

ICG Lake Macquarie 2014



Message from Lake Macquarie

This newsletter marks three months until the Games!

Three months until we get to see the joy on kids' faces, until the dining halls come alive, until we hear songs in multiple languages being sung on bus rides to and from events.

These are the moments we are looking forward to the most, the simple yet powerful memories which will make up the stories of the Lake Macquarie International Children's Games.

Make sure you stay tuned to our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to see photos and videos from teams from all over the world as they prepare to head down under in December.



Latest ICG News



100 days to go!

On 28 August, we celebrated 100 days to go until the Lake Macquarie International Children's Games. Our School Torch Relay, scheduled for this landmark day, was rained out, but luckily has been rescheduled for Friday 17 October, which marks 50 days to go. Make sure you save the date in your diaries and join us for the torch relay!

We may be less than 100 days out from the Games, but there are more than 100 things to do! One very exciting bit of news this month has been the sneak peek at our Opening Ceremony cauldron.

We can't reveal the finished product to you just yet - you'll have to come to our Opening Ceremony to see it in action! We can, however, show you these photos of our fabulous workshop craftsmen hard at work on some very interesting shapes.

Can you guess what the cauldron will be?

We think the workshop are doing an amazing job and we can't wait for you all to see the finished product in December.

Lake Mac Project Team News



Spotlight on: Trevor Beck

Our creative team have come together to begin work on our Opening Ceremony and we're excited to see so much creativity and talent uniting in one place!

Trevor Beck has joined the Lake Macquarie International Children's Games creative team as our Production Manager, bringing over 20 years' experience as a freelance audio engineer and production manager to the Opening Ceremony.

The Games won't be Trevor's first sporting production. His credits include work on the 2012 London Olympics (Main games and Paralympics), the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games and the 2003 (Sydney) and 2011 (New Zealand) Rugby World Cups. Trevor has also worked as an Audio Director for the Australian Open tennis, New York Open tennis, Soccer World Cup (Johannesberg), Foxtel broadcasts, Wesley Mission and Channels 7 and 9.

Join Trevor and the rest of our team at the Lake Macquarie International Children's Games Opening Ceremony, from 5pm on Sunday 7 December at Speers Point Park, followed by the Newcastle Permanent Carols by Candlelight.

Sports News



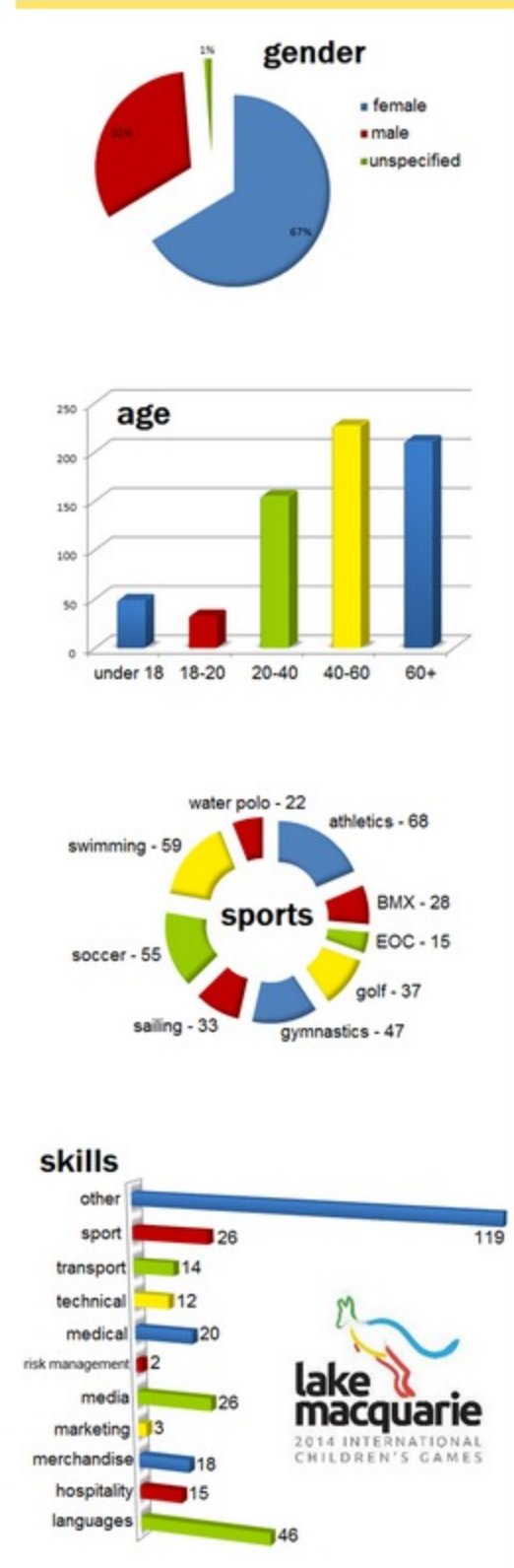
ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

Last month, Team Lake Macquarie and all athletes competing at the Lake Macquarie International Children's Games were challenged by Team Windsor's football team to do the **ALS Ice Bucket Challenge**.

We're very pleased and proud to report that Team Lake Macquarie's water polo players took up the challenge! The Team got together during one of their training sessions to raise awareness for **motor neurone disease**.

Check out their video [here!](#)

Volunteer News



Volunteer breakdown

Our volunteer process is almost complete and the successful volunteers will be receiving their invitations within the next month!

The team at the Hunter Volunteer Centre have crunched the numbers and pulled these statistics together from the volunteer database.

Of 822 volunteers

545 are female
266 are male
11 are of unspecified gender

49 are under 18 years of age
33 are aged 18-20
155 are aged 20-40
227 are aged 40-60
211 are aged 60-80+

So far, the number of volunteers assigned to specific sports are:

- 68 - athletics
- 28 - BMX
- 15 - Event Operations Centre
- 37 - golf
- 47 - gymnastics
- 33 - sailing
- 55 - soccer
- 59 - swimming
- 22 - water polo

The skills of our volunteers are wide-reaching, and include:

- 46 - languages
- 15 - hospitality, catering, accommodation
- 18 - info and merchandise
- 3 - marketing
- 26 - media
- 2 - risk management
- 20 - medical
- 12 - technical, official
- 14 - transport
- 26 - sport

We're so excited to welcome these generous and talented volunteers to the team!

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