

CROYDON COMMUNITY HOCKEY

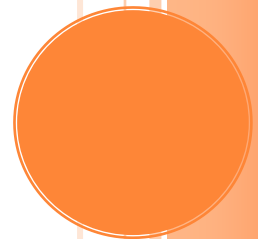
Get Active Score Goals Play Hockey

The Croydon Regional Council identified hockey as a sport of interest in the community and offered support in training and participation programs.



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Planning and Preparation

The Gulf Savannah Hockey Program runs from June- September each year offering a series of hockey programs designed to support local hockey programs, regional competition and skill development.

Strategic and Development Planning undertaken in the Gulf Savannah identified the need to offer opportunities for young people in particular to become involved in regional competition and as a result the Gulf Savannah Regional Hockey Competition – Karumba Hockey Festival is held mid September each year. This competition looks to bring together the young people in remote, isolated and disadvantaged communities in Far North West Queensland and provide an opportunity where the young people can show off the new and improved skills, learn the advantages of being part of a team, increase self esteem and self confidence and support community health programs through increased physical activity,

The Hockey Program in the Gulf Communities include:-

Active Participation Programs specifically designed to be delivered through school, active after school program and vacation care programs

Skill Development through training of local coaches and officials to support the advancement of the Program.

Access to competition through participation in the Karumba Hockey Competition ,

Community Engagement and Support through assisting and delivery programs that complement community priorities in the area of health and education as well as recognizing the role of culture and providing opportunities to combine sport and culture.

The Program enlists community partnerships to assist in the delivery, such partners include:-

Local Schools

Active After School Community Program

Gulf Sport and Recreation Association Inc

Vacation care Programs

Local Community Councils

PCYC and other community support organizations.

The partnership with Croydon Regional Council looks to support the local hockey program through a series of training programs leading up to the Karumba Hockey Festival. Coach training for parent and supporters, additional skills training for the young people involved in the regional hockey competition and a community hockey game are all included activities.

4th and 5th September 2010 were the agreed dates and the Council distributed a Flyer attached

Croydon Program Outcomes

- Support Croydon Regional Council to engage local people and encourage them to attend and be part of local sporting competition by delivering a hockey program that meets the local needs.
- Support the Gulf Savannah Hockey Development Program by increasing local community hockey skills.
- Supporting the local community through delivery of training programs aimed at increasing the number of community hockey and officiating coaches.
- Supporting community consultation and planning for local hockey competitions and assist in the community to become part of a regional hockey competition.



Schedule and Resources

With the assistance of the Croydon Regional Council, a schedule for the activities was put together and Resources were put together to maximize the benefits of the identified activities.

Hockey Team

Julie McNeil – Remote Hockey Program Manager was responsible for administration and management, budgeting, reporting and general communication. In addition, she is authorized to deliver officiating training and assist in coach training, participation and competition programs.

Terry Brodin – Development Officer is accredited to deliver coach training programs as well as supporting and delivering participation programs and support competition.

A community hockey coaching resource was prepared to support the ongoing hockey education of the participants. This resource was completed with the assistance of resources from Hockey Australia Inc, Hockey Queensland Inc, Cairns Hockey Association Inc as well as Australian Sports Commission.

This resource ensures that the standard of delivery of training is consistent across the whole of the program and assists us in modifying and amending delivery to suit the local community needs.

Each participant receives a hockey stick, shin pads and hockey ball as part of the support in an effort to encourage individual support for hockey within the program and provide additional sporting equipment to the community.

Travelling from Cairns took between 6 and 7 hours. 4 Wheel Drive Vehicle was hired for the journey and accommodation was arranged at Croydon Club Hotel.

The Program was undertaken at the Croydon Recreation grounds which allowed the opportunity of a large grass field oval and under cover basketball court with a carpet complimentary to coaching and playing modified hockey games.

Community Hockey Coaching and Officiating

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Five members of the Croydon Community attended and completed the community hockey training. The same five people also completed Stage 1 of the Community Umpiring Training.

This training was specifically designed to meet the needs of the local community by combining the competencies of the National Hockey Ed Accreditation with the practical requirements of coaching individual basic hockey skills and communicating the importance of these skills and how they be applied to improve the hockey skills of the community.

Positive Feedback was received from the participants who identified the following factors included in the course as important:-

- the ability to properly understand why the basic skills are important,
- be confident in coaching these skills and communicating to the group why they are important
- future impact basic skills has on quality of competition and progressing into advanced skills.



Croydon Hockey – Come and Learn

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- Support the Gulf Savannah Hockey Development Program by increasing local community hockey skills.
- Supporting community consultation and planning for local hockey competitions and assist in the community to become part of a regional hockey competition

In excess of 20 parents and young children attended the Hockey Clinics on the 4th September 2010. The group was taken through a clinic to learn basic skills with local community coaches assisting in the process. The program was designed to reflect the ability of families to have fun, be active and score goals together by playing hockey. The session culminated in a series of social

games modified to suit the conditions where parents and children played together and highlighted their skills and tested each other in a safe and healthy environment.

Community was engaged to discuss the potential of local hockey competitions. The Croydon Council will lead the administration and management of this competition and will follow Croydon's participation in the 2010 Karumba Hockey Festival. Interest was high in the local competition with a 2nd Community game being scheduled for Father's Day 5th September 2010.

Croydon Community Social Games

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- Supporting community consultation and planning for local hockey competitions and assist in the community to become part of a regional hockey competition.
- Support the Gulf Savannah Hockey Development Program by increasing local community hockey skills.

The community returned to the Recreation Ground at Croydon to take part in a social competition and BBQ. Many from yesterday returned and there were some new community members joining in. Additional skills were practiced as a group before playing a series of social games. This proved enjoyable to all who participated.

We took the opportunity to discuss options relating to the introduction of hockey programs across the whole of community program. Many people engaged in this consultation with an agreement in principle to work towards the development of a social hockey competition based on a number of programs introduced across the weekend.

The remote hockey program will look to offer support where relevant and be available to assist the local community in their endeavors.

The Way Ahead

AASC and the local primary school deliver a modified hockey program however there is no real competition available encouraging the community to play social hockey..

The multi-purpose under cover area at the recreation grounds would be a very suitable venue. The surface is acceptable for social hockey, there are goals available and the markings already on the surface can be adapted to create a modified hockey competition that provides regular exercise and

activity, learn team skills, add to self confidence and provide a vehicle to show off the hockey skills developed through practice.

June- September is when hockey programs are delivered across the Gulf communities and if the local competition can be played within this period, other hockey programs can be supported through local competition. Attached are details covering local and regional type competition that could assist. It is however up to each community to select the times that best suit their needs but if you choose to use the local competition as part of an opportunity to be involved in regional competition, the program can include pathways across the Gulf Communities and beyond.

Conclusion

This Program was an excellent opportunity to provide programs to encourage community hockey participation, support the community through relevant training and discuss potential opportunities for continuing competitions and pathways.

The Croydon Community Council assisted in the preparation and administration and strengthened the partnership with the Remote Hockey Program as a result.

Over 30 people participated across the weekend and it was pleasing to see that families joined together and made it a family activity.

Equipment was provided as part of the program as well as specifically created and prepared resources to assist and support in training and coaching.

We encourage the community and council to support Gulf Sport and Recreation Association Inc as an organization that can assist in the administration, management and coordination of regional hockey competitions.

We thank the Croydon Community Council for this opportunity and look forward to strengthening and advancing this relationship in the future.

The Remote and Indigenous Communities Hockey Development Program would like to acknowledge the ongoing support provided by the Queensland Government – Sport and Recreation Services to this Program.



June/July – September

6-8 week social competition played once per week.

Annexure 1

Come & Try/Learn Hockey!!!

Hockey Queensland will be visiting Croydon on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th of September to host the following Hockey activities:



Saturday 4th September – Croydon Recreation Grounds

10:30am-1:30pm – Community Hockey Coach Training & Accreditation

(An introduction for community members interested in coaching hockey skills)

Course Cost – \$55 per person (Free Hockey Stick, Ball and Shin Pads Provided)

FIRST 10 PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED ARE FREE

2:30pm – 4:30pm – Come & Try Hockey Clinic

(All community members (adults and children welcome) interested in trying hockey and learning some of the skills to play)

Clinic Cost – \$55 per person (Free Hockey Stick, Ball and Shin Pads Provided)

FIRST 30 PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED ARE FREE

Sunday 5th September – Croydon Recreation Grounds

11:00 – 1:00pm – Fathers Day Social Hockey Game **(FREE)**

(Social Hockey to highlight what the participants have learned and show off their skills)

Fathers Day Sausage Sizzle – 1:00pm

To Register Contact:

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This Program is funded by Queensland Government (through the Active Inclusion Program) and the Croydon Shire Council with the help and support of Hockey Queensland.



Annexure 2 Recommended Suggestions for Social and Regional Competition

Local Competition

- Played on the multi- purpose facility
- Games could be about 15 min each half
- 5 players per side
- Modified rules to assist the competition to be simple, fun to play and create an environment for good healthy competition. Remote Hockey Program happy to discuss the modification of rules if required. Rules similar to those played during the community program. More information and assistance can be provided as you develop the competition.
- Depending on team numbers - play a series of weekly games maybe 6 weeks and then end with finals.
- Encourage family or friends to make a team and encourage theme names for the competition
- This local competition could support the selection of a Croydon team/s to play in a proposed regional competition against Karumba, Normanton and Georgetown.

Regional Competition

Potentially this could be played with all teams travelling to each centre on a roster basis each 2-3 weeks. It would be suggested to run this in conjunction with a local competition during the period June-September in each year. Communities involved might travel once each 2-3 weeks and play a round robin set of games. Each community would get to host a weekend of games. Finals could be played and the last weekend could include a final of 1-2 or a separate finals weekend could be played. Competitions could be mixed gender – Senior Competition and Junior Competition or an alternative that suits the needs of the Gulf.

The suggestion might be something along the lines of:-

Game 1	Location 1– Karumba	Travel by Georgetown, Croydon and Normanton
2 weeks break		
Game 2	Location 2 – Georgetown	Travel by Croydon, Normanton and Karumba
2 weeks break		

Game 3 Location 3 – Croydon Travel by Georgetown Karumba and Normanton

2 weeks break

Game 4 Location 4 – Normanton Travel by Georgetown, Croydon and Karumba
include finals

From this competition, Gulf Hockey teams might be able to be selected to play areas like Mount Isa in a form that suits each centre. The junior teams might then use this as preparation for the Karumba Hockey School Competition

Remote and Indigenous Communities Hockey program can schedule updated coaching and training to coincide with one or more of these regional games and put in place a series of programs to assist the Gulf Communities through partnerships with Councils and Gulf Sport and Recreation Association Inc. This is just a suggestion and is provided to highlight potential opportunities. We strongly support local solutions to local issues but we are happy to offer assistance and support in this process.

Other Pathways

The Remote and Indigenous Hockey Development Program runs a competition in June each year and invites teams from remote and indigenous communities across the program. The competition is conducted in Cairns and it provides opportunities for young people to come and test their skills and development against other like young people on an international quality surface and receive mentoring and coaching from a series of experiences representative coaches. For more information on these type of pathways and opportunities, contact Julie McNeil – Remote Program Manager

Croydon Community Hockey Program 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."