



DUBBO TO HOST NSW TOUCH JUNIOR STATE CUP FOR NEXT THREE YEARS

Dubbo Regional Council is proud to announce the bid for the next three NSW Touch Junior State Cup Northern Conferences has been successful.

The winning tender follows the success of the initial conference which was held in Dubbo during February 2023.

The event involved 187 junior touch football teams from across the state including areas of Sydney Metropolitan; Western NSW; North West NSW; Central Coast; Hunter; Mid North Coast and the North Coast of NSW.

“The 2023 competition was such a triumph that it’s no surprise to us that Dubbo was chosen to continue to host the event until 2026,” Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council, Mathew Dickerson said.

“Dubbo’s exceptional sporting facilities, our location in central New

South Wales, and the large breadth of accommodation available are valuable propositions to major events. Ensuring the return of the Junior State Cup was the high-level of support and stakeholder engagement provided prior and during the event by Council staff and members of the Dubbo Touch Association.”

“With over 7,000 visitors to Dubbo during the three days and an estimated \$4 million dollars injected into the local economy, February’s event was a testament to the spirit of collaboration between NSW Touch Football, Dubbo Touch Association and Dubbo Regional Council.”

“I would like to publicly thank the Dubbo Touch Association who have committed \$15,000 per year to help secure this event and also note that Dubbo was successful without Council needing to contribute any cash to NSW Touch, which is an exceptional result,” Cllr Dickerson said.

Making the announcement, NSW Touch General Manager Dean Russell said the Association was excited about the prospect of returning to Dubbo.

“We are very pleased to be coming back to Dubbo for the next three years of the Junior State Cup. The tender was compelling and coupled with the work, effort and delivery of the 2023 event it made it a very hard destination to refuse.”

“With the level of support provided by the Council, Dubbo Touch Association and the community, Dubbo proved themselves to be an excellent venue for one of the state’s most prestigious junior events,” Russell stated.

Council will work with the NSW Touch Association and the local

community to provide the high level sporting event, including through preparation of fields, traffic management and assistance with marketing and promotion and accommodation availability.

Dates for the next NSW Touch Junior State Cup Northern Conference will be Friday 23, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 February 2024.

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