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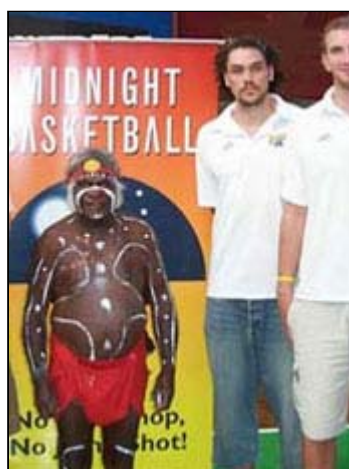
## Razors' Midnight mission

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West Sydney Razorbacks

The West Sydney Razorbacks pitched up at Alexandria Basketball Stadium on Wednesday afternoon to announce their support of Midnight Basketball - a new community initiative which strives to reduce youth crime.

At the launch, Razorbacks Chief Executive Officer, Olympian Robbie Cadee, said he was keen to help promote Midnight Basketball - a project which has proven itself to be a success elsewhere in the world.

"This concept has just so much potential to lend a hand to kids and help them make good choices. I've seen it work to great effect in the US and the Razorbacks are wrapped at the chance to champion Midnight Basketball," said Cadee



"Our players are wholeheartedly behind it and will do what they can to help make it work."

Razorback players will be involved in promoting the program as well as running free skills sessions. Guards James Harvey and Clint Reed will also undergo training through the MBF Positive Choice Program to enable them to help out in segments of the counselling workshops.

Cadee says that Midnight Basketball will be a key project for the Razorbacks who maintain a continuous commitment to free community projects which have included charity fundraisers, the primary school 'Read to Succeed' rewards program, skills coaching sessions at schools, elite coaching camps as well as taking part in events for special needs children. Most recently players hooked up with teenagers aided by Liverpool Youth Accommodation for some car park basketball and to give talks on working to achieve goals.

Once established, Cadee is eager for the Midnight Basketball organisation make inroads into other areas of Sydney.

"Once Midnight Basketball has successfully made its mark in the inner city suburbs, we would love to see it expand its presence, as is planned, into our club's heartland, western and south western Sydney."

"There is plenty of need for a program like this in Sydney suburbs. With its late evening timing, it is a very practical outlet for kids to work off restlessness and boredom and it gives them a place to turn to for help, guidance and life-skills."

"Midnight Basketball will definitely influence a change for the better in many people's lives."

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Midnight Basketball tips off on the night of Saturday 11 February at the Alexandria Park Community School. Those interested in volunteering for the program can find details on the Midnight Basketball website ([www.midnightbasketball.org.au](http://www.midnightbasketball.org.au)).

**FAST FACTS:**

- \*The program is designed to help at-risk kids avoid drugs, alcohol, crime and anti social behaviour
- \*After launching in the USA in 1986 it is now active in hundreds of American cities
- \*The program includes a team based competition and a series of life-skills workshops
- \*To be eligible to compete players must attend a workshop dealing with real-life issues 'No Workshop, No Jump Shot' is the organisation's motto
- \*Competition is open to 12 to 18 year olds
- \*It runs on Saturday nights from 7.30pm to Midnight at Alexandria Park Community School commencing 11 February
- \*It runs late to coincide with 'high crime time' when young people are most likely to engage in antisocial behaviour
- \*Participation is free and includes transport and dinner
- \*Midnight Basketball is a not for profit company and the West Sydney Razorbacks are proud community partners of the organisation
- \*Registration forms are available on [www.midnightbasketball.org.au](http://www.midnightbasketball.org.au)
- \*Stakeholders are the Sydney Community Foundation, NRMA Insurance, Redfern Waterloo Authority, City of Sydney Council

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