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3RD - 5TH JULY 2023

VALENTINE SPORTS PARK





Acknowledgement of Country

Football NSW acknowledges the Darug People as the traditional custodians of the land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultural connection to the land and waters of NSW.

Introduction

More than 120 First Nations players from across NSW will gather on Darug Land at Valentine Sports Park to compete in the 2023 NAIDOC Cup, hosted by Football NSW.

The event was a joint initiative created by Football NSW and Northern NSW Football as a means of providing more playing opportunities for First Nations footballers, working to increase the visibility of the community and inspiring a younger generation of sporting participants. The inaugural event was held in 2022 on Awabakal Land at the Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility.

In 2023, the event has expanded from two matches to a total of eight, incorporating four teams from each Member Federation. 2023 has also seen the launch of the Official NAIDOC Cup logo, created by First Nations artist Kim Walmsley. The logo artwork represents the coming together of players who bring their own unique skills and attributes as well as individual determination and strength to their respective teams.

This year's NAIDOC Week theme of 'For Our Elders' is also being celebrated and reflected in both Member Federation jersey designs for 2023.

All eight matches will be streamed live on NPL.TV, ensuring access to the First Nations sporting event can be enjoyed across Australia and beyond.

The 2023 NAIDOC Cup is supported by the NSW Government through the \$10 million NSW Football Legacy Program.



On behalf of Football NSW, I would like to welcome you all to Valentine Sports Park for the 2023 NAIDOC Cup.

After the success of the inaugural NAIDOC Cup in 2022, we are excited to host the First Nations event for the first time here on Darug Land.

With the support of the NSW Football Legacy Program, the Cup has expanded significantly in 2023 to incorporate both U14 and U16 male and female teams as part of a three-day celebration of First Nations history, culture and achievements within our sport.

I would like to thank the NSW Government for their ongoing support to our First Nations community through the Legacy Program and acknowledge the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaties, the Hon. David Harris, who will be in attendance.

The interim Football NSW Indigenous Advisory Group and the John Moriarty Foundation have played an integral role in bringing our teams together and delivering the event in 2023. We sincerely thank them for their contributions to an event which we know means a great deal to each individual involved. Football NSW is proud to have now adopted terms of reference and look forward to appointing a new formal Indigenous Advisory Group to help inform on First Nations matters within the football community.

A huge thank you to Broadlex, the Official sponsor of the Football NSW NAIDOC Cup teams, providing fantastic support to our 71 athlete and coach representatives. I also wish to acknowledge Football NSW partners Kappa, Mitre and Wholesale Trophies for their ongoing support.

We would also like to thank the Blacktown City Council Mayor, Clr Tony Bleasdale, Blacktown City Council Deputy Mayor, Clr Julie Griffiths, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, the Hon. David Harris and the Office of Sport for their support and attendance.

A final thank you goes to everyone attending in support of family, friends and the wider First Nations community.

We wish all the teams the best for the matches ahead and hope the event will provide an enriching experience for all participants involved.

John Tsatsimas

CEO
Football NSW



Northern NSW Football are proud to have selected eight coaches and over 60 players that will represent the Member Federation in the tournament this year.

The NAIDOC Cup is just one of many initiatives of Northern NSW Football to support and provide opportunities for First Nations participants to showcase their talent and ability. Northern NSW Football is committed to increasing the representation and visibility of First Nations participants within their football community.

In 2023, the NAIDOC Cup has expanded due to the support from the NSW Football Legacy Program, the NSW Government's \$10 million investment into football at all levels aiming to create a legacy from hosting FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ matches in NSW. We sincerely thank the NSW Government for their continued investment into football and opportunities for First Nations players, coaches and referees.

Peter Haynes

CEO

Northern NSW Football



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START TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
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DAY 1 - Monday 3rd July

2:00pm	Welcome to Country Opening Ceremony Jersey Presentation	Futsal Court
3:30pm	Team Training	
5:30pm - 6.15pm	Guest Panel Discussion	Field 2
7:30pm	NNSWF Cultural Activity	

DAY 2 - Tuesday 4th July

10:30am	U14 Boys Game 1	Field 2
11:55am	U14 Girls Game 1	Field 2
12:00pm	VIP Function	
1:20pm	U16 Boys Game 1	Field 2
3:00pm	U16 Girls Game 1	Field 2
4:45pm	FNSW S&C Recovery	
5:30pm	FNSW Cultural Activity	
4:45pm - 5:45pm	NNSWF Cultural Activity	
7:00pm - 8:30pm	NNSWF S&C Recovery	

DAY 3 - Wednesday 5th July

9:00am	U14 Boys Game 2	Field 2
10:25am	U14 Girls Game 2	Field 2
11:50am	U16 Boys Game 2	Field 2
1:30pm	U16 Girls Game 2	Field 2
3:15pm	Medal Ceremony / Cup Presentation	Field 2

TOURNAMENT REFEREES



Zachary Elliott
Lachlan Dries
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Corey Kernaghan
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JERSEY DESIGNS



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Twenty-one-year-old Contemporary Aboriginal artist Nikeeta Haverfield has officially designed Football NSW's NAIDOC Cup playing strips.

The talented artist hailing from Western Sydney was proud to have played a pivotal role in honouring her Indigenous community with these incredible designs.

"Honouring this year's NAIDOC theme for Our Elders, this artwork represents the passing of knowledge through time, respect and the strong connections we build between our communities and friendships," said Haverfield.

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"Phoebe is a talented Kamilaroi, Gomeroi, Gamilaraay high school student from Tamworth. Her amazing design beautifully represents the theme of the 2023 NAIDOC Cup, 'For our Elders', and will feature on the NNSWF NAIDOC Cup playing strip," says Joe Wright, Northern NSW Football's Legacy Development Officer.

Phoebe's winning design embodies the challenges and milestones First Nations culture has overcome throughout history. It pays tribute to the strength of the elders who have played an integral role in preserving and passing on their traditions and beliefs, ensuring the continuity of First Nations culture. The design acknowledges the diverse tribes and the profound connection shared with each other and their country.





SHANDI GIBBONS – 14G SQUAD COACH

What are you excited for as a coach about the tournament?

This is my first coaching opportunity with FNSW and I'm honoured to be a part of the NAIDOC Cup. I'm keen to get the girls on the pitch and share this amazing experience with them.

Why is the event important to the players, coaches and the community?

It gives us an opportunity to embrace our culture and showcase the talent we have by playing the game we all love.

What does being involved in the tournament mean to you?

It is such a privilege to be afforded this opportunity to mentor these young girls and show them that we are able to achieve amazing things when we work hard.

One piece of advice you would give you aspiring Indigenous boys and girls involved in football?

Never give up, no matter the challenge, no matter how far away that dream seems, aim as high as you can and keep working until you get there. No one has ever reached the peak by sitting down when it got hard.

A player to watch within your squad?

We haven't had much time together, however a few that stood out at our last training session were Rhianna Turk for her versatility, makes an impact wherever we put her, and Lacey Wynne was very strong up front.



ALESHIA LYONS – 14G SQUAD COACH

What are you excited for as a coach about the tournament?

We should expect big things going in to the 2023 Cup as we have doubled the number of players/teams we are taking away. The depth of our squads going into the Cup excites me! I personally can't wait.

Why is the event important to the players, coaches and the community?

Gives them a sense of belonging and acceptance in to the football world. A cup or tournament where they can be acknowledged for both their culture and outstanding football abilities. This tournament gives our up and coming talented First Nations children something to work towards during their younger years, something they can see, something they can watch older brothers, sister, aunts, uncles or cousins play as a small child. This is an opportunity for our children to have a goal as a teen to be selected for the team to show off their football talent while proudly representing their mob, their culture & their belonging.

What does being involved in the tournament mean to you?

It was an honour to be selected to coach in the 2023 NAIDOC Cup. Being selected gives me the opportunity to be a part of the first generation of First Nations children being exposed to and recognised for their football talent on a representative level while representing their mob, their culture. It also allows me the opportunity to personally develop my coaching adaptability with a group of talented young players from all over northern NSW.

One piece of advice you would give you aspiring Indigenous boys and girls involved in football?

"The only place that 'success' comes before 'work' is in the dictionary."

A player to watch within your squad?

Hallei McGregor & Miah Goswell-Cook

14 GIRLS TEAM LISTS



NSW

Lacey Wynne
Emilee Great
Isabelle Mitchell
Alice Stephenson
Rhianna Turk
Tikka Jeffery
Alea Pickett
Amaya Sloane-Wood
Jessica Avery
Khloe Coombes
Te'annah Bates
Amelia Farag
Maddison Houghton
Khloe Houghton
Hannah Farag
Layla Healey

Coaches:

Shandi Gibbons & Jorja Fuller

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Abby Hobby
Alysha Langford
Ayanna Moore
Breanna Ford
Emily Moncrieff
Hallei McGregor
Keira McCowan
Layli Schubert
Lola Deal
Marnee Walters
Miah Goswell-Cook
Miley Smith
Myka Deal
Shona Bennis
Tynai Meyenn
Nakoda Ryan

Coaches:

Aleshia Lyons & Laura Bradford

14 BOYS TEAM LISTS

NSW

Andy Austin
Oska burton
Tyler Hawkett
Zachary Isaako
Tristan Peter Lay
Jarrah Longbottom
Zachary McNeill
Adam Mohana
Ethan Nicholson
Caleb Schembri
Cooper Smith
Byron Timbs
Felix Wain
Takoda Wipaki
Marli Lachlan Wright
Matthew Wunsch

Coach:

Blake Harding

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Archie Kellett
Ashtyn Ferguson
Chase McFayden
Corey Morrison
Jack Hannah
Jaxan Cambridge
Joshua Bates
Keith Croese
Lachlan Blayden
Levi Van Haren
Nash Syron
Rylan Short
Vinnie Hall
Xavier Cook
Yarraan Mason
Zac Swain

Coaches:

Jamie Archibald & Mat Moncrieff

16 GIRLS TEAM LISTS



NSW

Derelle Avery
Pauline Burton
Andie Chaseling
Bridie Glover
Hailee Glover
Laini Glover
Ruby Shaw-Peckham
Chiara Iurlo
Rosie Quinn
Miley Shipp
Tyra Towney
Taylor Wake
Tataya Curry-Jones
Nevaeh Isaac
Chloe O'Keefe
Haylee-Anne Mooney
Coaches:
Tiffany Stanley & Jessica Garrett

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Aaliyah Kilroy
Addison Thomas
Amelia Carr
Charlie Deacon
Daisie Bursill
Indiana Bridge
Janali Haynes
Jonnie-Bree Gore
Kalani Ryan
Kealah Boldery
Lara Turner
Matilda Ungaro
Peyton Hamilton-Vosilla
Ruby Jones
Tallon Convery
Coaches:
Mick Hugo & Nadine Page

16 BOYS TEAM LISTS

NSW

Brodie Cutajar
Ashton Hawckett
Bawurra Reynolds
Tiago William Torres Lay
Hamzah Mottey
Flynn Warren
Felix Yeo
Brody Andrews
Mahmoud Hamwi
Fidel Hawke
Anthony Melissari
Cooper Pegler
William Winfield
Lucas Turk
Donovan Wain
Coaches:
Greg Hartge & Benjamin Baxter

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Bailey Johnson
Bailey Hunter
Dwayne Page
Harper Collins-Fry
Jakoby Hunter
James Semmens
Kaiden Boldery
Konen Smith
Matthew Bates
Max Cavanagh
Oslo Harradine
Quinn Archibald
Taj Seymour
Toby McGuiggan
Trey Smith
Ty Stoker
Coaches:
Craig Stoker & Dylan Hugo

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