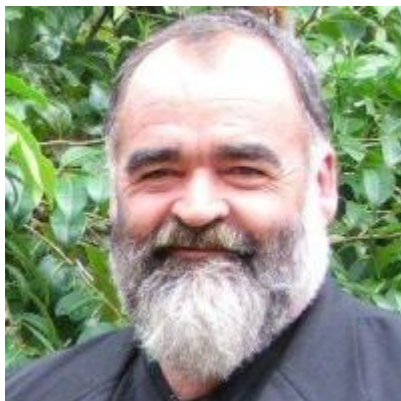


Black Swans youth fly high

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Mayor Bob Abbot will present new jerseys to high-flying members of the Black Swans group to recognise their participation in and commitment to the Indigenous youth program.

Black Swans, a local offshoot of the wider Wanna Be Deadly program, is a monthly Indigenous program for youth aged 12 to 25 that assists with nutrition, self-esteem, cultural awareness and sexual health.

Mayor Bob Abbot and Division 9 Councillor Vivien Griffin will present the jerseys at the program's annual touch football carnival involving around 150 Indigenous youth on Saturday 10 October at 10am at Coolum State Primary School.

"Black Swans provides a great opportunity for kids to be healthy and active and to get involved in positive programs with other kids their age," Cr Abbot said.

"We want to let these members of the group know that all their hard work and commitment is recognised, and encourage them to keep up the good work."

Around 20 Black Swans will be presented with jerseys for good attendance and participation, showing leadership qualities, encouraging other youth to attend the program, and for making significant positive health choices in their life since starting the program.

Council has sponsored the shirts and jerseys for young people either involved from the beginning of the Wanna Be Deadly program and now in the Black Swans, and for members of the Deadly Murries, the youth advisory board to the Black Swans Committee.

The program is supported by cultural advisor and artist Lyndon Davis and has established strong partnerships with the PCYC, Queensland Health, Family Planning and Sunshine Coast Council.

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