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NEAFL HITS NEWCASTLE

This Saturday 27 May, Newcastle will play host to a key Round 9 match of the North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) with the Sydney Swans taking on the Gold Coast Suns. The game will kick off at 12pm at Number 1 Sportsground, Parry St Newcastle and entry is free for spectators.

This is one of three regional matches for the NEAFL this season, with Wagga Wagga and Alice Springs the other regional centres hosting games in 2017.

NEAFL Operations Manager Luke Gatti said he is looking forward to heading to Newcastle for the match.

"We love getting high quality footy games to regional areas of New South Wales, in particular Newcastle." Gatti said.

"It's a great day out for the community and a good chance for the young players in the region to see some elite footy action."

With the Sydney Swans currently welcoming back a number of players from injury, Novocastrians can expect to see a few of their stars on the ground come Saturday.

Gatti said the game was possible due to the collaboration between the AFL and the local community.

"It's been fantastic to work with AFL staff from the region and Newcastle City Council, who along with sponsoring the game have also ensured the ground is in top shape. We're looking forward to seeing a big crowd along to cheer on the Swans and the Suns."

*NEAFL Operations Manager **Luke Gatti** and Regional Manager Northern NSW **Simon Smyth** are both available for interview to discuss the match.*

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