



News release

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Basketball stars return to Mount Isa for the Stride 'On the Ball' school holiday program

Three of Australia's National Basketball League (NBL) legends travelled to Mount Isa in April to host the Stride Foundation's 'On the Ball' school holiday program thanks to Glencore Community Program North Queensland funding.

Basketball greats Leroy Loggins and Andre Moore along with talented Townsville Fire star Mia Newley came together to deliver a three day session to Mount Isa's youth involving basketball drills, activities, and games while teaching the importance of making healthy choices and the benefits of physical exercise.

The Stride Foundation has been delivering programs to Mount Isa since 2010, with over 1,400 young people participating in the program and developing valuable life skills like positive communication, improved self esteem and problem solving while pursuing a healthier lifestyle.

On The Ball is an innovative project for young people aged 8 to 16 in Mount Isa and Cloncurry that aims to promote healthy youth development through engagement in sport.

Stride Foundation Program Manager, Lyn Nicholson said the organisation was thrilled to bring On The Ball back to Mount Isa again this year.

"On The Ball is an exciting community event for the children and young people of Mount Isa. We have had a great response to the program in Mount Isa over the years," Ms Nicholson said.

"It's a great way for kids to get involved in sport and we also reinforce some important healthy lifestyle messages throughout the program."

The On The Ball program will return to Mount Isa in July for a three day session, accompanied by a two day session in Cloncurry.

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On The Ball program mentors

Leroy Loggins is one of the most decorated players in the history of the NBL, playing the majority of his career with the Brisbane Bullets. He is a 3-time NBL MVP, is second all-time in the NBL history in games played (567) and points scored (13,106). Leroy has won three NBL titles, and appeared in four other NBL grand finals. Leroy was selected in the NBL First Team 10 times and inducted into the Australian Basketball Hall of Fame.

Andre Moore played college basketball in America and was first drafted to the Denver Nuggets in 1987. He has since played in Spain, France, the US Basketball League and the Continental Basketball Association. He was recruited into the Brisbane Bullets in 1990 helping them to an NBL grand final which saw him being selected to the 1990 All-NBL Team. He has played in several NBL All-Star Games, played for the Hobart Devils, played in the World Masters Games and was selected to participate in the Pan Pacific Masters Games.

Mia Newley attended the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) as a very athletic guard playing three seasons. Since then she has played for Adelaide Lightning producing her best results posting career high numbers in points, rebounds and assists. Following the Adelaide Lightning, she moved to the Townsville Fire where she helped them to their first Womens National Basketball League grand final appearance in 2012/2013 and again in 2013/2014. She has played over 180 games, won bronze in the 2009 and 2011 World University Games, and played in the U19 International Federation of Basketball World Championships in 2007.

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