

ICG Lake Macquarie 2014



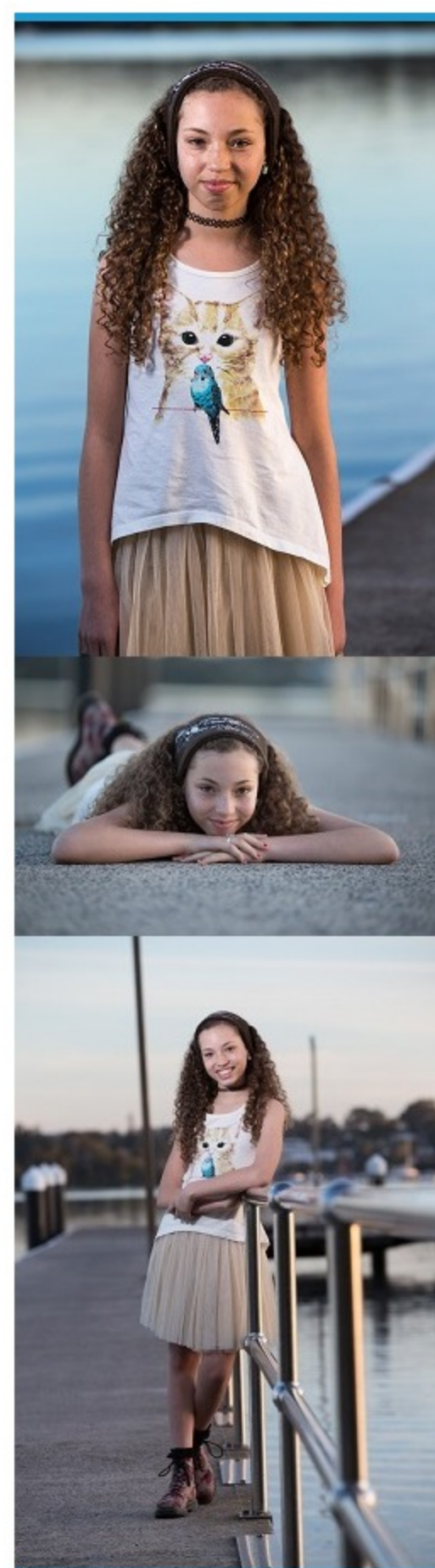
Message from Lake Macquarie

This month we reach another milestone on the International Children's Games calendar; we have only six months to go! For some six months seems like a lifetime, for others it goes by in a blink. For us in the ICG office it means we're only 178 days out from welcoming thousands of visitors to our City.

There is still so much to do, however we're on a roll, the momentum is building and the excitement is spreading through the City. We are counting down the days, putting in the hard yards and eagerly await your company.

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Latest ICG news



Announcing our song competition winner

We're so excited to finally announce the winner of our Lake Macquarie International Children's Games song competition - Mia Sittlett!

Mia is incredibly talented, and we're amazed at her singing and songwriting skills. Her song, 'Never Give Up', perfectly captures the feel of the Games, and is a perfect anthem for all of our athletes.

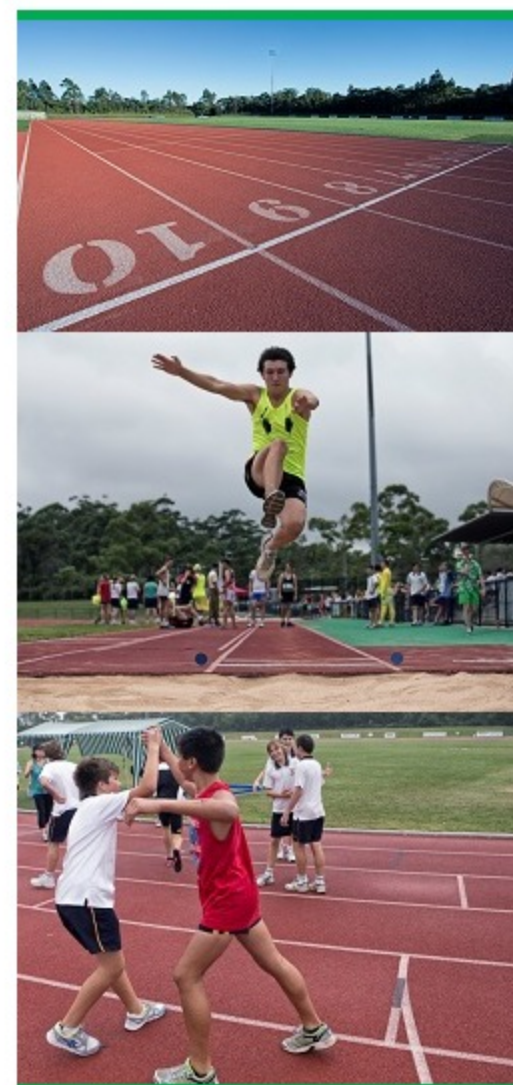
Starting out as a violin player from kindergarten, Mia decided by Year 5 that she wanted to learn guitar and hone her songwriting skills. Judging by 'Never Give Up', this was definitely the right decision! Mia's voice is incredibly strong, due to the perfect pitch she developed in her years learning violin.

Mia also captures the international flavour of our Games - she was born in New York City, moved to Los Angeles at the age of 2, and then to Australia at the age of 6. She's seen a lot of the world already, and we're sure that her musical talent will send her jetsetting across the world in the future!

Check out Mia's [website](#) and [Facebook](#), and don't forget to listen to, and share, 'Never Give Up', the official song of the 2014 Lake Macquarie International Children's Games!

[*Never Give Up* on Soundcloud](#)
[*Never Give Up* on YouTube](#)

Sports news



Sneak Peak into ICG sporting venues: track and field

The 2014 International Children's Games athletics events will be held at the Hunter Sports Centre, a centre that meets international IAAF standards and boasts a history of hosting an array of local, national and now international events.

The centre includes a nine lane 400m synthetic (Rekolan) track and a 10 lane main straight, perfect for ICG track events. The establishment has an array of field sporting facilities, with the shot-put, long jump and high jump meeting all the ICG standards.

This is such a great facility for our young international athletes to compete at, and to show off their track and field talents.

Lake Mac Project Team news



Team Lake Macquarie announced

Hosting the 2014 International Children's Games is an enormous opportunity for Lake Macquarie, and one that, as a city, we are proud and excited to have.

There has been an overwhelming interest from young athletes and coaches alike.

After applications and tryouts, we are excited to announce this year's Team Lake Macquarie! Well done to all of the athletes who tried out, it was clear you really gave it your all.

Visit the [Team Lake Macquarie page](#) for all the latest details about our team.

Team Lake Macquarie warmly welcomes all athletes to our community, and is eagerly awaiting the fun, sportsmanship and friendships to be made this December.

Volunteer news



Volunteer spotlight: Natalie

A warm welcome to Natalie Holland, a bright, bubbly, social media savvy volunteer who has recently joined the International Children's Games team to lend her skills and expertise. With experience working for the ABC radio station as well as a history in TV broadcasting, Natalie will be one of our 'go-to' people for all things social media.

Keep an eye on our ICG Facebook page and Twitter for all the latest news.

Role: Social Media

Reason you joined? To gain experience working on an international event and to share my skills in the 2014 Lake Macquarie ICG.

Sport of interest? Gymnastics has always been a favourite of mine when broadcast during the Olympics. It will be great to see what the young athletes can achieve at the ICG this year.

Message to others: The ICG is such a great event to be involved in, and I'm so excited to be helping to bring together athletes from all over the world.

The call for volunteers comes in all shapes and sizes, there is an array of jobs to be done whether it's in the office, assisting with social media communication avenues like Natalie's or hands-on sporting help during the games. Fill in your [volunteer application](#), today and become a part of a great international event.

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