

Media release



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PCYC City of Sydney unveils Unity Wall

PCYC City of Sydney will unveil its collaborative art project on Friday, 16 October.

PCYC City of Sydney, the foundation club of PCYC NSW, has been working with NSW Police and Inner Sydney's indigenous and non-indigenous communities to produce a collaborative mural.

Well-known indigenous artists, Josh Sly and Paul Flemming, together with PCYC City of Sydney Club Manager Sarah Gradwell, have planned and painted a mural that will tell a story of hope, harmony and friendship.

The mural is a chance for members of the NSW Police force, PCYC NSW, PCYC City of Sydney Committee members, Woolloomooloo Elders, and local indigenous and non-indigenous community members to come together to show their hand of support. Everyone has been asked to contribute to the mural by overlapping their own handprint with those from greater community.

PCYC NSW CEO, Dominic Teakle, said the relationship between members of NSW Police, the PCYC and local communities are very important to the well-being of young people in the area.

"The more the community supports the PCYC the more we can work with Police to help young people reach their potential," he said.

"Together, we have the power to build a better, stronger future if we show compassion and consideration for our indigenous communities past, present and future, and for the work and commitment our Police and PCYC Clubs have for those communities.

"This beautiful Unity Wall is a great symbol of what can be achieved when we come together for a common goal."

You are invited to attend:

What: PCYC City of Sydney, Project Unity mural unveiling

When: Friday 16 October, 8am to 12pm

Where: PCYC City of Sydney, 51 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo

For media enquiries, please contact:
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About PCYC NSW

PCYC operates 65 clubs across the state, allowing police to engage with community members through sporting, recreational, cultural and educational activities. PCYC City of Sydney is the original PCYC club, opened in 1937 by Police Commissioner, William John Mackay.

About Artist Paul Fleming

Indigenous Australian boxer Paul Fleming is also an Aboriginal artist. He represented Australia at the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and was commissioned by the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) to create two pieces of art for this year's Tokyo Olympic team. He is a first nation man from Wakka Wakka Wanyurr Majay, Yuggera country.

About Artist Josh Sly

Josh Sly is a proud Biripi, Worimi and Wiradjuri Man from Bathurst NSW. He specialises in cultural education through the platforms of Aboriginal art and educational workshops.

Interviews

PCYC CEO Dominic Teakle is available for interviews. Artists Josh and Paul are also available. Please contact PCYC NSW media manager, Lynne Hughes, on 0490 127 802 or at lhughes@pcycnsw.org.au to arrange a time.