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Summary

This competition was the culmination of a series of programs conducted across the Remote and Indigenous Hockey Development Program and it was designed to bring together young people to

- (a) Highlight the hockey skills they developed during the course of the Program
- (b) Develop opportunities and pathways to compete in competitions not usually available
- (c) Develop and advance life skills and leadership qualities across the program
- (d) Discuss progression towards competition in Under Age State Titles in Queensland
- (e) Events Highlighting the importance of combining sport and culture were incorporated including a Welcome to Country and Hockey Art

Participation and Competition

- 6 teams competed with over 70 young people being involved.
- 3 communities competed for the first time
- Over 65% of the participants were indigenous and/or Torres Strait Island heritage

Coaching and Officiating

- Each team had coach support
- Over 80% of the coaches involved had previous hockey coach accreditation support
- Trainees and Volunteer young people attended to give additional mentoring to the coaches
- Volunteer umpires officiated on each game. Young indigenous girls volunteered as well as Cairns Hockey umpires.
- Modified rules were played to compliment the modified competition

Future Progress

- Each centre commented positively on the program and the development of the competition
- Discussions will continue to advance the competition and the program supporting this to the tableland and other areas.
- Torres Strait Program wants to discuss the advancement of pathways into the State Under 13 and 15 competitions

Torres Strait Island/NPA Squad

- From the Migi Kokan Hockey Program in the previous year – squads of talent identified athletes were selected to participate in the competition.
- Budgets and logistics restrict extensive involvement however 4 communities across the NPA and Torres Strait Islands were represented.
- Uniforms were provided
- Group was very well prepared. Skills had improved from 2009 and it was only fatigue that stopped them from taking out the Title.
- Discussions were held to review how this team could progress towards the State Championships and factors like re addressing a local development camp, facility development and skill and coaching were discussed.
- Torres Strait and NPA Hockey Program will review the calendar for 2010/2011 to include provision for local training of development squad members, a local development camp, local competition and regional competition as well as coach and officiating accreditation and training

Gulf Savannah Squad

- Team/Squad announced at the 2009 Karumba Competition but many young people left the region and the squad was reduced in size. Transport problems suggest we need to look at getting independent transport to secure attendance at pathway programs.

Mossman and St Augustine

- A team from Mossman and a second team from Mossman – St Augustine participated
- Program only running 8 weeks and this competition highlighted the skills advanced in the 8 week program
- Transport was required to secure team attendance
- Schools supported the program
- Alexandra Bay and Daintree only had 3 sessions and were not confident to participate but discussions underway for 2010-2011

Port Douglas

- Winning Team
- Supporting the established hockey program and delivering more advanced skills through this program
- Most impressed with program and requested information about Karumba to see if able to send team

Djarragun College – Gordonvale

- The hockey program targeted young girls to learn new skills and become healthy and active

- Rod Jensen supported the program
- Clinics were held at the school over 3 months and developed basic understanding of the game
- Girls were slow in adapting but before the end – team scoring goals and becoming competitive
- Review the program but continue in 2010-2011

This competition was originally designed to deliver additional skills and competition for the Torres and Gulf squads but in 4 months expanded into a competition for young people wanting to highlight the new form of hockey skills being learned as part of a program partnership with school, Cairns Hockey, Remote Hockey program and community organizations.

Life Skills and Leadership were on show and all participants showed good behavior, respect for teams and team members, they displayed a solid endeavor to play their very best and represent their school and community proudly.

Discussions were ongoing through-out the program on the benefits of healthy eating and regular exercise.

Combining Sport and Culture

- Welcome to Country was organized through the Bidadji Aboriginal Corporation and Warren Singleton – elder from the Irukandji people – the traditional owners of the land around the Cairns Hockey grounds. A warm welcome was given and Warren told the young people of a waterhole in the vicinity and how this area was used by the traditional people for recreation. We thank the Irukandji people for their kind welcome and acknowledge the culture and heritage of the traditional owners and hope we can have a strengthening relationship in the future.
- In addition – the judging of the 2010 Hockey Art competition was undertaken during this competition
- Students from Tropical North Queensland TAFE undertook a challenge to paint hockey sticks and balls with a connection to hockey and where they come from traditionally. Over 20 sticks were received as entries.
- Young people were encouraged to look at the artwork and read the stories associated with it.
- The winning entry was a carved kangaroo depicting how you need to be lively and fast to play the game just like a kangaroo needs to be lively and fast to survive. The photo of the carved kangaroo is on the Title page of this report.
- The artwork and images of the hockey program will be produced into a booklet to highlight how culture and hockey can highlight the programs that provide opportunities to the communities of the remote, indigenous and Islander communities of Queensland.
- Many thanks to the TAFE, Kevin Edmonstone and all the supporters of this program.

Conclusion

This program highlights the potential for competitions such as these. Many young people are looking to highlight new skills but have no avenue and loose interest.

Volunteers and supporters of the program assisted in the success of the program. Many thanks to the following people:-

- Terry Brodin – coach
- Chrissy Lucas Benn – volunteer
- Carmon McPhee – volunteer/ referee/coach
- Tiana Gordn – volunteer coach
- Brendon Hoff – volunteer/umpire

- Dalassa Savahe – indigenous trainee – work experience
- Ena Waiagu – indigenous trainee – work experience
- Cairns Hockey Association Inc
- David Mcneil – Cairns Regional Coaching Director
- Teachers, parents and principals of participating schools



As the rainbow serpent carved out its journey through landscape – the indigenous youth were encouraged to find their own path and carve out a positive life for themselves through sport.



Competition Games at cairns Hockey June 2010Hockey

Data from program Culminating in this Competition

No of Clinics Conducted	25
No of Communities	10
No of Participants in overall Program	450
Percentage Boys	40%
Percentage Girls	60%
Percentage Indigenous/Islander	70%
No of Volunteers	12
No of Coaches	6
No of Unpires	4



Cairns Hockey Association Inc members volunteering

Hockey Queensland Inc Remote and Indigenous Hockey Development Program would like to acknowledge the support and assistance of the following:-

Tagai State College – Torres Strait Islands

NPA College – Bamaga

Mossman State School

St Augustine State School

Djarragun College – Gordonvale

Port Douglas State School

Alexandra Bay State School

Daintree State School

Cth Government – Australian Sports Commission – Indigenous Sports Program

Cth Government – Department of Health and Ageing – Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program

Queensland Government – Sport and Recreation Services – Cairns

Cairns Regional Council

Queensland Government – Department of Education and Training

Cairns Hockey Association Inc and its members



A further example of sport and culture combining.



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