

STARS SHINE FOR DECADE

IT'S ABOUT FUN, FITNESS

It has been 10 years since STARS was created to activate the community with positive experiences like fun games, high 5s, hugs and smiles.

The concept was simple with the idea - 'a smile costs nothing but gives a lot', said said tennis and sports coach Andrew Hill.

"The idea came from working with Lleyton Hewitt and watching the inspiration he gave to the fans.

'I created my own Sports-STARS to share the energy through numerous sports.'

The STARS originally focused on getting kids healthy, active and energised with community games and holiday fun activities.

The energy grew to teens, adults and keen-agers (older and active) who wanted to be part of the fun. STARS bring out the BIG KID in everyone

Mr Hill was named Ryde Citizen of the Year in 2007 for the efforts with STARS and has continued with local, regional and national awards.

"An idea does not happen on its own and a big thank you goes to the positive communities at Sydney Olympic Park, MPs, councils, Ryde Business Forum, shops schools and families all over Sydney."

The STARS have visited Singapore and China where smiles were shared as an international language.

"Our role models have been Roseanne Gallo (SingingSTAR) and local sports coaches who fly the STARS flag and visit schools to improve skills so kids can be more active and play more games,' Mr Hill said.

He has organised a free fun weekend on July 4 and 5 at STARS Centre, Agincourt Rd, Marsfield, with tennis, table tennis and multi sports available.

Apart from sports, STARS offers singing, dancing as well as to grab a photo and be on STARStv.

For details of the event or to join STARS call Mr Hill on 0447 827 788 or go to STARStv.com.au



Andrew Hill and STARS celebrating their 10th anniversary.