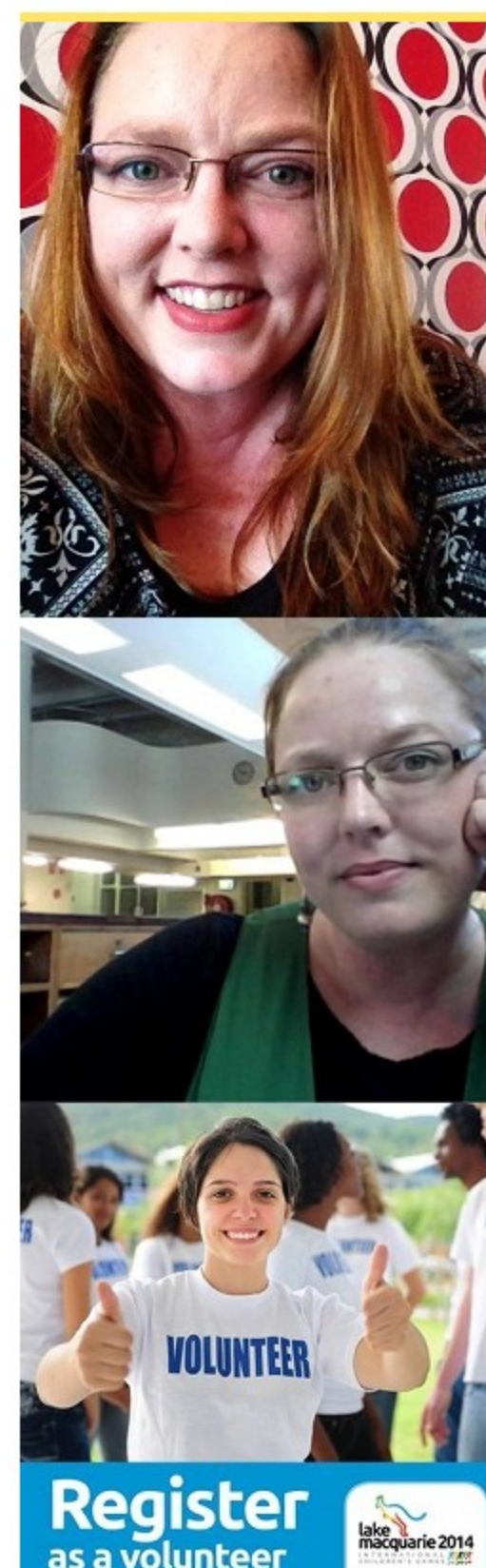
The world really is coming to the 2014 Lake Macquarie International Children's Games!

We received [this video](#) message from the team from Yekaterinburg in Russia this week, and we can't wait to meet all of the athletes featured when they come to Lake Macquarie in December.

Athletes from cities all over the world do amazing things to be able to travel to the Games, from competing in the selection processes in their city, to the fundraising that allows them to be able to afford a trip across the globe.

We're looking forward to meeting Team Yekaterinburg, and to receiving more video messages from our international teams.

Volunteer News



Introducing Jodi Hughes

Manager of Volunteers, 2014 Lake Macquarie International Children's Games

Jodi says: "I love working with volunteers and engaging local communities in events and programs. We are very fortunate to live in an area that can attract activities such as these games, as it enables us to actively engage with other people in our community, especially those we don't normally get a chance to socialise with."

Sport of interest? "I'm a big fan of boats, so it would probably have to be sailing. Though I can't wait to see the other activities as well, the football sounds like it will be a lot of fun."

Message to others: "Come and join us as part of the volunteer team and experience a really unique opportunity. It's not every day, or even every year, that we have a chance to participate in an internationally renowned event of this calibre, and I can't wait to work with our growing team of volunteers. Together, we hope to help make the Games a great success, and a wonderful experience for all the young athletes involved."

We're delighted with the response that we've had from volunteers from all over the region. The selection process is moving along quickly, and soon each selected volunteer will be able to access our volunteer portal and continue the application process.

There's still time for you to volunteer! Head over to our website and fill in the [application form](#), and Jodi will be in touch soon!

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