

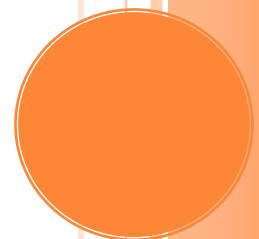
REMOTE HOCKEY PARTICIPATION IN 2010 SPORTS EXPO- BAMAGA

Get Active Score Goals and Play Hockey

Dept of Health Statistics reveal that the NPA communities have a very high percentage of chronic illnesses in young people. This Sports Expo was arranged to highlight to these young people the benefits of regular activity, healthy eating habits, importance of discipline and structure in the overriding pursuit of good health and well being.

Julie McNeil Program Manager

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Introduction

The NPA PCYC is a new program partner and as such the Program is looking to provide support and resources to support and advance the delivery of hockey programs in the NPA.



Northern Peninsula Area

Location

Northern Cape York is 921 km north of Cairns and 35 kms southwest of Thursday Island. Road access is often cut during the wet season. Vehicles need to cross over the Jardine River by ferry. The traditional lands of the Injinoo people extend from the Skardon River on the west coast and Captain Billy's Landing on the east coast up to Pajinka at the top of Cape York. The community is the homeland of most of the traditional owners of the land that makes up the 5 Northern Peninsula Area communities

Area

1063 square km (Bamaga 67.6; Injinoo 841.1, New Mapoon 96.5, Seisia 2.6, Umagico 53.2)

Population

2164 (Bamaga 869, Injinoo 463, New Mapoon 381, Seisia 184, Umagico 267)

Language

The Injinoo people comprise 5 major tribal groupings - Anggamuthi, Atambaya, Wuthathi, Yadhaikgana, and Gudang. Languages spoken by NPA residents include English, Torres Strait Creole, Kriol, Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya, and Mauritian Creole

In March 2008, 5 communities - Bamaga, Injinoo, New Mapoon, Seisia and Umagico - amalgamated as the Northern Peninsula Regional Council.

Settlement history

In 1606, the Dutch were the first Europeans to arrive in the Northern Peninsula Area. Others also passed this area until the landing of Captain Cook in 1770 at Possession Island (Thunadha). In 1848, Edmund Kennedy set out from Cardwell on the ill-fated overland expedition to Cape York (Pajinka).

The Queensland Government established a settlement at Somerset (Pulu) in 1864. This was the first real arrival of non-Aboriginal people into the Northern Cape York Peninsula. Over the next 40 years, introduced diseases decimated the Aboriginal population in the area. The government estimated the population decreased from 3000 to less than 300 people.

The 5 major groupings - Anggamuthi, Atambaya, Wuthathi, Yadhaykenu and Gudang - created their own settlement. This was 'discovered' by the Chief Protector of Aborigines in 1916.

After World War Two, which saw a considerable military presence in the area, Torres Strait Islanders began moving into Injinoo. Settlements were subsequently built at Bamaga, New Mapoon and Umagico to relocate evicted people from this and other areas of the Cape. In 1948 a reserve was created under the direction of the Queensland Department of Native Affairs.

Bamaga, a Torres Strait Islander community, was first established at Muttee Head in 1947. People from Saibai Island relocated to the area because of the threat to their island from tidal inundation. By 1954 the community had been relocated to its present site, known as Ichirru.

New Mapoon was originally established as a township named Charcoal Burner in 1963. It was a relocation area for Indigenous people from Mapoon just north of Weipa (known as Old Mapoon and sometimes Marpuna).

Seisia, formerly known as Red Island Point, was established in 1948. Six brothers from the Saibai Island Clan (Koedal) arrived in the area in the pearling lugger "Seisia" named for the brothers - Sunai, Elu, Ibuai, Sagaukaz, Isua and Aken. The Red Island Point Community was granted ownership of the land under a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) in 1985. When registering as a Local Authority, the community changed its name to Seisia.

Umagico, known locally as 'Alau', came into being in the early 1960s. The then state government forced the Morrobalama People (living in and around the Charlotte Bay region of eastern Cape York - the Lockhart River Mission) to settle in the area. In the early 1970s, people from Moa Island in the Torres Strait were also resettled in Umagico

Expo Dates and Location

- 4th-7th October 2010
- NPA communities
- Accommodation at the Bamaga Resort
- Invited Sports – Hockey. AFL and Rugby League

Staffing and Roles

Julie McNeil- State Program Manager

- Engage in extensive community consultation with all 5 communities to discuss future programs
- Review facilities and equipment and assess future requirements
- Supervise and assess Development officer in her training
- Assist NPA PCYC staff in the planning and development of the hockey program for 2011
- Discuss with school and hockey support people logistics for 2010 program competition

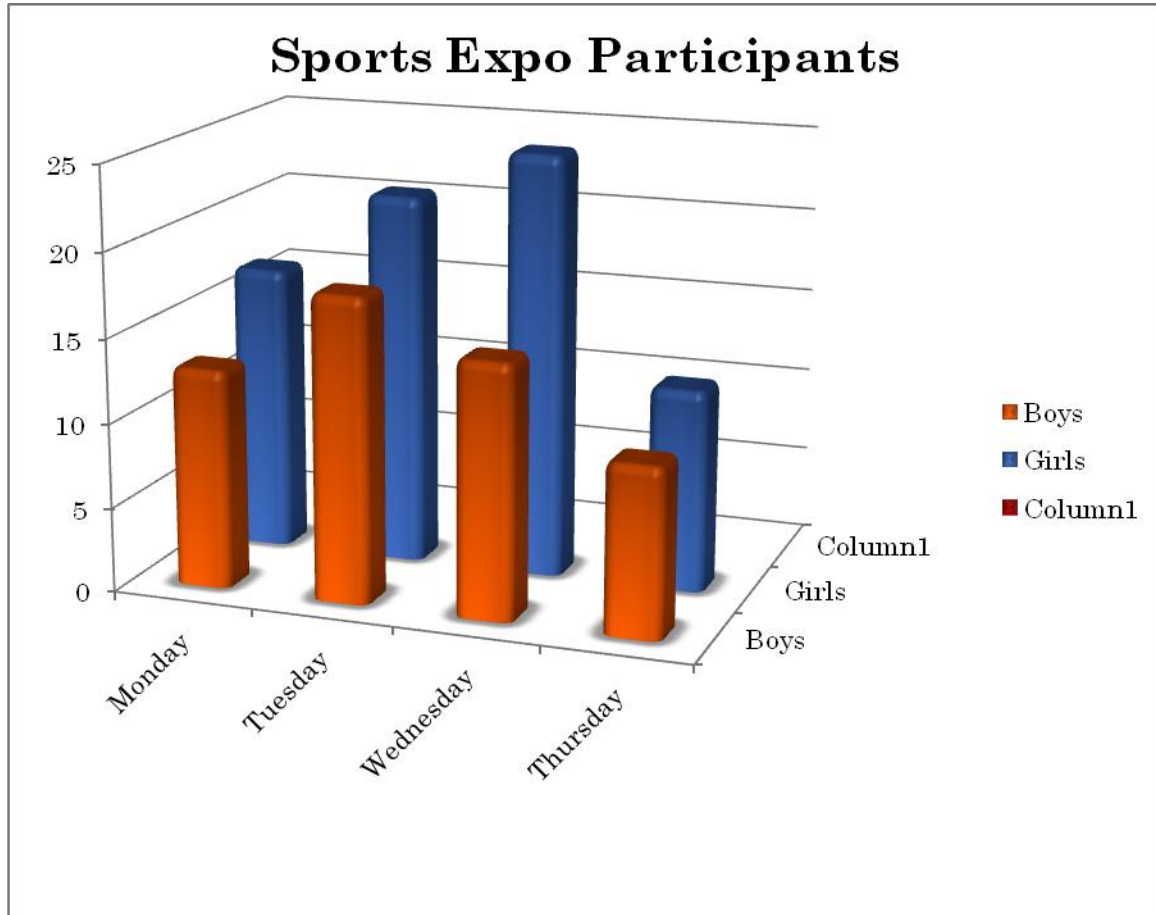
Ena Waianga – Indigenous Development Officer

- Conduct School and Community Hockey Clinics
- Understand the role of the Development officer in remote communities
- Network with other sports development officers, PCYC sport and recreation officers
- Participate in consultation with community

Expo Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning	Flight from Cairns	High School	High School	High School
Afternoon	Sports Centre Clinics for young people in the community	Injino Primary School	Bamaga Primary School	Review Sessions with stakeholders
Evening	Dinner at resort	Dinner at resort Community Discussions Traditional Dancing	Dinner at Seisia Community Discussions Traditional Dancing	Return to Cairns

Expo Data



Hockey Program

This Expo is designed to highlight the high percentage of chronic illness suffered by the young people of the NPA and to deliver messages that regular physical activity and healthy eating can assist in making young people healthier in the long term.

PCYC NPA invited hockey to be part of the program because from June – September 2010 hockey skills and small games were included as part of the PCYC program and it was the feedback of the community that hockey should continue to be part of the sports program in the NPA.

The Torres Strait and NPA Hockey Program with school and community involvement runs August-Nov in each year. Attending was designed to reinforce the hockey program, assist the coaches and community support workers in professional development including coach training. The program also reinforced the opportunity to be involved in the Migi Kokan regional hockey competition in November 2010.

This Expo provided practical training and network opportunities for our young indigenous trainee hockey development officer.

Hockey Sessions included:-

- Teaching New Skills
- Skills and Drills Exercises
- Small Games
- Discussions on available pathways, benefits of healthy lifestyle choices and importance of regular attendance at school

Feedback was positive through-out with almost 100% involvement in all the sessions. It was unfortunate that attendance levels at NPA college was low thus reducing the optimum value involvement in these programs.

AFL and Rugby League sessions were also help in partnership and every-one involved worked together sometimes sharing sessions so cross training skills could be highlighted and the message that being involved in a number of varied activities was to be encouraged and positive to personal growth.



School and Community Hockey Program across the NPA

Review and Feedback was available during the 4 days and conversed with cross community representatives who all were happy to discuss the more general issues of community program partnerships as well as hockey specific details.

Recommendations

- Hockey Program be extended to grade 8 and 9 at the NPA college
- Skill development programs and accreditation courses be scheduled in consultation with the PCYC and School
- Continue being involved in support of the PCYC Programs in the NPA
- Continue the Sports Expo and develop it to include addition sports and community cultural activities.

This Sports Expo was the first program Ena was involved in as a development officer. Ena is completing a Certificate 3 in Community Recreation at Tropical North Queensland Tafe and has agreed to take on the position as a development officer in the remote hockey program. Ena's family is from Saibai Island in the north west Torres Strait and moved to Badu Island. Ena left Badu Island and went to High school in Cairns. She was involved in the Pass Program – vocation education and later advanced her education through Tafe. Ena has been undertaking work experience in the program and will commence working with the

Remote Program on a more full time capacity in January 2011. Ena has been asked to put together some feedback on her participation and experience.

“ Delivering basic hockey skills and drills in the NPA High School and Primary School was a great experience for me. I learnt a lot and built up confidence. The students were enthusiastic, well behaved and participated in every sport. Hockey isn't a popular sport up in the NPA but over the few days while I was delivering my program, I had primary and high school students coming up to me saying that they loved hockey and would keep playing it. I told them about the competition on Thursday Island and also about how to hook in2 hockey. Few days at NPA I believe that I had inspired the school students with my life story and also the delivery of my hockey sessions. I am more than happy to continue doing this for the indigenous and remote communities in Queensland because t is what I love doing. It is beneficial for us and the communities”

Ena Waianga 8th Oct 2010



Bamaga Highlights



"The Queensland Government provided \$128,000.00 to Hockey Queensland Inc to develop and deliver hockey programs across the Remote and Indigenous Communities Hockey Development Program to get more Queenslanders active through sport and recreation."