

WORLD SILVER FOR HORNSBY'S SCOTT

PCYC NSW can claim Australia's most successful female amateur boxer at a world championship ever, following the women's boxing world championships in Kazakhstan.

Commonwealth Games participant, PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai's Kaye Scott won the silver medal in the 81 kilogram division.

It was a mixed result from PCYC's other representative, Anya Stridsman from PCYC Umina Beach.

After a first round clean stoppage win over a Croatian opponent, Anja drew the highly favoured Russian boxer in her second bout.

At the end of 4 rounds the scores were drawn, and the bout was decided on judges' preferences which, unfortunately, went to the Russian.

Kaye told Ross Solly from Boxing Australia that second place was "kind of

bittersweet" after losing her gold medal bout to China's reigning world 75 kilogram champion, Yang Xiaoli.

"Boxing is my passion, and I feel I've grown as an athlete dramatically in the last two years. But I still have plenty more room to improve and be competitive on the international scene," she said.



GYMNASTS NOW AUSSIE CHAMPS

PCYC gymnasts have had astounding successes at the Australian gymnastics championships in Melbourne.

Ivan Jarvis from PCYC Taree finished first in power tumbling in the over-17 year's men's division.

PCYC Cessnock trampolinists brought home six gold medals between them.

Sisters Isla and Mali Barr won gold in the under-13 women's synchronised jump.

In the individual events, Isla won the under-13 women's division, Kayla Germyn won gold in the under-11 women's division and Jack Allen returned home to PCYC Cessnock with two gold medals, an individual in the under-17 men's jump and the other in the synchronised jump with Gosford partner Michael Heffernan.



OUR BATS CLEAN UP STATE TITLES

The table tennis team from PCYC Fairfield/Cabramatta scooped the pool at the NSW State Table Tennis Championships.

Coached by Soyeon Kim, three boys came home with gold medals: Alex Lee (under-18 and under-15 boys' singles), Hwan Bae (under-13 and under-11 boys' singles) and Won Bae (under-10 boys' singles).

Club manager Anthony Cincotta said he was really happy about the success the club was achieving at the highest level of play in table tennis.

"Much of the success can be attributed to the coach and parents and the hard work and dedication of the table tennis players," he said.

"We are also investing in the sport at our PCYC by purchasing new equipment with funds raised by the committee. We have also allocated a dedicated room at the PCYC for table tennis practice."



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From the CEO:

Throughout this latest newsletter, you will see examples of PCYC moving to renew its facilities and provide added programs and services to support the community across NSW.

Our PCYC NSW patron, General David Hurley, the Governor of NSW, officially opened our latest club, PCYC Auburn, just two weeks after we began work on a state of the art new facility for PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai.

Auburn is one of the most diverse multicultural communities in Australia and PCYC will play a vital role for many years to come, building bridges of respect, inclusion and cohesion in that community.

You will also read about Project Booyah – our own vocational program, or "finishing school", for at-risk youth and young offenders with whom our police youth case managers have been working.

While we have been exploring new projects and clubs, PCYC has been continuing its core purpose, actively developing young people, increasing participation in sport and recreation and developing champions across a wide range of sports, while also teaching new skills and resilience to vulnerable young people.

I hope you find this latest newsletter a tribute to the fine contribution of our staff, volunteers, police officers, donors and supporters.

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Darren Black, CEO

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FEATURE



NATIONS OF ORIGIN 2016

More than 3000 players, supporters, family members and PCYC staff members and police have come together for another hugely successful Nations of Origin tournament.

For the fourth year, NSW's largest indigenous youth sporting event has shown the great spirit of sportsmanship, reconciliation and comradeship.



The 2016 Nations tournament began with the football 5s at Lake Macquarie's Speers Point field on Tuesday, July 12.

This coincided with the inaugural Nations of Origin netball tournament which ran on the Tuesday and Wednesday at the Raymond Terrace netball facility.

For a first-time trial it was a great success and representatives from netball associations praised PCYC for expanding the competition and looked forward to a bigger and better netball tournament next year.

The rugby league 7s tournament, the flagship event involving nearly 60 girls' and boys' teams, began on Wednesday, July 13 in gale-force winds at Raymond Terrace.

Police from both the Youth Command and LACs throughout the state supported the teams as coaches, mentors and even "drinks carriers".

The girls' rugby league competition was won by Darug West from the Mt Druitt area and the boys' by Awabakal 1 from Newcastle. In the football 5s, both the girls' and boys' were won by Awabakal 1 and in the netball, Wonnarua won the under-15 competition and Worimi 2 the under-14.



PCYC AUBURN OPENS

The Governor of NSW and patron of PCYC NSW, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), officially opened the state's newest Police Citizens Youth Club at Lidcombe on Wednesday, June 8.

More than \$3 million was spent converting and extending the centre, with funds coming from the state government and PCYC NSW.

PCYC Auburn manager Lewis Whales said the club would provide the biggest sporting and recreational boost for the local community in decades.

PCYC NSW CEO Darren Black said the new club would be a safe, reliable and welcoming hub for all members of the community.



BIG EFFORT: From left, Acting Deputy Commissioner Geoff McKechnie, Governor David Hurley, PCYC Auburn committee president Kathleen Hansell and club manager Lewis Whales.

SURPRISE VISIT BY POLICE MINISTER

Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant paid a surprise visit to PCYC Cessnock on June 10.

While in the area, he joined shadow minister for finance, services and property and local member for Cessnock Clayton Barr on a tour of the club. The pair found time to have a friendly National Party/Labor Party sparring session in the PCYC boxing gym.

Mr Grant was a detective at Cessnock police station in the 1990s and so is very familiar with the area and supportive of PCYC.



FIGHTING FINISH FOR OLD CLUB

The beginning of work on the new PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai club has been accompanied by the inevitable sad farewell to the original George Street premises after 47 years of serious use.

But the old club isn't going down without a fight – literally – and a commemoration of its proud history of boxing was held on June 17.

The final fight night at the old club attracted nearly 300 spectators who watched 18 bouts over the course of the night.

PCYC fighter Cody Barnwell won fighter of the night, which contributed \$6000 profit to the club.



nutrition, education, bullying, anger management, alcohol, school, relationships and policing. Martial arts star Nadine Champion attended the program and gave a practical demonstration and motivational talk about self-defence.



POLICE GIRLS: Participants in the program, Nadine Champion and Senior Constables Di Ucles and Rachael Martin.

BLUE STAR CAMP

Forty-five potential leaders of the future have returned home following the winter Blue Star camp at Lake Macquarie.

Graduation ceremonies were held for the autumn citizenship group and this year's leadership group.

The head of the youth command, Superintendent David Scrimgeour, spent two days at the camp and presented certificates at the closing ceremony.

He paid tribute to the potential that the young people had shown during the four-day camp and also thanked the many police officers who also attended as mentors and program leaders.

A new crop of citizenship candidates will return in the September school holidays to complete this year's program.



GUARD 4 LIFE GRADUATION DINNER

Late in May, a graduation and dinner was held for PCYC Glebe/Leichhardt's Guard 4 Life program.

Run by PCYC Glebe youth case manager Senior Constable Corey Williams and assisted by Senior Constable Nick Missenden from PCYC Eastern Suburbs, Guard 4 Life is a bronze medallion surf lifesaving program, which was initially targeted at young offenders and youth at risk in the Eastern Suburbs area.

Inner metro zone commander Senior Sergeant Sam Grenside said, in addition to the bronze medallion, the participants were taught various life skills and "citizenship" ideals based around leadership, teamwork, communication and ethics through mentoring by the police, lifesavers and various educational components delivered. The graduation was attended by the kids, police, lifesavers (including those from the TV series Bondi Rescue), the director of education for Bondi SLSC and parents."

"For the young people involved in the program with offending histories there

STRIKING PCYC TRIBUTE TO MUHAMMAD ALI

The death on June 3 of boxing legend and humanitarian Muhammad Ali sparked a striking tribute at PCYC Blacktown.

Club manager Joanne Tau said a number of iconic images had been painted inside the club to encourage members and visitors and the passing of Ali demanded that his inspiration should be marked.

Artist Graham Heote, also known as "Mr G", took just over two days to finish a freehand, spray-painted mural of Ali in a boxer's pose on the outside of PCYC Blacktown.

"Ali's inspiration, and the message from PCYC to young people, was always to reach higher in whatever you do, embracing all cultures and people," Ms Tau said.

“His example also matched PCYC's values of resilience, integrity, respect and commitment.”

"The reaction to the mural from passers-by, residents and local business people has been really encouraging as they can immediately see the inspiration that made Ali such a world-renowned person."



FUNDING FOR PROJECT BOOYAH

After two years of lobbying the federal government through a co-ordinated campaign across PCYCs nationally, PCYC NSW has been funded for \$1.275 million to undertake "Project Booyah".

This initiative is modelled on the successful Booyah program conducted by PCYC Queensland over the past four years and will enable us to create our own vocational program, or "finishing school," for at-risk youth and young offenders with whom our police YCMs have been working.

Booyah is a custom-designed, 12-week vocational program which will include a certificate II vocational course, numeracy and literacy education, workshops on health and nutrition, resilience training and work placement.

RESILIENCE: Federal Minister for Justice Michael Keenan, second from right, at PCYC Parramatta for the Project Booyah announcement.

has been nearly no offences detected since their commencement in the program," Sam said.

"One of the participants is now in an apprenticeship and another is about to try and further his career in life saving, by applying for the Bondi life guard traineeship and was selected for their intensive two-day training program."

