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30TH ANNIVERSARY



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# Acknowledgements

The 2026 Indigenous Nationals would not be possible without the generous support of our partners and sponsors. Their commitment to Indigenous excellence in sport, education, and community helps create a culturally safe, empowering, and memorable experience for all athletes, staff, and supporters.

We proudly acknowledge the support of our major partners, event sponsors, and community collaborators, whose contributions enable the delivery of competition, cultural programming, athlete wellbeing initiatives, and social events throughout the week.

We thank all supporters for helping bring Indigenous Nationals to life, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes to connect, compete, and celebrate culture.

## 2026 Hosts:



## Presenting Partner:



## Creators of Indigenous Nationals:



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# Official Event Artwork

The 2026 Indigenous Nationals committee would like to acknowledge Ms Marissa Stanley, who designed the original artwork for the 2026 Indigenous Nationals, hosted by The Wollotuka Institute and the University of Newcastle.



**Artist:** Marissa Stanley – Wiradjuri

**Year Of Production:** 2026

**Medium:** Acrylic on canvas

Upon presentation of the artwork at Wollotuka, Ms Stanley shared the following about her piece:

*When I was first coming up with the concept and thinking about the story I wanted to tell through this artwork, I struggled a bit, as I knew I wanted it to be about Newcastle but felt like something was missing, until I realised that Indigenous Nationals isn't just about the place it's being held, but about all the different Mobs that come from each university to represent their culture. To tell this story of all the universities coming together, in the artwork there is a meeting place to signify the University of Newcastle and Wollotuka Institute, and the three different paths leading to the meeting place, represent the many universities that Indigenous Nationals brings together. The smaller circles, each with different patterns, symbolise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student-athletes from across the country making the journey to Newcastle for Indigenous Nationals, representing their university and Mob. The white reflects past teams and communities who came to Newcastle 30 years ago to compete in the first Indigenous Nationals, where it all started at Wollotuka. Finally, the brown signifies the community coming together and the hard work it takes to make Indigenous Nationals happen, as well as the support shown to all the universities that compete and bring Mobs together.*

# Welcome From The Wollotuka Institute & The University of Newcastle

On behalf of The Wollotuka Institute and the University of Newcastle, we proudly welcome all athletes, team staff, officials, and supporters to the 2026 Indigenous Nationals. As we gather here on Awabakal Country to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Games first being hosted in Newcastle, we honour the strength, resilience, and enduring pride of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

We acknowledge and celebrate all mobs who have travelled from across the country to be here — bringing with you your own cultures, languages, stories, and connections to Country. While we each come from different Nations and communities, Indigenous Nationals provides a powerful opportunity to come together in unity, pride, and shared purpose through sport, culture, and community.

These Games are more than competition — they are a celebration of identity, belonging, and connection. Indigenous Nationals creates a space where lifelong friendships are formed, culture is strengthened, and the next generation can see the power of coming together as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Wollotuka — meaning “eating and meeting place” in the language of the Awabakal people — has proudly supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and communities for over 40 years. The University of Newcastle is honoured to host this gathering on Awabakal Country and to create a space where culture is celebrated, connections are strengthened, and every mob feels welcomed, respected, and valued.

We hope your time here is filled with pride, friendship, connection, and unforgettable moments both on and off the field.

**Loren Collyer**  
**Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous Strategy and Leadership**  
**and Head of The Wollotuka Institute**



# Welcome From UniSport Australia

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 30th anniversary of the Indigenous Nationals, proudly hosted by The University of Newcastle and The Wollotuka Institute on Awabakal and Worimi Country.

This milestone event marks a significant moment in the history of the Indigenous Nationals, returning to the place where the competition first began three decades ago. It is a fitting opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary growth and legacy of an event that has evolved from a student-led initiative into one of the most important Indigenous sporting gatherings on the Australian university calendar.

Indigenous Nationals are a powerful celebration of the athleticism, culture, and community of our Indigenous student-athletes. More than a sporting competition, the event honours the rich traditions and enduring heritage of Australia's First Nations peoples, creating a space where sport, culture, and connection come together in a truly meaningful way.

We are incredibly proud to partner with the University of Newcastle and The Wollotuka Institute to deliver this landmark event.

Their deep commitment to Indigenous excellence, leadership, and cultural recognition will ensure a welcoming and inspiring experience for all participants and supporters. I would also like to sincerely thank our presenting partner BP for their ongoing support of the Indigenous Nationals and the valuable scholarship opportunities they continue to provide to our student-athletes.

To all competitors, your participation represents far more than sporting achievement. You carry the pride, stories, and aspirations of your communities, and your presence reflects the strength, resilience, and unity of Indigenous Australia. In doing so, you inspire the broader university community towards greater understanding, inclusion, and reconciliation.

My heartfelt thanks also go to the organisers, volunteers, and sponsors whose dedication makes this event possible. Your contributions ensure that this tradition continues to grow and thrive.

On behalf of UniSport Australia, I wish all participants the very best for an exciting and memorable week. May this event be a celebration of sport, culture, and connection.



**Mark Sinderberry**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**UniSport Australia**

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# Acknowledgement of Country



The University of Newcastle and the Indigenous Nationals organising committee respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the 2026 Indigenous Nationals event takes place, the lands of the Awabakal people. We acknowledge the lands across our university's footprint, the Awabakal, Darkinjung, Biripai, Worimi, Wonnarua and Eora Nations; and the lands from which our students call home.

We pay our respects to the wisdom of our Elders past and present; those who have paved the way for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination, identity, and place. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, heroes and change makers within sport, education and community, so we may continue to see and aspire to the excellence of our people and the continued presence of culture and identity in all areas.

We extend respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, nations, and communities represented by those attending Indigenous Nationals, the lands that you call home and the special people in your life. This gathering is a powerful celebration of connection to Country, culture, and community. We are honoured with the privilege to walk this week together.

# Elders Message | The Wollotuka Institute

On behalf of the Elders in Residence at The Wollotuka Institute, we warmly welcome you to Awabakal Country for the 2026 Indigenous Nationals.

We acknowledge the Awabakal people as the Traditional Custodians of this land and pay our deepest respects to their Elders past and present. We also extend our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples gathered here — each of you carrying your own stories, cultures, and connections to Country.

It is a powerful moment to come together on this land for the 30th anniversary of the Indigenous Nationals being held in Newcastle. For many, these Games are more than sport — they are a place of reconnection, of pride, and of strengthening who we are as First Nations peoples.

As you walk, compete, and gather here, we encourage you to take time to feel the spirit of this place. Awabakal Country holds deep cultural significance and continues to sustain community, knowledge, and identity. We ask that you move with respect for the land, for each other, and for the shared experience that brings us together.

Indigenous Nationals reminds us of the strength of our peoples — our resilience, our unity, and our deep connection to culture and community. It is also a space where our young people can be inspired, where friendships are forged, and where culture is lived and celebrated in every moment.

We are proud to see so many mobs coming together in this way, and we welcome you all as part of our extended community during your time here.

May your time on Awabakal Country be filled with respect, camaraderie, strength, and pride.



**Aunty Cheryl Newton**  
Elder in Residence  
The Wollotuka Institute



**Aunty Amanda Kelly**  
Elder in Residence  
The Wollotuka Institute

# History of Indigenous Nationals

The National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games (NITESG) began in 1996 as a joint class project between thirteen students enrolled in a Diploma of Aboriginal Studies (Community Recreation) at the then Wollotuka School for Aboriginal Studies, the University of Newcastle.

The first event was attended by around 30 students and has since grown to host hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tertiary students from universities all around Australia. Students compete in four core sports (touch football, netball, basketball, volleyball) plus a traditional Indigenous game every year.

## Objectives of the event:

1. Celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
2. Promote unity, health, fitness and wellbeing
3. Demonstration of self determination
4. Initiating new communication network
5. Reinforce identity through positive role models



*Coolamon and Official National Tertiary Education Student Games Overall Trophy.*



*The 2026 Indigenous Nationals committee would like to acknowledge Sue Hill who designed the original artwork for the NITESG logo. The event collateral for this year's Indigenous Nationals has been inspired by the artwork of the Birabahn Eagle.*

## 30th Anniversary

In 2026, UniSport Australia will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Indigenous Nationals presented by bp, marking three decades of culture, community, and competition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students across the country.

The milestone event will return to where it all began, with the University of Newcastle (UON) and The Wollotuka Institute (Wollotuka) hosting the historic anniversary.

This is a fitting way to honour the legacy of a competition that has grown from a student initiative into one of the most significant Indigenous sporting events on the Australian university calendar, bringing together more than 500 student-athletes each year and thousands of participants over its 30-year history.





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## bp ANZ First Nations future talent scholarship programme 2027

*At bp, our purpose is to deliver energy to the world, today and tomorrow. To succeed, we need to support the next generation of industry innovators. This is what our First Nations future talent scholarship programme is all about.*

*Open to First Nations students studying in Australia and due to graduate mid-late 2027 and beyond, our scholarship is a fascinating introduction to the energy industry.*

*Scholars will gain exclusive access to a series of engagement events across three days in February 2027. These are designed to help students:*

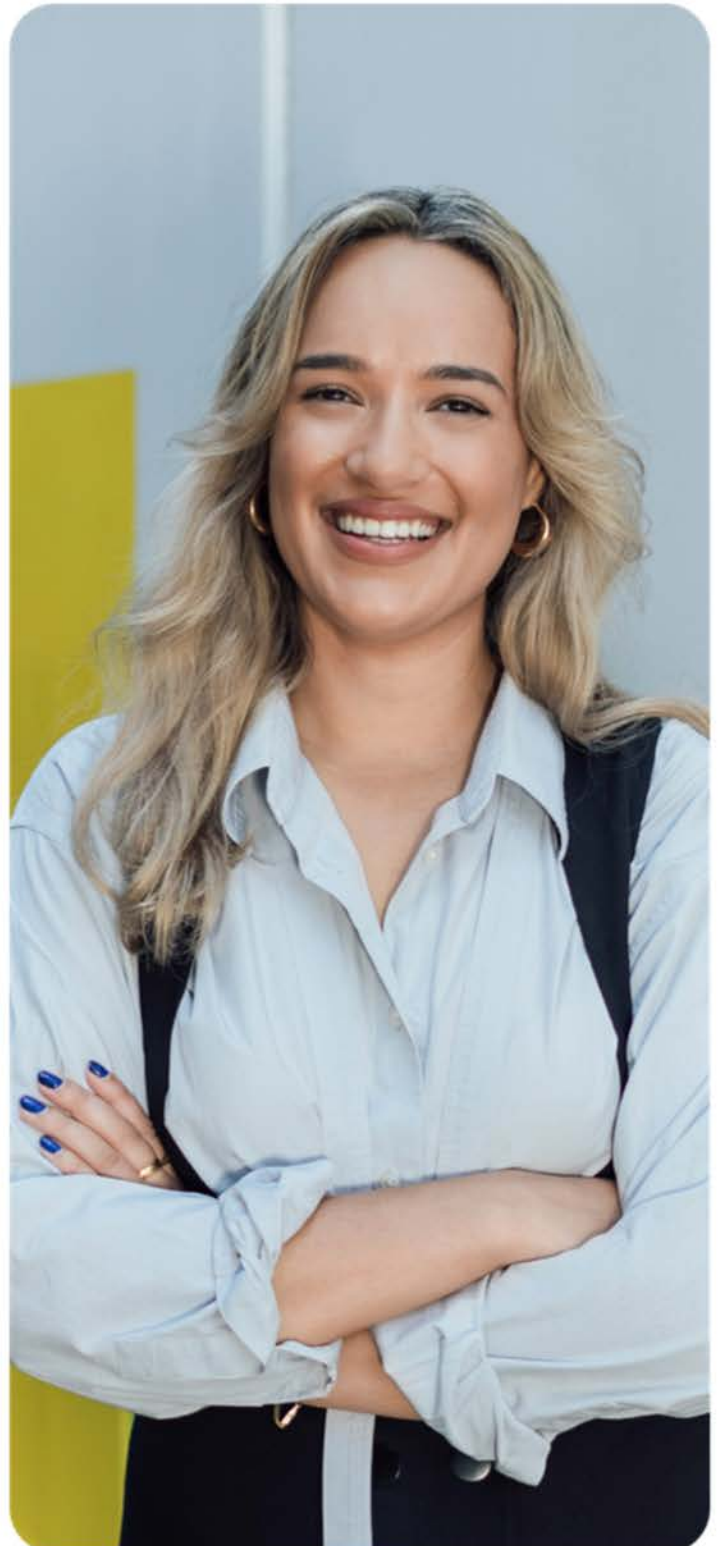
- **Connect** with peers and industry leaders
- **Learn** from experts through workshops and networking
- **Prepare** for their future with career-boosting skills.

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*This isn't just a scholarship – it's a launchpad for your career. The skills and knowledge you'll gain will help fast track your application for the 2027-28 summer internship or graduate programme at bp.*

*Applications are now open until **30 November 2026**.*

**Find out more or scan the QR code to apply**



# Honour Roll

Year	Host	Winning University
1996	Wollotuka, UON	Malu, WSU
1997	Yooroang Garang, WSU	Yooroang Garang, WSU
1998	Yooroang Garang, WSU	Yooroang Garang, WSU
1999	Wollotuka, UON	Goolanguilla, WSU
2000	Ngunnawal Centre, UC	CSU, Bathurst
2001	CSU, Bathurst	UWA
2002	UWA	UWA
2003	UNSW	UTS & USYD
2004	Koori Centre, USYD	UWA
2005	Wollotuka, UON	Oodgeroo, QUT
2006	Gumurrii Centre, GU	Wollotuka, UON
2007	Woolyungah Indigenous Centre, UOW	Woolyungah Indigenous Centre, UOW
2008	UWA	UWA
2009	Ngunnawal Centre, UC	UWA
2010	Wollotuka, UON	Marrup Barak, MELB
2011	Marrup Barak, MELB	Marrup Barak, MELB
2012	JCU, Cairns	JCU, Cairns
2013	WSU	UWA
2014	UWA	UWA
2015	Wollotuka, UON	Wollotuka, UON
2016	ACU, Brisbane	Oodgeroo, QUT
2017	DEAK, Geelong	Wollotuka, UON
2018	Walanga Muru, MQU	Marrup Barak, MELB
2019	UWA	UTS
2021	Wollotuka, UON	ACU
2022	Oodgeroo, QUT	ACU
2023	MON	UQ
2024	Woolyungah Indigenous Centre, UOW	Wollotuka, UON
2025	UWA	Wollotuka, UON

# Important Contact Information - The University of Newcastle

**Address: The University of Newcastle,  
University Drive, Callaghan NSW 2308**

## UniSport Contacts

<b>National Championship Lead:</b>	<b>Gary Gin</b>	<b>0413 750 071</b>
<b>GM: National Sports Program:</b>	<b>Christine Voge</b>	<b>0412 930 457</b>
<b>Marketing &amp; Communications:</b>	<b>Maddy O'Donohue</b>	<b>07 3054 4624</b>
<b>National Events Manager – Sport:</b>	<b>Matthew Hunter</b>	<b>0437 525 929</b>
<b>Member Relationship Manager:</b>	<b>Shane Cantelmi</b>	<b>0409 967 199</b>

## Medical Services:

First aid providers will be onsite throughout the duration of the event. A [medical directory](#) can be found on the UniSport Indigenous Nationals Website.

## Campus Care (Student Safety & Wellbeing)

[Campus Care](#) supports a safe and respectful environment for everyone at the University of Newcastle and provides assistance if you feel unsafe or experience concerning behaviour.

- Phone (Business Hours): (02) 4921 8600
- Security (24/7): (02) 4921 5888
- Emergency: 000

Campus Care is not an emergency service. In an emergency, always contact 000 or Security first.

## The University of Newcastle Security (24/7)

The University of Newcastle Security operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and can assist with:

- Safety escorts
- Medical assistance
- Lost property
- Reporting concerns

Save the Security number: (02) 4921 5888 in your phone during your stay.

# Information for Visitors & Students on Campus

- The Callaghan campus is a smoke-free campus, with smoking permitted only in [designated smoking pods](#).
- Free campus-wide Wi-Fi is available via eduroam: The University is a participating member of the [eduroam network](#), which allows you to use wireless networks at cooperating universities all over the world with your Uni-ID and password.
- Clearly signed pathways, accessibility services, and [help points](#) are available across campus.
- [Security help phones](#) are located throughout the grounds.

## Venue Information - University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus

### Campus Access & Getting Here

[The University of Newcastle's main campus at Callaghan](#) is only 12 kilometres north-west from Newcastle's coastline and Central Business District, with various entrances located off University Drive. The campus is well serviced by public bus and train services and is easily accessible from the M1 Pacific Motorway.

Visitor Parking while on campus is via [CellOPark](#); although event parking for team vehicles during the Indigenous Nationals week will be arranged and a QR code will be provided to team managers for daily registration. NB: It is important to note that parking registration is required for each day and/or car park location visited. The QR code will not automatically apply for the full week. Parking should only occur in designated parking bays to avoid fines or penalties.

Campus and venue maps will be included in this booklet to assist with navigation between competition venues, accommodation, and event spaces.

## Facilities & Amenities on Callaghan Campus

Callaghan campus [offers](#):

- Food outlets, cafés, and bars (including [Bar on the Hill](#))
- Student and visitor amenities
- Sports and aquatic facilities at [The Forum](#)
- Open green spaces and shaded areas
- Accessibility services and inclusive facilities

The campus spans over 140 hectares of natural bushland, creating a relaxed and welcoming environment for athletes and visitors.

# Venue Information (cont.)

## Venues:

Sports will be based across 3 separate venues in Newcastle.

Basketball	
Venue Name	<a href="#">Newcastle Basketball Stadium</a>
Venue Address	27 Young Road, Broadmeadow NSW 2292
Fields of Play	5 Courts

Netball	
Venue Name	<a href="#">Charlestown Netball Courts</a>
Venue Address	38 Bula Street, Charlestown NSW 2290
Fields of Play	6 Courts

Touch Football	
Venue Name	<a href="#">The Forum, Callaghan Campus</a>
Venue Address	130 University Dr, Callaghan NSW 2308
Fields of Play	4 Fields

Volleyball	
Venue Name	<a href="#">Newcastle Basketball Stadium</a>
Venue Address	27 Young Road, Broadmeadow NSW 2292
Fields of Play	5 Courts

For site maps, please refer to the [Indigenous Nationals website](#)



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# Public Transport

Newcastle's public transport is run by Newcastle Transport. Head to the [Newcastle Transport website](#) for more information on ticketing, timetables and routes, and to use the journey planner to map out your trip. You can also check out the public transport timetable for routes to The University of Newcastle.

Newcastle Transport - Plan Your Trip



## Parking

We will have a mixture of paid and free parking for the venues at Indigenous Nationals.

- The University of Newcastle & NU Sport – Paid parking on campus. Please see sign postings for parking options
- Basketball and Volleyball – Limited Free parking at the venue
- Netball – Free Parking

Please check all signs for parking regulations at venues

# Facilities & Amenities

Participants will receive catered lunch every day of the sporting events. If you are looking for more options to grab a drink, snack or a quick bite to eat, there is canteen facilities at the venues for additional food and drinks.

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# Activations

## NUsport The Forum Aquatic Centre Recovery Times

The Forum Aquatic Centre will be available to athletes at specific times throughout the week. The access will be limited to set hours and designated lanes each day to fit in around the community aquatic schedule.

Each day, 2 x 25m shallow end lanes will be available during the below times.

- Tuesday: 3pm - 5pm
- Wednesday: 3pm - 5pm
- Thursday: 11am - 2pm
- Friday: 2pm - 4pm

Participants will receive a wristband at reception, and if numbers exceed 30 at any one time, a 30-minute limit will be implemented for safety. Entry times will be recorded on wristbands so lifeguards can manage access and ensure everyone has an opportunity to use the pool.

*Note: Athlete accreditation must be shown to gain the above access during set hours.*



**An ice bath recovery zone will also be in action within the pool area on Thursday 2nd July.**

Universities will be encouraged to book their teams in to an allocated ice bath time slot for a coordinated approach. A booking code will be shared throughout the event.

Please see attached QR to purchase the 1-week gym/pool/facility membership for Indigenous Nationals. This covers all NUsport facilities for unlimited entry through the week, including classes, gym, pool, and Harborside.



# Event Schedule

<b>Monday 29 June, 2026</b>	
11:30pm - 2:30pm	<b>Team Registration</b> The Wollotuka Institute's Birabahn Building, Callaghan Campus
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> The Great Hall, Callaghan Campus   The University of Newcastle
5:00pm onwards	<b>Dinner &amp; Mob Mixer</b> The Brennan Room, Shortland Union Building, Callaghan Campus <a href="#">Callaghan Campus Interactive Map</a>
<b>Tuesday 30 June, 2026</b>	
8:00am - 6:00pm	<b>Sport: Basketball</b> <a href="#">Newcastle Basketball Stadium</a>   27 Young Road, Broadmeadow NSW 2292  NB: Semi and Grand Finals will be played at The Forum, Callaghan Campus Main court will be livestreamed.
<b>Wednesday 01 July, 2026</b>	
8:00am - 5:00pm	<b>Sport: Netball</b> <a href="#">Charlestown Netball Courts</a>   38 Bula Street, Charlestown NSW 2290  NB: Semi and Grand Finals will be played at The Forum, Callaghan Campus Main court will be livestreamed.
<b>Thursday 02 July, 2026</b>	
8:00am - 7:00pm	<b>Sport: Touch Football</b> <a href="#">The Forum, Callaghan Campus</a>  NB: Semi and Grand Finals will be played under lights.
<b>Friday 03 July, 2026</b>	
8:00am - 6:00pm	<b>Sport: Volleyball</b> <a href="#">Newcastle Basketball Stadium</a>   27 Young Road, Broadmeadow NSW 2292  NB: Semi and Grand Finals will be played at The Forum, Callaghan Campus Main court will be livestreamed.
6:00pm Onwards	<b>Closing Ceremony &amp; Gig</b> Bar on the Hill, Callaghan Campus   The University of Newcastle

## Social and Event Highlights

All social events are focused on inclusion, respect, and enjoyment. All attendees are expected to uphold positive behaviour standards and represent their teams with pride. Please ensure appropriate attire, follow venue guidelines, and look out for your teammates.

### Monday Afternoon/Night – Opening Ceremony and Mob Mixer - 29th June

We're kicking off the 30th Anniversary of Indigenous Nationals by coming together for the Opening Ceremony, featuring special messages, speakers, gift exchange, and scholarship presentations. The Opening Ceremony will conclude with a cultural dance ceremony, providing the opportunity for teams to showcase their skills, pride, and respect, with a large show-off dance finale that will close the ceremony. Following this, athletes are invited to a 'Mob Mixer'—a relaxed BBQ buffet dinner designed to bring everyone together as we start the week. It's the perfect opportunity to introduce yourself, connect with other participants, and engage with Elders, staff, partners, and stakeholders.

### Monday - The Walkabout Barber – Fresh Cuts & Good Yarn

Start the week feeling your best with The Walkabout Barber visiting Wollotuka's Birabahn Building on Monday 29 June between 9:30am - 3pm. Offering free barbering, hairdressing and beauty services, their team will help you look fresh and ready for the competition ahead. This is a chance to connect through their signature cuts, connection, and real conversations approach—creating a culturally safe space to yarn, talk wellbeing, connect and walk off the bus feeling fresh. Services will include: Barbering Services - Men's and boys' haircuts, fades, beard trims, and line-ups; Hairdressing Services – Women's trims, styling, and hair refresh services; and Beauty Services – Eyebrow waxing, facial waxing, eyebrow tinting, and lash tinting.



## **Tuesday Night – 30th June & Wednesday Night – 1st July**

Join fellow athletes for a social night organised by the UON Indigenous Nationals team.

## **Thursday Night – Bar on the Hill Blak Out - 2nd July**

Following on from a day of Touch Football, we're keeping it on Campus. Celebrate culture, music, and community at 'Blak Out', hosted at the iconic Bar on the Hill, a cornerstone of student life and live music at the University of Newcastle since 1985. Expect a DJ, glow sticks, a glow in the dark face painter and a high-energy atmosphere. Food will be available for purchase.

## **Themes For Social Events**

Themes for the weeks social events have been organised by the team and are being communicated out through athlete connections. Please connect if you haven't already.



# Friday Night – Closing Ceremony & Gig - 3rd July

The 2026 Indigenous Nationals Closing Ceremony will bring the week to an unforgettable close right back at Bar on the Hill, wrapping up the games and getting ready to kick off NAIDOC Week with a private event for athletes, supporters and valued community partners.

Featuring:

- Live Streamed Semi- and Grand Finals: Continue the comradery as Volleyball finals stream live from The Forum and play right across the big screen. The crowning of the champs may come down to these games, so stick around, watch and celebrate.
- Snap some memories: There will be a photo booth with props and a 360-photo cam available for a few celebratory hours. Beyond that, the Indigenous Nationals media wall will be available as a photo backdrop to take your own throughout the evening.
- Closing Ceremony Celebrations: Acknowledge and celebrate the achievements from across the week as formal thanks and recognition are given, and winners, MVP, Spirit of the Games recipients are announced. There will be other opportunities for luck with some additional awards and prizes from across the week to also be announced.
- DJ performances.
- Main Act Gig: King Stingray!!!
- Food from the bar will be available for purchase following some grazing platters and pizza by slice.

This celebration recognises athletic achievements, cultural connection, and the community built throughout Indigenous Nationals. A celebration spanning 30 Years. It's only right that it leads us into NAIDOC Week celebrating '50 Years of Deadly'.





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(02) 6285 1010**

# Accreditation Process

**The accreditation process is one of the most vital steps that each sport must undertake before the start of competition each day.**

Upon arrival to the sport venue, all participants must present their accreditation pass to the accreditation check-in area.

## **Process:**

1. Upon arrival to the venue, participants present their accreditation pass to the accreditation check-in.
2. Participants will be checked in for that day by UniSport staff and receive a sport stamp on their wrist.
3. Officials will check with the accreditation desk with the assistance of volunteers, prior to participants taking the field of play.
4. All players are to be checked in at least 15 minutes before their first game. Check-in is once per day of competition.
5. If a participant's stamp has disappeared after their first game, they can be re-stamped at check in by presenting their accreditation.

Please note lost accreditation will incur a \$22.00 replacement fee. Replacement accreditation can be sourced at Nationals HQ with a valid ID.



# Seeding Process

Prior to allocating teams to pools, full seeding of the teams is undertaken. Seeding and pool allocation will occur on a per sport basis.

Due to the nature of UniSport events, teams are seeded for their competition according to the results of the previous competition. If a team did not compete in the previous competition, that team will be seeded below all others using the UniSport seeding allocation.

## UniSport seeding allocation process

1. Annually (usually at the UniSport national conference), a member representative from each region will assist the General Manager – National Sport Program in the seeding of universities for that calendar year.
2. The seeding allocation process will see UniSport member universities drawn using an online randomiser program. The first drawn university will be seeded first, the second draw university will be seeded second and so on until all members have been seeded.
3. For UniSport events that take place prior to conference, the random seeding process will be carried out at head office, and seedings implemented to the relevant competition.
4. The seeding allocation allows UniSport event staff to rank universities in that current competition year, if they did not enter (and thus been ranked by results) from the competition prior.

## Seeding of teams for Indigenous Nationals

The previous competition event results will determine seeding in the first instance. Teams with no participation in the previous competition, will be ranked behind those teams in step 1.2 a) according to their position in the seeding allocation process.



# Pool Allocation

The number of pools allocated in each division will be at the discretion of the organiser however where possible, in events managed by UniSport, UniSport will endeavour to use an even number of pools. This may not be possible where a two divisional structure requires promotion/relegation within competition.

Once teams have been ranked, the international across and down allocation system should be implemented to evenly distribute the seeded entrants to pools.

Examples:

## Two Pools:

Pool A	Pool B
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

## Four Pools:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13

# Point Scoring System

Upon completion of each sport, teams will be ranked according to competition points (then by sport tiebreaker rules) following the preliminary rounds, with the top team from each pool progressing to the finals.

Finals are a single elimination format, with only the winner of each game progressing through to the next round of finals.

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of competition points at the conclusion of the pool matches, the higher

placed team will be decided by applying the sport tiebreaker rules.

Once teams have been ranked upon the completion of each sport, they will be allocated a number of championship points (taken from UniSport Awards and Point Scoring guideline) towards the overall point tally.

**The OVERALL CHAMPIONS will be the team with the most points from the culmination of all four sports.**

Overall Points Allocation

Sport Rank	Points Allocated	Sport Rank	Points Allocated
1	40	18	16
2	35	19	15
3	32	20	14
4	30	21	13
5	29	22	12
6	28	23	11
7	27	24	10
8	26	25	9
9	25	26	8
10	24	27	7
11	23	28	6
12	22	29	5
13	21	30	4
14	20	31	3
15	19		
16	18		
17	17		

# Team Duty Requirements

## **Netball**

One person from each team competing in the current match to assist with timing and scoring.

## **Touch Football**

One person from each team competing in the current match to assist with scoring or other sideline duties.

## **Volleyball**

Each team will be rostered to provide a duty team for several matches over the duration of the event. Duty teams will consist of five people from one team to fill the roles of linesperson (standing) x2, 2nd referee x1, scorer x1, and manual scoreboard operator x1.

## **Basketball**

Each team will be rostered to provide a duty team for several matches over the duration of the event. The duty team will consist of two people from one team to fill the roles of scoreboard operator and scoresheet. One team from the second scheduled match of the day will also be required to duty the first match of the day.

The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g., team manager.



# Guidelines

**All UniSport events are conducted in accordance with the UniSport Participation and Event guidelines found on our website.**

In participating at a UniSport event, in the ways you behave on and off the playing field and online, you affirm your intentions to uphold the integrity and pride of the university, team, and sport you represent. All UniSport policies and guidelines can be found on the UniSport website. We strongly encourage participants to be familiar with our policies and guidelines.

## Awards

### Player Awards

A Most Valuable Player and Best Spirited Player will be awarded in each respective sport. Votes are awarded by the referees or umpires.

### Medals

Medals are awarded to winners and runners up in each respective sport.

### Pennants

For each of the sport champions, a keepsake pennant will also be awarded to the winning university.

### Overall Champion University

Based on the highest number of points at the completion of all four sports.

### Spirit of the Games

Daily spirit votes are sourced from University Team Managers and Event staff and are awarded to the university which has demonstrated the best spirit and sportsmanship throughout the event.



# UniSport recommended number of additional team personnel guideline (extract)

## Introduction

Universities participating at UniSport events will be subject to this guideline which outlines the minimum number of non-competing officials that can be registered to support a university team, for any UniSport event.

## Purpose

The purpose of this guideline is to ensure teams are supported by relevant and appropriate team management and personnel. UniSport supports the attendance of spectators and university supporters, but they should not be registered unnecessarily. All additional team personnel are required to register as a non-competing official via the UniSport online registration portal. Each person will incur a non-competing official registration fee (charged upon registration).

This guideline will be implemented for the following UniSport events:

- UniSport Nationals Div 1 and Div 2
- UniSport Nationals (when held as a stand-alone event)
- Indigenous Nationals

## UniSport recommended additional team personnel

	Minimum number of personnel recommended			
Team Members	1-50 members	51-100 members	101-250 members	250+ members
UTM*	1	2	3	4+
Other**	2	4	6	8+
Team organiser		Max 1 per team entered		
Coach		Max 1 per team entered		
Uni Senior Manager	0	1	1	1

\*University Team Manager

\*\* (medical, media etc.)

# 2025 Rankings By Sport

	Basketball		Netball		Touch Football		Volleyball
1	UON	1	ACU	1	UON	1	MON
2	MON	2	UON	2	USYD	2	QUT
3	USYD	3	UNSW	3	ACU	3	UQ
4	AU	4	AU	4	UTS	4	WS
5	ACU	5	QUT	5	SCU	5	UON
6	UNSW	6	UQ	6	QUT	6	UNSW
7	ANU	7	WS	7	UQ	7	USYD
8	UWA	8	MDU	8	UOW	8	ACU
9	SUT	9	CSU	9	CSU	9	MELB
10	CU	10	UTS	10	UNSW	10	UTS
11	UTS	11	MELB	11	UWA	11	CSU
12	UQ	12	SUT	12	WS	12	DEAK
13	QUT	13	CU	13	JCU	13	MDU
14	MELB	14	DEAK	14	MQU	14	CU
15	MQU	15	FU	15	AU	15	UTAS
16	WS	16	UOW	16	DEAK	16	AU
17	CSU	17	USYD	17	MELB	17	SUT
18	DEAK	18	JCU	18	BOND	18	ANU
19	CDU	19	MON	19	SUT	19	SCU
20	LTU	20	ANU	20	CU	20	UWA

## 2025 Rankings By Sport (cont.)

	Basketball		Netball		Touch Football		Volleyball
21	MDU	21	UWA	21	ANU	21	UOW
22	UOW	22	MQU	22	MDU	22	MQU
23	JCU	23	RMIT	23	UTAS	23	ECU
24	RMIT	24	ECU	24	ECU	24	FED
25	BOND	25	LTU	25	FU	25	LTU
26	SCU	26	FED	26	FED	26	BOND
27	FU	27	CDU	27	CDU	27	FU
28	VU	28	UWA 2	28	MON	28	CDU
29	FED	29	UTAS	29	LTU	29	JCU
30	ECU	30	SCU	30	RMIT	30	RMIT
31	UWA 2	31	VU	31	UWA 2	31	UWA 2
32	UTAS	32	BOND	32	VU	32	VU



# 2025 Overall Rankings

	Overall
1	UON
2	ACU
3	QUT
4	UNSW
5	USYD
6	UQ
7	UTS
8	AU
8	WS
10	MON
11	CSU
12	MELB
13	SUT
13	CU
15	UWA
15	DEAK

	Overall
17	MDU
18	ANU
19	UOW
20	MQU
21	SCU
22	JDU
23	FU
24	LTU
24	UTAS
26	CDU
26	EDU
26	BOND
29	FED
30	RMIT
31	UWA 2
32	VU





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