

PRESS RELEASE

## Olympian set to make waves in Mount Isa

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Xstrata Community Partner, the Stride Foundation, has been touching the lives of young Mount Isa children for almost two years through their *Sport for Life* and *mentoring* programs. Now they are doing it again with the arrival of recently appointed Stride Ambassador and Olympian Chris Wright, together with Indigenous NBL legend Timmy Duggan who are visiting Mount Isa this week. During their visit Chris and Timmy will share their life experiences with children at Central, Sunset, Healy and Townview State Schools where the *Sport for Life* Program is operating.

So that we could extend this once in a lifetime opportunity to our employees, we ran an internal competition for a chance to come along to a BBQ breakfast and network with Chris and Timmy. Twenty lucky employees together with program participants in our various Indigenous Traineeship programs will have the exclusive opportunity on Wednesday to hear first hand from these sporting super stars over a catered BBQ breakfast.

Chris Wright was appointed a Stride Ambassador prior to taking his place on the 2012 London Olympics team representing Australia in the 100m and 200m butterfly swimming events. Not only is he an exceptionally talented athlete and an enthusiastic ambassador but he is also working as an inspiring role model to young people through the Mount Isa *Sports for Life* program.

"The thing that drew me into getting involved with Stride was to inspire young people in remote areas to make their lifestyle a more positive one. The trips away have also been great fun, listening to different stories that the kids have, has really opened my eyes and have put things into perspective", Chris says.

Timmy Duggan also has an inspirational story to share. He was the first person from the Northern Territory and first Indigenous person to play in the NBL (Gold Coast Rollers and then onto the Cairns Taipans). Among many other achievements he initiated the Hoops 4 Health Aboriginal Corporation (Founder and current Director) program using basketball as the vehicle to advocate for Indigenous youth.

*Sport for Life* uses high achieving sporting role models to deliver its program of life skills and health education workshops to young people living in remote and disadvantaged communities. The workshops emphasise the importance of healthy living and are facilitated by Queensland sporting role models, recruited, screened and trained by Stride with the support of the Queensland Academy of Sport. *Sport for Life* in Mount Isa is proudly funded through the Xstrata Community Program North Queensland.

### Background Information

Stride Foundation is a non-profit, nongovernment organisation dedicated to helping improve the physical, mental and social wellbeing of young people and their communities.

Stride works with students and teachers in primary and secondary schools, and young people in communities across Australia who may be disadvantaged through poverty, suffering, distress and helplessness.

In 2011 Xstrata partnered with the Stride Foundation to deliver the Sports for Life program in Mount Isa. The program works with young Indigenous people aged 10-15 years who are identified as being at risk of disengagement from school.

The Sport for Life program encourages young people to participate in sporting activities and develop essential life skills such as goal setting and leadership to help improve self esteem.

Sport for Life promotes healthy youth development through teaching life skills, increasing young people's connection to the community, school and peers, while providing them with an opportunity to engage in sporting activities and empowering them to take responsibility for their future education and careers.

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In Australia, operations comprise: the Mount Isa, George Fisher underground, Handlebar Hill open cut and Black Star open cut zinc-lead mines, zinc-lead concentrator, lead smelter and Bowen Coke Works in north Queensland; the McArthur River open pit zinc-lead mine, processing and loading facility in the Northern Territory; and the Lady Loretta mine in north-west Queensland.

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