

## Media Release

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### PCYC Savannah Pride Basketball Program Set for Restart

Wagga PCYC's popular Savannah Pride basketball program is set to launch for another year from next Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> at Bolton Park Stadium. After a break due to Covid and funding restrictions, the youth program, which is primarily aimed at first Nations and new Australians, is set to return to coaching young basketballers and developing both boys and girl's teams to play in the Wagga Basketball Association's summer competition and play 3x3 carnivals during school holidays.

Savannah Pride is a community of mentors, educators, coaches and students based in Wagga who aim to inspire young people to achieve their potential career and life ambitions through sports and education. The program originated out of PCYC Blacktown in Western Sydney where it continues. PCYC Wagga is proudly the only other club delivering the same program in NSW due to the City's connections with our multi-cultural and first Nations communities.

Each Monday for the last two years Savannah Pride participants have trained for 2 hours under the instruction of local coaches. This training started after an hour's 'homework' or 'personal development session', where mentoring and life coaches presented talks and training to the kids.

To add to the program's already successful outcomes, the Savannah Pride Boys under 18's won the local summer Basketball Wagga competition while the Girls under 16 team were runners-up in their age group.

The program is open to boys and girls aged between 12 and 16 from a multi-cultural, or first Nations background. Along with developing a training squad with the intention of entering teams in the local competition, Savannah Pride also intends to be involved with Basketball Wagga and Basketball NSW in running the popular 3x3 carnivals during the school holidays.

If you or someone you know would like to be involved, and already have some basic basketball knowledge and experience, then Savannah Pride is a program that will be fun and could just change your life and future!

Come along and try out at The Bolton Park Stadium, next Monday February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm to 7pm. Please bring a drink bottle, and be prepared for some skills training and some fun activities that will give you a taste of what Savannah Pride is all about!

For more information, please call PCYC Wagga on 69215873, or Roger Ansell on 0419602149.

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