

2011 REMOTE AND INDIGENOUS HOCKEY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CAMP



Development camp participants with Hockey Qld Scorcher Players

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PART OF THE LEARN LEAD ACHIEVE
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

Development Camps are part of the pathways programs within the Remote and Indigenous Hockey Development Program which aims to provide access and opportunity to people within the Program across playing, coaching, competition and leadership

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Program Planning

It has always been a paramount consideration within the program to provide opportunities to access elite hockey wherever and whenever reasonably possible to do so.

Due to the extensive logistic issues associated with programs of this nature – planning is crucial to the ultimate success of the program. Partnerships are also a significant element and must be developed to provide successful and beneficial outcomes to all concerned.

This Development Camp was no different.

Hockey Australia Inc has invited the Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program to deliver a series of programs designed to identify and support the development of younger indigenous players, coaches and officials with the view to reaching representative levels in the future. Hockey Australia Inc and DEERW through the NO SCHOOL NO PLAY program sought out the Remote and Indigenous program to deliver this strong community message and engage community to support and highlight the importance of regular school attendance to future opportunities.

Pass Australia Inc has been a strong program partner in 2011 and a new and exciting partnership is evolving with links to education and training and ongoing skill and sport development. Pass Australia was invited to become a partner in this Development Camp and offer opportunities to young indigenous people aged 15-17 to learn more about hockey, meet Queensland and Australian Players and watch international class hockey.

Gulf Sport and recreation Inc and Tagai State College – both organizations have long standing memorandum of Understanding to develop hockey in Gulf and North West and Torres Strait respectively joined and supported participants in attending the program.

Last but not least is Cairns Hockey Association Inc which provides many ongoing opportunities and support. Cairns Hockey is working hard to create development opportunities

Coordinators of all program partners linked with the Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program Manager will regular discussions and program planning being developed across the whole spectrum of the program.

Attachment 1 highlights the Camp Schedule.

Attachment 2 lists the participants.

Outcomes

1. Supporting Local Hockey programs in remote and indigenous communities through access to high level competition and high level coaching
2. Designing advanced hockey training to meet the needs of the respective communities
3. Involving young indigenous students within the hockey program to opportunities to meet role models
4. Highlight the remote and indigenous hockey program and recognize partners
5. Launch NO SCHOOL NO PLAY NATIONAL HOCKEY PROGRAM

Highlights

- 1. Supporting Local Hockey programs in remote and indigenous communities through access to high level competition and high level coaching**

Opportunities were made available to local hockey programs to send developing coaching and people delivering hockey in their community to travel to Cairns and be involved with activities and programs association with the Hockey Australia national Women's Hockey league and Cairns –v- Townsville regional hockey competition Under 11-Masters.

As a result communities in the Torres Strait Islands, Northern Peninsular Area of Cape York, Burketown in Gulf Savannah and local communities from Innisfail to Mossman took advantage.

Over 40 participants were involved in a variety of programs.

The opportunity included our Indigenous Development Officers being involved in the capacity as assistant coaches to Cairns Under 13 teams playing in the inter city competition Cairns –v- Townsville and reinforced the leadership opportunities available not only as a player but as a coach/official.

It was also important to highlight that 6 players representing Townsville and Cairns respectively began their hockey in through the remote and indigenous hockey program. This competition saw the first young person who started their Hockey through the remote and indigenous program play for Cairns in Under 11 competition.



Opportunities to see young indigenous players representing Cairns

2. Designing advanced hockey training to meet the needs of the respective communities

Although the Remote and Indigenous Program has designed introductory level coaching and training modified to meet the local communities, the advanced training is still being developed and all opportunities available for our delivers to obtain feedback on the modifications will benefit the program as a whole.

5 people undertook the advanced training while 4 undertook the introductory training. These participants engaged well and the feedback which was received will be used to progress the advanced training significantly.

A number of young indigenous women advised us of their interest in joining the Indigenous Hockey pathways Support Program as coaches.

Attachment 3 includes the advanced coaching program



Coaches and participants engage as part of the modified coaching programs

3. Involving young indigenous students within the hockey program in opportunities to meet role models

It is difficult with international and national schedules to provide access to high level role models in the sport of hockey. The opportunity provided by Hockey Australia through the scheduling of national hockey league rounds in Cairns enables development programs such as the Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program to access role models and use them within the program.

4 Hockey Queensland Scorchers including the current Hockey Australia “Hockeyroos” captain were among the guests at a lunchtime workshop during the camp. These young people engaged the role models freely and this meeting and access left an ongoing impression with the group – from adults to young people.

Designing the schedule to have the group watch the players in high level competition gave them a sense of connection to the sport and opened their eyes to the level of skill and commitment required to attain these high levels.

The Qld players referenced messages

- (a) Importance of school and regular attendance of future opportunities
- (b) Importance of sticking to a task and seeing it through
- (c) How good food directly impacts on their performance and their ability to attain their outcomes.
- (d) How to overcome challenges without anger and frustration getting in the way.



Pass Students engaging with Qld Scorchers as part of the role modeling programs

4. Highlight the remote and indigenous hockey program and recognize partners

As this is a hockey development and community support program, there are little opportunities we can obtain a higher enough profile to recognize our program partners in a public way. Cairns Hockey, Hockey Qld and Hockey Australia assisted and supported the opportunity for the remote and indigenous program to be highlighted through a supportive policy of community connections.

Included in this was

- (a) Preferential seating opportunities
- (b) Opportunities for corporate access
- (c) Access to hockey pitch for a promotional game
- (d) Reduction in entry costs and hospitality costs
- (e) Technical assistance and support from Hockey Australia officials
- (f) Inclusion of the national NO SCHOOL NO PLAY Launch

Feedback was positive including feedback from the general public associated with the hockey activities.



Partners attending from Pass Australia, PCYC Cape and GSRA

6. Launch NO SCHOOL NO PLAY NATIONAL HOCKEY PROGRAM

Hockey Australia and Hockey Queensland through the Remote and Indigenous Hockey Development Program partnered together to deliver the national hockey NO SCHOOL NO PROGRAM which is a national initiative through Commonwealth DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS to use sport as a vehicle to increase regular school attendance.

The hockey program is delivering in communities across Torres Strait Is, Cape York, Cairns Region, Gulf Savannah and far North West Region. The Hockey Program is partnering with community organizations including:-

- (a) Tagai State College – Torres Strait islands
- (b) PCYC – Cape York
- (c) Gulf Sport and Recreation Association inc and AASC – Gulf Savannah
- (d) Cairns Hockey and Pass Australia – Cairns region
- (e) Mount Isa Hockey and AASC – Far North West

The community organizations are the local program deliverers and we are fortunate that all have similar and complementary outcomes in the area of education and health.

The value adding component of this program enables reinforcement of message of a larger scale and a consistency of program delivery across a large area of isolated and disadvantage.

Guest were invited to attend Cairns Hockey during the round of the National Hockey League. It is important to note that for the launch the program had all 3 levels of government represented. Senator Jan McLucas was a local senator representing Minister Garrett. Desley Boyle – a former minister and

State Member for Cairns is a long standing member of the government and patron of the Cairns Hockey Association Inc and Margaret Cochrane – Counselor from Cairns regional Council and has responsibilities across the regions sport and recreation community. These 3 women were very impressed with the program objectives.

Representatives from DEEWR, Hockey Australia, Hockey Queensland Inc and Pass Australia and Cairns Hockey were invited.

Attachment 4 is a copy of the running sheet.

The official launch was held between the 2 national hockey league games.

4 teams of young indigenous students involved in the program played exhibition games behind the official speakers. Banners were made available focusing on the NO SCHOOL NO PLAY message and the delivery partnerships.

Attachment 5 contains pictures of the launch.

The Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program invited the 2 young indigenous development officers to play an active role in the program launch. In front of over 3000 people, these young people gave their first official public speaking engagement and performed admirably. They confirmed the message and gave examples of the how the program impacts on them and the programs they are delivering.

Attachment 6 contains the transcription of the speech.

The NO SCHOOL NO PLAY logo was also displayed on the ball girls through-out the games during the whole of the weekend.



Highlighting NO SCHOOL NO PLAY as part of our general program

Future Opportunities

NOSCHOOL NO PLAY PROGRAM

1. North West Region

- June 2011 will see the culmination of the Far North West Program with 6 program community teams travelling into Mount Isa to complete in the NO SCHOOL NO PLAY NORTH WEST HOCKEY PROGRAM SHIELD
- This competition is open only to those within the respective local communities that have achieved the required level of school attendance and have displayed respect and good behavior.
- At this stage – there is indication that over 85% of those participating in the program have attained their attendance targets, been respectful and well behaved.

Numbers involved in the program Estimated 130

2. Cairns Regional Program

- This Program is extending to a 12 month program
- A special medal is being struck – NO SCHOOL NO PLAY 100% ATTENDANCE MEDAL WHICH WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL PEOPLE WITHIN THE PROGRAM WHO HAVE ATTAINED THIS STANDARD AND PRESENTED AT GRADULATION
- This program will take part in special NAIDOC activities which involve the young people in leadership positions using hockey as the base.

Numbers involved in the Program Estimated 120

3. Gulf Savannah Program

- AASC will be delivering the program in community beginning July 2011 and will culminate in September 2011 competition
- At this stage 6 communities are involved with potential of at least 12 teams at the competition

Numbers involved in the Program Estimated 140

4. Northern Peninsula Area – Cape York Program

- PCYC will be delivering the program in community beginning July 2011 and will culminate in September 2011 competition

Numbers in the Program Estimated 60

5. Torres Strait Island Program

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Numbers in the Program Estimate 140

In addition we have a number of leadership programs associated with this Program

- Cairns Under 15 Girls team – Hockey Qld State Championships
This team is being supported through the No School No Play Program and will have logo's on uniforms as part of the promotion. All players must attain over 85% attendance levels to be eligible to complete and have a chance of state selection.
- Indigenous Youth Ambassador Program
This program identifies young indigenous people who are displaying good leadership, respect and behavior within the community and are attaining a very high attendance level at school. These ambassadors are used through-out the program as role models and examples of what can be achieved with discipline and commitment.

Local Hockey Program Development

- ✓ Torres Strait members attending the Development Camp discussed advancements to the local program.
- ✓ Term 3 competition across Thursday Island/Horn Island and Bamaga and the inter island regional competition will following Nov 2011
- ✓ Discussions were held around development of facilities including partnership with bowls club using artificial surfaces, indoor sports centre and equipment
- ✓ Development Team to travel to Cairns in August for competition.
- ✓ NPA will include additional hockey programs through AASC and PCYC with the view of being involved in a greater capacity
- ✓ Burketown Program to be involved in Karumba Holiday Hockey Camp in July and consider opportunities to be involved in home and away series.

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3. Hockey Australia Inc through Game Development Manager – Grant Weir
4. Cairns Regional Council- Cr Margaret Cochrane
5. Qld Government – Desley Boyle – MLA
6. Australian Government – Senator Jan McLucas
7. Pass Australia Inc – Irene Robinson and Peter Narducci
8. PCYC – Karen Jackson
9. Tagai State College – Dave Bell
10. Gulf Sport and Recreation Association Inc – Mike Stevenson
11. AASC – Tarryn Brown
12. Mount Isa Hockey Association

Remote and Indigenous Hockey Team

David McNeil - Coaching Manager

Wes Ferns - Mentor Coach

Indigenous Development Officers - Ena Waianga and Dalassa Savage

Local program Coordinators - Nola Lewin, Dawn Baida, Mike Stevenson

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