

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Basketball teams do Jilkminggan proud.

Sport has a way of pulling communities together and giving focus to young people struggling with the complexity of growing up.

A recent funding grant from the Northern Territory Department of Health under the "Youth at Risk Program" has allowed 14 young people aged 13 to 16 years of age from the small town of Jilkminggan to compete in the Easter Basketball competition held in Darwin.

The two teams, a men's and women's team gelled together and competed successfully and most importantly had great fun. The teams are continuing to train and are looking forward to the next competition.

Giving an outlet to the natural talent and energy of our young people is very important as is the opportunity to play as a team with others. Organised sport and recreation allows young people to test themselves, take risks, form strong support networks and find a natural high.

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