



Sydney Spirit star Damian Martin teaches Streetworx youths how to dribble.

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Teens score with Spirit

Angus Street

AFTER a season of mixed fortunes and low attendances, the Spirit have set out with celebrity fitness trainer Dirk Hansen and the Streetworx dance troupe to bring basketball back to the

streets of Bondi Beach and change the attitudes of the public.

While basketball maintains a strong grassroots presence in Sydney, the city's NBL team has struggled to attract crowds of more than 1400.

The combination of Sydney's bas-

ketball team and street teens echoes the origins of the sport in the US.

Streetworx CEO Daniele Maisano said that through sport, dance and song, the Dream, Believe, Achieve mentoring program could help children from the streets to become stars

in their own right.

"It is a huge moral booster for both the Sydney Spirit and the Streetworx kids, because they realise they are actually part of something – part of a team – that can give back and support the community," he said.