

ICG Lake Macquarie 2014



Message from Lake Macquarie

Welcome to the first newsletter for the **Lake Macquarie International Children's Games 2014**! Lake Macquarie is incredibly proud to be the first city in the Southern Hemisphere to host the Games, and it will be a Games that you will truly remember.

With still nine months to go before the start of the Games, we are seeing excitement around the world with 77 cities from 33 countries accepting the invitation to participate in the Games so far. The Lake Macquarie community is also excited when they hear the numbers of visitors to our area from all over the world.

When you are planning your trip, why not make the most of your time by visiting our **beaches, lake and mountains**, Lake Macquarie City, New South Wales, Australia is very much looking forward to having you here.

Cr Jodie Harrison
Mayor of Lake Macquarie

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ICG 2014 Executive Committee - Host city agreement signed

The Games are in full swing here in Lake Macquarie with the 2014 ICG Executive Committee officially signing the Host city agreement in January.

The ICG President and Secretary General explored ICG operations and deemed the 2014 Lake Macquarie Games to be well underway and bursting with creativity.

project team news



Meet Rooby - our mascot!

True to her name Rooby is a female Kangaroo and a native Australian marsupial. She features traditional ICG Colours and reflects the endless energy and fun that is to come at the 2014 games.

Like our athletes, kangaroos are full of speed and bounce, known to jump heights of 1 to 2 meters at a time and reach speeds of 50 km per hour!

Fun fact - Rooby, like all kangaroos, may have a little difficulty walking backwards - but when it comes to swimming she's a champion. For more fun facts, and information about Rooby, [visit our website](#).

Keep an eye out for Rooby in the lead-up to and during the Games, she will be involved in all the events! Rooby merchandise will also be available throughout the Games so you'll never forget your time in beautiful Lake Macquarie.

sports news



Message from the ICG Community: Celje, Slovenia

Here is a message and photos which we received from the city of CELJE in SLOVINA.

"We are sending you greetings from Europe, Slovenia, the city of Celje where the first ICG games began in 1968. We are very proud and happy to be invited for the presentation of our beautiful town at the ICG games in Australia."

"We train hard every day thinking about the next winter in Europe when we are flying to your place where we are going to have a friendly game with you."

Thanks City of Celje, what a great picture! Lake Macquarie City cannot wait to have you here.

We encourage any other participating cities to send through their greetings and thoughts on Lake Macquarie's 2014 ICG, we'd love to publish them in our upcoming newsletters.

You can [email us](#) your message and digital photos, or post mail to:

Lake Macquarie City Council
Box 1906
Hunter Region Mail Centre
NSW, 2310, Australia

volunteer news



Volunteer Spotlight: Welcome Dave!

Bio: Joining our Lake Macquarie International Children's Games (ICG) team is Dave Williams, a volunteer with plenty of experience! Recently volunteering with the 2013 Special Olympics in Newcastle Dave experienced firsthand the enjoyment to come from helping others and being a part of an international event.

So who better to organise and head the scope for the 2014 ICG Lake Macquarie than the man himself! Here and enjoying every minute of it Dave can't wait to dive into the ICG.

Role: Scoping and organisation of Volunteer Roles.

Reason to Join: After having a rewarding experience with the Special Olympics Dave was ready to get involved in the Lake Macquarie ICG. Being part of the first ICG in the southern Hemisphere was an opportunity that he could not pass up.

Message from Dave: *"Always stay positive and success will come"*. Let this inspire you to be part of an international event set out to display the talent of young athletes around the world.

Sport of interest: *"There is so many great sports on display in this year's ICG, but I'll be keeping a keen eye on the Football."*

To find out how you can become a volunteer at the 2014 International Children's Games visit our [volunteers' website](#)