



Media Release

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Young people to represent their Aboriginal Nations in the PCYC 2022 Nations of Origin tournament

From **October 5th – 8th**, over 700 young people from across NSW will be representing their Aboriginal Nation at the annual four-day PCYC Nations of Origin tournament held in Port Stephens, Maitland and Lake Macquarie.

PCYC NSW's Nations of Origin brings Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people together from across the state and empowers them to celebrate Australia's diverse Aboriginal culture and its deep impact on our history and their stories. 25 Indigenous Nations will be represented over the 2022 four-day tournament.

Each team is made up of 70% Indigenous and 30% non-Indigenous young people. Education is a key foundation of Nations of Origin, to be eligible to take part, participants are required to have 80% school attendance.

PCYC NSW CEO, Dominic Teakle, said sport is a powerful tool for social change and inclusion.

"Being involved in sport teaches young people important skills such as discipline, patience, communication, healthy behaviours and problem-solving in a team environment," he said.

"Nations of Origin brings Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth together through the shared interest of sport, encouraging learning, friendship and acceptance.

"Relationship building extends to the significant Police involvement in Nations of Origin. Participation in the tournament helps to break down barriers that can exist between Police and young people."

Major sponsor, Red Energy, has been supporting the tournament since 2018, and along with on-going support from parent company Snowy Hydro, have been integral in helping PCYC deliver key youth programs across NSW. Nations of Origin is also supported by funding from the Australian Government, Port Stephens Council, and Tournament Partners NSW Rugby League, Basketball NSW, Northern NSW Football, Macquarie Football, and Gymnastics NSW.

For more information about Nations of Origin, visit <https://www.pycnsw.org.au/programs/nations-of-origin>.

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About PCYC NSW : PCYC NSW is a registered charity, whose mission is to empower young people to reach their potential through Police and community partnerships. With over 66 clubs across the state, PCYC provides quality activities and programs in a safe, fun and friendly environment. For more visit www.pycnsw.org.au

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