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Youths team up for soccer tournament

POLICE are continuing to forge stronger relationships with youth across Hume, with initiatives such as last week's indoor soccer tournament.

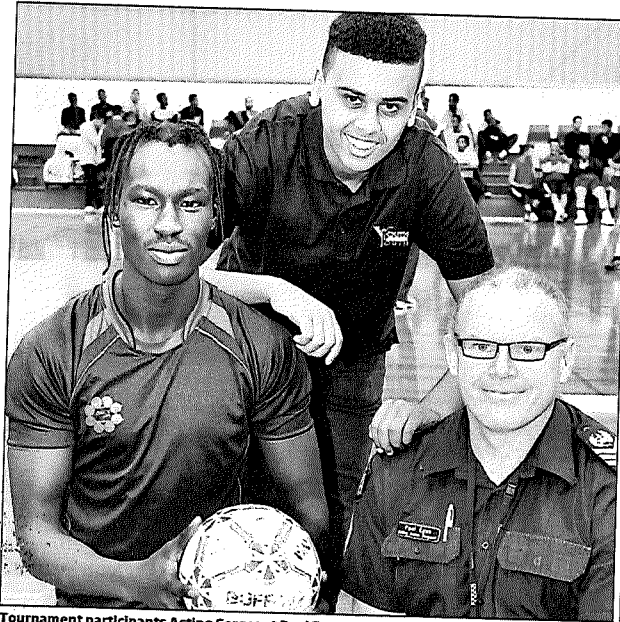
Teams of about six, totaling a couple of hundred players, converged on the Hume Leisure Centre at Broadmeadows for last Wednesday's round robin event.

Residents of Hume and neighbouring municipalities, with diverse backgrounds, took to the courts with a growing sense of urgency as the afternoon wore on. Broadmeadows Acting Sergeant Neil Thompson told *Leader*.

"We had a really good time, they were really good boys. They were just mucking around at first but as the afternoon wore on the dedication to winning got stronger," he said.

Acting Sgt Thompson said the day was also good to foster better understanding between youth and police.

"There were quite a few police members who turned up. We had a couple of inspectors from the Hume area and people from police recruiting," he said.



Tournament participants Acting Sergeant Paul Egan from Broadmeadows Transit Police with Teekay and Ahmed.
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HUME

Base safety hub here

DIANELLA HEALTH EYES KEY ROLE IN FAMILY VIOLENCE SUPPORT

Andrew Rogers

HUME would be an ideal location for a family violence safety hub, a local service provider has said.

Dianella Health Service CEO Neil Cowen said the organisation would be well placed to assist with the establishment of a safe haven to protect victims of family violence and boost early intervention services.

The push to establish 17 hubs around Victoria is one of the major recommendations to come out of the Royal Commission into

Family Violence, which released its report last week.

The State Government has said it will implement all 227 recommendations from the report, including the establishment of the hubs and providing schools with more resources to teach students about respectful relationships.

Dr Cowen said Hume would "greatly benefit from the approach recommended by the commission".

"The point is you don't wait until it's occurring to start tackling it," he said.

"You can address it in gen-

der equality issues and teaching about respectful relationships and empowering people in the community to address the issues as well."

Dr Cowen said Dianella was well positioned to help with the establishment and ongoing work of a hub.

"I'm waiting on the advice from government (about whether one will be established in Hume) but all the evidence would point to the need for a major hub to be actually based in our area," he said.

"Dianella Health would be a contributor to the hub.

"One of our advantages is that we've been working in this space for a long time and have a huge preventive program in place."

Dr Cowen said family violence required a dynamic response from multiple agencies.

"We do need to take a partnership approach," he said. "The commissioner recognised that we best tackle the problem by agencies working together, not one organisation responding."

"I couldn't endorse the report enough - it just really got it right."

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