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CQ Comets join in sports expo for local students with a disability

Central Queensland Comets players and local students will test their rugby league skills this week at Life Stream's inter school Multi Sports Expo, being held on 25 June at the Central Queensland University Sports Complex.

The annual event, organised by Life Stream Rockhampton, is open to students in the Rockhampton region with a physical and/or intellectual disability.

This year's expo will see students take part in a range of sports that provide pathways for them to participate outside of school. The activities on offer include rugby league (with the Comets), soccer, cricket and wheelchair basketball.

Students participate under the expert guidance of local sportspeople, some of whom have represented their sport at regional, state and national levels.

Life Stream Sport and Leisure Officer Cindy Hooker said the Multi Sports Expo was aimed at building awareness in the Rockhampton community about the sports that people with a disability can actively participate and compete in.

"The expo offers students with a disability the opportunity to experience new sports and get active, while having fun and meeting new people.

"There has been a great response to this year's event, with registration places booking out quickly," Ms Hooker said.

Comets CEO Scott Minto said the club was pleased to be invited to the Multi Sports Expo and to lend their support to both Life Stream and Rockhampton's school students.

"The Comets are proud to be involved in this important community initiative, and we look forward to witnessing the positive outcomes as they are realised," he said.

Queensland energy company Stanwell Corporation (Stanwell) sponsors both Life Stream and the Central Queensland Comets. As part of Stanwell's ongoing support, Stanwell employees will also assist at the expo.

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Stanwell Community Relations Manager and Life Stream Director Trevor Hooper said the Stanwell-Life Stream partnership was strongly aligned with Stanwell's social investment strategy which promotes support for young people, education, environment, and health and safety—including sporting and other initiatives that seek to promote a healthy, active and safe lifestyle.

“Stanwell has a commitment to the region and believes initiatives, such as Life Stream's Multi Sports Expo, provide opportunities for our youth,” Mr Hooper said.

“As a member of the Central Queensland community, Stanwell recognises the importance of supporting the community through a range of activities. Our social investment in our communities, through sponsorships and donations, is an important element of our business.

“It is through our affiliations with organisations like Life Stream, that we are able to positively contribute to the communities in which we operate,” he said.

Rockhampton schools and organisations can join Life Stream Foundation free of charge to access the various sporting programs on offer.

For further information, contact Life Stream Rockhampton on 07 4931 3057 or go to www.lifestream.org.au

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About Life Stream:

Life Stream is a not-for-profit organisation, now recognised as the leading provider of sport and recreation programs for people with an intellectual disability in Queensland.

Life Stream assists state sporting organisations and other community groups to develop appropriate programs for people with an intellectual disability.

Life Stream offers a wide range of programs directly to people with an intellectual disability to enable them to participate in sport and recreation activities within the community. Life Stream also assists people to ensure they have the skills, confidence, friends and support to access community based sport and recreation independently.

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