

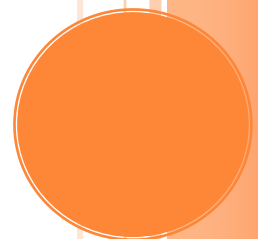
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**INTRODUCING HOCKEY TO THE WESTERN  
CAPE YORK COMMUNITIES**



Julie McNeil – Program Manager

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## Introducing Hockey to the Western Cape York Communities

As part of a series of announcements associated with the Hon Phil Reeves Minister for Sport and Child Safety, the Remote and Indigenous Communities Hockey Development Program was invited to deliver a series of hockey clinics in partnership with Rugby League and AFL in Cairns and Western Cape York Communities on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010.



Tom Lui, Jason Ramsamy, (SRS Cairns) Julie McNeil (hockey), Peter Narduci (league) and Mark Harbrow (afl)

### FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Media Release

**\$1 million boost for popular Cape sports**

A \$1 million-plus funding boost for sport in Cape York and Torres Strait Islander communities has been announced by the Queensland Government.

Sport Minister Phil Reeves said the extra funding would greatly help the development of three popular sports – Australian rules football, rugby league and hockey.

Australian rules football and rugby league will each receive \$450,000 over three years and hockey \$384,000 over this period.

"It is going to mean regular AFL Kickstart programs, rugby league development programs and community hockey programs for Cape York and Torres Strait Islander communities," Mr Reeves said.

"The Queensland Government is committed to developing more sport and recreation opportunities for Indigenous people as part of its drive to making Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people.

"Participating in sport can also be a positive diversion from a range of community issues, boost self esteem and promote team work and social cohesion."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle said the State Government had identified that the Cape York and Torres Strait communities needed more sporting programs and opportunities.

"The communities advised the government sport and recreation opportunities were limited due isolation and ability to access this type of sporting activity" she said.

"Now, thanks to this funding, these communities will benefit from the exciting new sports programs that are planned."

Member for Cook Jason O'Brien said the Queensland Government's commitment of this funding was a reminder of the *Towards Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland* priority to make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people.

"We hope that by improving access to sporting opportunities in local communities, more people will be assisted to develop a passion for, and get the benefits of, physical activity," he said.

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### **Cairns West State School Clinics**

The Minister chose to make the announcements to the Press at Cairns West State School as part of a series of clinics being conducted by Hockey, Rugby League and AFL.

Over 100 young children participated with hockey delivering basic introductory skills and games . Hockey was represented by:-

Julie McNeil – Remote Hockey Program

David McNeil – RCD Cairns Hockey

Dalassa Savage and Ena Waiagu - Tafe - Certificate 3 Community Recreation Students on work experience program with Remote Hockey Program worked with the students and were introduced to the Minister.

Katrina Houghton ( nee Patterson) was invited as a high profile hockey player. Katrina represented hockey very well.



## *Western Cape York Communities Sports Tour*

17<sup>th</sup> June 2010

*Arrive Arakun*

1.30pm Special Assembly – talk to students

2.30pm Sports Clinics including hockey

No of Students

Estimate 65 across all ages

Community Support Representatives from Arakun PCYC Program as well as Bamaga PCYC Program assisted with the clinics. 6 in total

Notes:

Arakun Community is delivering modified hockey skills sessions as part of the PCYC after school sports clinic programs. They use plastic equipment and play on the basketball court. No adequate grass facilities are available so modified 5 a side games would be appropriate.

Bamaga PCYC is supporting the program and discussions continued on how these type of programs can continue and be developed during the course of the funding term.

Discussions and Planning will continue as part of the consultation process with the view of establishing hockey programs and access to competition as part of the Program

2010-2011- Consultation and Planning

2011-2012- Limited delivery

2012-2013 Roll out programs and connect with competition and pathway programs as part of a whole of community approach



PCYC Supports of Hockey Program



Arakun Hockey Program

**17 June 2010**

Depart Arakun

Arrive Pompauraw – Overnight Pompauraw Guest House



**18th June 2010**

Arrive Pompauraw State School - Speak at School Assembly

School Clinics – Hockey, League and AFL skills circuit

Discussions with School Principal and other community members about the introduction of hockey over the next couple of years

Approx 85 children across all ages attending clinics

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

Depart Pompauraw

Arrive Kowanyama

Speak at School Assembly

Delivery Hockey Clinics

Discussions with staff members about the introduction of hockey and relevant time lines.

Approx 45 students – Friday afternoon – attendance very low

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2010** – Return to Cairns

**Results of the Tour**

There is a possibility of introducing a hockey program across the Western and Central Cape Communities however there is much work to do in the preliminary stages.

2010-2011- Continue Community Consultation and identify relevant focus areas

2011-2012- Plan and Deliver a limited hockey program in identified communities

2012-2013- Extend the program, include competition and pathways



**Minister Reeve and Julie McNeil**

**Total Data**

No of Participation Clinics

4

Total Number s Involved

295 participants

50% male/female with 85% indigenous

Community Engagement

Discussions on Healthy Eating, Being Active and Achieving Goals in 3 communities

Hockey Art Discussions

Spoke with Pompaauraw Art Centre about engaging community in some art programs with hockey equipment as part of introducing the sport into the community.

Julie McNeil

Remote Hockey Program