

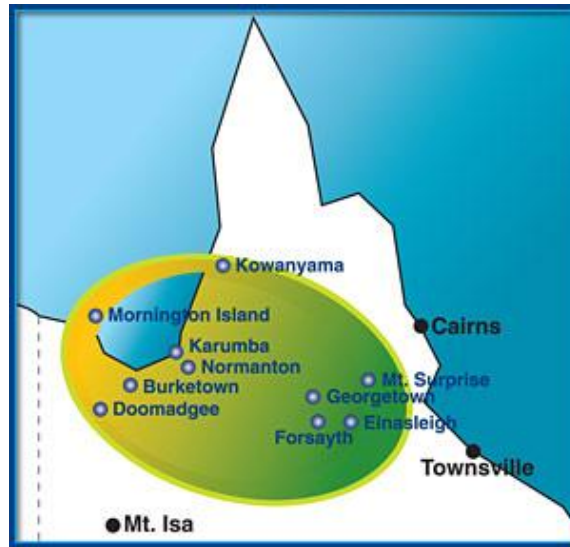
LEARN LEAD ACHIEVE – THE
HOCKEY PROGRAM ACROSS
QUEENSLAND REMOTE AND
INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

SCHOOL THEN HOCKEY

Part of the NO SCHOOL NO PLAY
PROGRAM 2011-2012

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ABOUT THE GULF SAVANNAH



Extending from the Great Dividing Range in the east, to the Northern Territory border in the west, the Gulf Savannah region of Tropical North Queensland covers an area of 186,000 square kilometres. This is the unique '**Tropical Outback**'- where the rich biodiversity of the tropics spills over into the golden woodlands of the outback.

The Gulf Savannah offers the visitor wide open spaces, spectacular flora and fauna, abundant and accessible wildlife, changing landscapes, World Heritage fossil fields, historic towns, aboriginal rock art, gemstones and fossicking opportunities. Add to this mix some of the best fishing in the world and the natural phenomena of meandering river systems, world-class wetlands, lava tubes and ancient gorges, and you have a special destination for those looking for out-of-the-ordinary experiences. The Gulf Savannah is also traversed by the **Savannah Way** - Australia's premier adventure drive and the only drive route that crosses the continent, from Cairns to Broome, via Katherine. The route traverses some of Australia's most spectacular scenery including four World Heritage-listed areas and over 15 National Parks.

The best time to visit the Gulf Savannah is year round - the two seasons of the Wet and the Dry have their unique aspects and the 'green' season of rains is surprisingly comfortable, uncrowded and has abundant wildlife. It is always advisable to check all road conditions and acquire current weather reports before undertaking your journey.

ABOUT THE HOCKEY PROGRAM

This Program began back in 2001 and celebrates its 10th year in the community.

The Qld Government through the then Department of Sport and Recreation provided a special initiative to Hockey Queensland to support the introduction of hockey into Remote and Indigenous Communities with an outcome to provide sustainable programs.

Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program identified a number of key program values at that time and these values still remain the cornerstone of the program.

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LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO LOCAL PROBLEMS - highlights the importance of engaging and including the local community as a whole in the development of the program with the view of creating model programs with the flexibility to modify programs to reflect the unique nature of remote and indigenous communities



SMALL STEPS TO SUCCESS – highlights the recognition that long term sustainable changes in remote and indigenous communities will take time. The key was within the planning processes to set simple and clear achievable goals which continued to move the program forward.

ENGAGE LOCAL PROGRAM PARTNERS to build the community capacity resulting in sustainable hockey program development. It is significant that the main program partners identified 10 years ago remain our greatest supporters across the program

- ***GULF SPORT AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION INC***
- ***LOCAL COUNCILS ACROSS THE REGION***
- ***SCHOOLS ACROSS THE REGION***
- ***ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER THE HOCKEY PROGRAM COMMENCED)***

The Hockey Program began by delivering **COME AND TRY HOCKEY SESSIONS** as part of the annual Basketball Festival in 2001. The response to the hockey was positive and the hockey program returned the next year to begin scheduled competition. 6 teams competed in 2002. Ongoing community consultation has seen the inclusion of coaching and officiating training programs, competition pathways and many young people who began their hockey career in the Gulf Savannah now play regular hockey fixtures in provincial regions – some having achieved representation in teams competing in state hockey championships.

Currently these local programs have expanded and now begin in June in each year and culminate in the competition in September. 9 communities are involved with the additional opportunities being offered to the SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION culminating in 13 teams competing at the 2011 Karumba Festivals.

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There are many ongoing challenges to face however the strength of this program is the structure the hockey program and its partners are creating building in the flexibility to meet the local needs. We thank sincerely all those who have been involved in the journey and encourage ongoing community involvement to secure its advancement in future years.



HITCHING A RIDE- SUPPORTERS ASSISTING GOALKEEPERS TO CHANGE ENDS AT HALF TIME

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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The planning and program development identified and confirmed the following program partners:-

- (a) DEEWR – NO SCHOOL NO PLAY PROGRAM
- (b) HOCKEY AUSTRALIA
- (c) GSRA INC
- (d) CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL
- (e) ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
- (f) COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
- (g) PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS

The 2011 Action Plan identified the following:-

- (a) JUNE/JULY HOLIDAY HOCKEY PROGRAM as part of Vacation Care
- (b) July/September – AASC partnership - programs delivering hockey supporting the SCHOOL THEN HOCKEY principles

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- (c) September 2011 – Karumba Hockey Festival as part of the regional pathways program in the Gulf Savannah
- (d) Talent identification and selection for Gulf team to compete in Mount Isa in October 2011

PROGRAM DELIVERY

The June/July 2011 Holiday Hockey camp was an overwhelming success with specific hockey coaching and training being conducted. This was a great way to bring the community focus onto the hockey program across the region and to give those who participated a significant advantage.

This Holiday camp was then followed up by regional delivery of hockey as part of the AASC program across Term 3. All communities involved in the Gulf Savannah AASC Program included hockey as used this as part of their team training for the regional hockey carnival in September. AASC deliverers are trained in hockey program delivery and we use the community coach accreditation as the base accreditation and add specific hockey skills training to ensure the best value for community building and sustainable programs.

Those who participated were asked to commit to the following obligations:-

- (a) NO SCHOOL NO PLAY PRINCIPLES – encouraging each participant to increase their school attendance and this extended to regular attendance at hockey program sessions;
- (b) RESPECTING THE TEAM which includes teachers/coaches/team mates and supporters



Karumba Hockey Festival is then delivered as the reward and pathway for participation in the hockey partnership program in local communities in the Gulf Savannah. 13 teams attended with over 120 players from 9 communities and community and parental support added a further 50 people attending.

Teachers/ parents/ community supporters in addition to AASC and Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program Team members combined to put on a 3 day carnival which highlighted new skills, teamwork and team support, discipline and dedication as well as strong personal and team development.

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<i>Community</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Players</i>	<i>Vol/Support</i>
Karumba	2	30 players	10
Normanton	4	40	10
Croydon	2	20	6
Georgetown	2	25	10
Cairns School of Distance Ed/Mount Surprise/Mount Garnett	1 combined	5	10
Burketown	1	10	4
Mornington Island	1	10	4
<u>Total</u>	<u>13 teams</u>	<u>110</u> players	<u>54</u> volunteer/support



Parents/Volunteer Support

All participants attending reached a minimum of 70% attendance across Term 3. In some cases attendance levels doubled during the course of this program.

FINAL RESULTS

Grade 3/4/5 Final Normanton –v- Karumba **Winner Normanton**

Grade 6/7 Final Burketown –v- Normanton **Winner Normanton**



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Normanton – Grade 4/5 Champions



Normanton 6/7 Winners

Grade 4/5 Most Improved	Des-ziar Shorey - Croydon
Grade 4/5 Most Valuable	Ethan Hammann - Karumba
Grade 6/7 Most Improved	Danyka Taylor Burketown Oliver Escott Mornington is
Grade 6/7 Most Valuable	Haylee Bethel – Georgetown Keelan Logan - Normanton



Haylee Bethel



Keelan Logan



Danyka Taylor



Oliver Escott



Des-ziar Shorey



Ethan Hammann

PROGRAM PATHWAYS

During the course of 2011, the North West and Mount Isa Hockey Competition was introduced based on the hockey program model created and modified through the Gulf Hockey Competition. It proved that the hockey program model can be transported across regions.

Part of this model encourages inter regional competition.

At the September Karumba Hockey Festival players were identified and selected in the GULF HOCKEY TEAM to travel to Mount Isa and play a MOUNT ISA/NW HOCKEY TEAM in October 2011. It is a series of 3 challenge games with additional specialized and advanced hockey coaching included.

Coaches/Managers and Parent Support are encouraged to participate as well.

All selected players were asked to re commit to the program and we received a 100% positive response.

Gulf Hockey Team selected in 2011

Name	Community
James Crombie	Karumba
Marlin Doyle	Karumba
Juane Frazer	Gulf Christian College
Keelan Logan	Normanton
Darcy Smerdon	Normanton
Jake Wasniak	Normanton
Oliver Escott	Mornington Island
Tukana Simpson	Karumba
Haydon Pedracini	Georgetown
Sage Marshall	Burketown
Danika Taylor	Burketown
Haylee Bethel	Georgetown
Tia Chong	Mornington Island
Sarah Douglas	Croydon
Courtney Grey	Karumba
Chelsea Yam	Gulf Christian College
Phoebe Rainbow	Normanton

NO SCHOOL NO PLAY OUTCOMES

Of the 130-140 participants in the program across term 3, over 110 participants achieved their local outcomes relating to school attendance and behaviour and were eligible to attend the regional hockey carnival. About 20-30 participants involved in the hockey programs did not achieve these outcomes and were ineligible to attend.

There is a real success story being identified in this region.

Keelan Logan is a young indigenous athlete living in Normanton – talented in most sports area but had real difficulty conforming, attending school and displaying good behaviour and respect.

Keelan was involved with the **NO SCHOOL NO PLAY PROGRAM** and agreed to commit to the program.

He exceeded his targets within the local community, became a real asset to the local program by volunteering to assist the coach and bringing people to the program. His behaviour altered significantly during the 10 weeks of the program from a non conformist, no direction and very little self respect to a young person who attended the Karumba Hockey Competition looked committed to team success, respected his team members and coaches and the other teams.

He displayed significant self-confidence and increased self-worth and worked very hard to increase his hockey skills.

Keelan was instrumental in assisting his team to become competition champions, he received the most valuable player of his grade and he was named captain of the regional GULF TEAM to compete in Mount Isa in October 2011.

Keelan was also talent identified. His family has no plans to send him to Boarding School and remaining in Normanton will not assist his future growth and development. Video has been taken and with the support of Cairns Hockey and Hockey Queensland Inc, we will work hard to find a scholarship for Keelan in North Queensland.

The Cairns Regional Coaching Director confirmed that Keelan would have a place in the Cairns team to compete in the Under 13 State Championships in 2012 if we can get him to boarding school.



FUTURE CHALLENGES

One of the strengths of the school partnership has been the availability of funding through the Education Department to incur the costs of travel for the teams across the region to attend the hockey competition.

This funding source will no longer be available in 2012 and alternatives must be found.

The strength of this program is the structure provided through the model program and the built in community training and up-skilling through hockey accreditation programs. This supports the building of the community capacity to sustain local and regional programs.

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Celebrating 10 years is a successful application of this model and proves that program sustainability is not only possible but likely should supportive partners be identified early and commit to the program.

Further examples that confirm sustainable practices include – previous students who attended the carnival returning in the roles of mentors/managers/coaches. Burketown, Georgetown, Normanton and Karumba communities have examples of these returning students volunteering in this competition.

Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program will have the capacity to support the local hockey programs in the region through a new and exciting partnership with DEEWR. Indigenous Hockey Trainees will be available to work in the GULF SAVANNAH REGION supporting the hockey programs and obtaining additional skills and work training.

Funding for a Regional Hockey Coordinator Position has been applied for through SPORT AND RECREATION SERVICES of the QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT to link pathways/club development and ongoing administrative and management support to the hockey programs across the GULF SAVANNAH AND NORTH WEST /MOUNT ISA HOCKEY PROGRAMS. We await the results.

The annual planning workshop is being held in MOUNT ISA on 28th/29th and 30th October 2011 and during this time, planning for 2012 and beyond will begin bringing community partners and hockey program supporters together with government and council representatives. This is an integral part of the program model to ensure the ongoing availability to identify local solutions to local problems.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many thanks to all the VOLUNTEER PARENTS AND COMMUNITY support that ensure this program continues its development and provides opportunities within hockey and sport in this region.

To the schools and the teachers involved- we thank them for their ongoing assistance and commitment to the hockey program. The culture of inclusion practices brings about the environment of healthy competition and enjoyment for all. These practices should be celebrated and acknowledged as a cornerstone to successful program delivery.

We also acknowledge and thank the AASC at all levels for the ongoing support. This program is a very important vehicle to linking the introductory programs to regular hockey competitions in local communities. We look forward to strengthening these relationships in the future

Support for this program is received through INDIGENOUS SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAM, DEEWR NO SCHOOL NO PLAY PROGRAM and a significant contributor to the long term success of this program in the QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT – SPORT AND RECREATION SERVICES. Working together to deliver complimentary outcomes strengthens the ability of programs such as ours to be successful in our ultimate aim to support sustainable community hockey programs.



AASC Program Staff supporting the Karumba Hockey Carnival

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To the local Councils in particular the CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL – thank you for all the hard work undertaking the field preparation and maintenance. This commitment provides a high level of facility and gives the young people every opportunity to advance and enjoy being involved.

To GSRA INC. in particular MIKE STEVENSON a long standing program supporter who acts as the community coordinator and ensures the local connections into each community within the region. This connection is vital to the model delivery and ultimate success of the program.

JUST HOCKEY INC is a long term supporter of this program and through this partnership we can access high quality hockey equipment. We thank them sincerely.

Without the ongoing support of the Local, State and National Hockey organizations, the pathways into regular hockey competition and regional/state and national programs would not be available. In 2011 we welcomes a new hockey partners – MOUNT ISA HOCKEY who join CAIRNS and TOWNSVILLE HOCKEY as associations who are actively supporting the program and transition young people who begin their hockey in the GULF SAVANNAH into regular club members in the respective areas/associations. Many thanks for the commitment they show this program.

We thank HOCKEY AUSTRALIA for their continued support and a sincere thank you and acknowledgement to the staff and board members of HOCKEY QUEENSLAND INC who have showed unconditional support to the ongoing development of this program.

Finally a very big thank you for all the hard work the REMOTE AND INDIGENOUS TEAM undertakes to make this program develop, advance and sustain. With 2 indigenous development officers, a senior/mentor coach and coordinator and volunteer supporters, these young people are the true examples of our Program's message - LEARN LEAD ACHIEVE .

Dated this 16th September 2011

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IMAGES OF THE NO SCHOOL NO PLAY 2011 GULF HOCKEY PROGRAM





Keelan Logan - Normanton showing off his hockey skills.



Karumba -v- Normanton Grade 4/5 Finals

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUPPORT OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT – DEEWR THROUGH THE FUNDING SUPPORT TO DELIVER THE NO SCHOOL NO PLAY PROGRAM



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WE ALSO RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUPPORT OF HOCKEY AUSTRALIA THROUGH GAME DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION ACROSS AUSTRALIA

