

ICG Lake Macquarie 2014



Message from Lake Macquarie

It's crazy times here in the ICG office; we're bursting at the seams and our team is growing as we hit the home straight heading into the Games.

We're excited about the new advertising rolling out for our three-month countdown to the Games. Keep your eyes peeled for our new billboards and television commercial, and listen out for our radio promotions.

Preparations are well underway for the torch relay, which is happening at Speers Point on Thursday 28 August as we celebrate 100-days to go. Twenty six schools from our City will be taking part to run the 5km route around our beautiful lake.

Until next month, stay tuned to our social media pages and keep the excitement building by talking to your friends and sharing all things ICG.



Latest ICG News



Meet our opening ceremony dancers

The dance auditions for the 2014 Lake Macquarie International Children's Games Opening Ceremony were held on 26 July. We were blown away by the talent of our young dancers!

Our choreographers, Steve Chandler, Jade Hillard, Tina Perry and Taylor Stokes, were spoilt for choice, and had the difficult job of selecting dancers from among our region's best.

The auditions were even featured in the **Newcastle Herald**.

We are so excited to announce the successful dancers and can't wait to see the beautiful dances our choreographers come up with for the opening ceremony.

Congratulations to everyone who was selected!

Lake Mac Project Team News



Discover Lake Macquarie

The team here at the International Children's Games are excited to be partnering with **Destination NSW** to help you discover everything Lake Macquarie has to offer!

Lake Macquarie and its excellent ocean beaches, as well as nearby **Watagans Mountains National Park**, provide plenty of opportunities for an action and adventure holiday.

Try fishing, surfing or swimming in the lake itself, which is the largest saltwater lake in Australia! Along the coast explore the sea caves at **Caves Beach** or go snorkelling or scuba diving around the shipwrecks at **Catherine Hill Bay**.

For those who love nature, head to **Watagans Mountains National Park** to explore some of Australia's finest rainforest scenery. If you're lucky you may spot koalas, bandicoots and native birds!

Read more about **Lake Macquarie** at Destination NSW.

Sports News



Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility

Work is progressing well on the **Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility** at Speers Point.

The construction of the \$11.3 million facility has been planned for completion prior to the International Children's Games in December, and we're so excited to see it progressing to schedule!

The facility, which will be located right next to Speers Point Park, includes two full-size synthetic football fields and 10 smaller five-a-side football fields, as well as an administration building and a parking area.

Our football athletes are excited to christen the fields when the facility is finished in December. Keep an eye on our Lake Macquarie International Children's Games **Facebook** page for updates and **photos** throughout the process.

Volunteer News



Volunteer for the Games!

Our Event Director, Jodi Tweed, and our Manager of Volunteers, Jodi Hughes, dropped in to ABC Newcastle last week to chat to 1233's Aaron Kearney about volunteering for the Lake Macquarie International Children's Games.

"We've got everything from health support through to merchandising, helping out with the teams, all sorts of stuff," Jodi Hughes said. "So depending on what your skill levels are, what your interests are and your interest in sport - there are eight different sports that we've got going on - it's going to be amazing."

Listen back to Aaron's interview with both Jodi's on ABC Newcastle's **Soundcloud**

There is still time for you to sign up to be a volunteer at the Games. Apply on our **website** and be a part of this unique event!

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