

Kids taken for ride of jet boat, zoo and golfing fun in Port Macquarie

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Jet boat fun: Fifteen people from Kids in Dangerous Situations Foundation took part in the four day camp in Port Macquarie.

Several kids have toured some of the best tourist activities Port Macquarie has to offer, sampling jet boat rides, animal visits and other local activities.

Fifteen youths from Kids in Dangerous Situations (KIDS) Foundation took part in the four day camp in Port Macquarie, after departing from Newcastle on February 23.

KIDS is a injury prevention and injury recovery not for profit organisation, teaching children to be safe and create a better life for those living with serious injury and burns.

Camp favourites over the trip included the jet boat ride, visiting the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital and golf at Port Macquarie Driving Range.

Some camp attendees also taking up stand up paddle boarding at Settlement Point and sharing a close encounter with Billabong Zoo's albino carpet python, Walter.



Mini putt golf: Chloe Hansen, Teagan Cleary, Natasha Hansen and Carolina Barrera.

Matt Thiele, who took part in the jet boat ride, said it was awesome.

"I been on other ones but this was a better one, we got to go out (into the surf) which was sick," he said.

"I like the jet boat, they are great at picking all the waves to bounce over."

KIDS Foundation chief operating officer Janine Buesnel said this was the second camp to Port Macquarie as part of a three year grant.

"Big thanks to the team at the Commonwealth Bank for supporting us through their Community Grant program," she said.

"(Thank you) to Fulvic Acid Australia and a huge thank you to Paul Dawson, Janette Hyde and the Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association for arranging so many fantastic adventures for us to visit while we've been in town.

"We've sincerely had a blast and have loved our second Camp TANGO (together achieving new goals and opportunities) to Port Macquarie.

"We are already looking forward to coming back again next year."



Snakes: Madison Hastings is with Walter the snake from the Billabong Zoo.

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