

# THE GULF REGION HOCKEY CHALLENGE KARUMBA : JULY 2011



THE HOCKEY CHALLENGE IN FULLSWING WITH THE MOB FROM BURKETOWN READY TO PLAY.

## The Western Games , GSRA. Inc and Remote Hockey

Working with several partners , the Gulf sport and Recreation Association, devised a plan to support the development of sport , in particular Hockey , while filling the idle hours of school holiday period.

The Vacation Care holiday program run four separate programs in three communities in the Gulf region. Great assistance from the Dept. of Sport , Qld. Remote Hockey and the Carpentaria Shire Council, saw a week long program of coaching , training, team plays and eventually games for a cross

section of children from communities as far away as Forsayth, in the east, to Burketown, in the west.

Outcomes were achieved at every level with so many people who should be extremely delighted with their efforts as well as what happened for the children. By week's end teams had been formed , Hook into Hockey centre s were created , equipment had been distributed across the Gulf region , coaches trained , the next Challenge organised and over sixty children were very tired but

pleased.

The structure for club sport has been well and truly developed by Hockey. But the links this sport has to the schools is even stronger than before with Remote Hockey and GSRA. putting their support behind the Regional Championships for schools in September.

Totally a fine example of the need for a local organisation to drive outcomes and assist outside agencies or Sporting bodies.



"WHERE'S MY UNIFORM" MADNESS



THE COACHING CHALLENGE



LAST MINUTE FINALS DETAILS

# PHOTOS FROM THE CHALLENGE



THE MANY CHILDREN FROM THE GULF COMMUNITIES THAT ATTENDED THE COACHING AND THEN HOCKEY CHALLENGE WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE HOCKEY GROUNDS AT THE KARUMBA RECREATION CENTRE FROM JULY 4TH TO 8TH.

COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED WERE KARUMBA ,NORMANTON , FORSAYTH, BURKETOWN AS WELL AS CHILDREN FROM MT ISA WHO WERE ON HOLIDAYS IN THE AREA.

# The Western Games Hockey Challenge

Qld Remote Hockey, Gulf Sport and Recreation Association , and GSRA. Vacation Care Holiday Program, Carpentaria Shire Council, Active After School Community Program

The Western Games Hockey Challenge started with a two day coaching program conducted by the Qld. Remote Hockey organisation, Head remote coach ,Wes Ferns and assistant , Dalassa Savage. Over the two days the children from across the Gulf region were given instruction in the skills and team play of the sport of Hockey. The council marked the fields to give a real professional “feel “ about the whole competition. Burketown travelled over three hundred kilometers to compete and had two parents give up their time to see the kids play. Over 60 children took part in the competition for the week with another 30 being involved but too young or not enough numbers to make another team.

Well after the coaching came the competition and in line with all other aspects of the week , the games and attitude displayed by the children was first class. After the round robin stage the semi finalists were drawn into two games:

Karumba/Forsayth taking on Gulf Christian College..and for the Grand Final :Normanton played Burketown.

In the Karumba ,GCC affair the game was played at a pace indicating the effectiveness of the coaching sessions. Karumba took the

early lead with a goal by centre forward Matthew Lane and extended that with a second from Matthew. But the GCC were not finished and with their first goal, there was hope and unbelievably on full time the umpire disallowed the GCC second goal giving Karumba the bronze medallion. (2 goals to 1.)The stage was set for an exciting Grand Final.

Normanton struck first with a Jeremy Logan push after a scramble in the goal circle. Burketown recovered with an excellent goal from Daniker Taylor ,leveling the scores. Normanton had its strength in the mid field and with Kelean Logan running constantly ,opportunities opened up for the Normanton strikers. Normanton took control and scored a further two goals. It was no surprise that the Burketown team never gave up and Lundy Yanner scored a late consolation goal to give the final to Normanton ;3 goals to 2. Gold medal winners Normanton with Burketown taking the silver.

## COACHING SESSION RUN BY WES FERNS AND DALASSA SAVAGE FROM QLD REMOTE HOCKEY



### THE GANG

NORMANTON WINNERS FOR 2011

NORMANTON COACH, GABY STEVENSON AND PLAYERS ,SHONALLE AND CLAY

PREPARATIONS BEFORE THE GAME

NORMANTON DEFENCE, NEEVE AND GOAL KEEPER SHONALLE

# QLD REMOTE HOCKEY PROGRAM



## The Future of the Hockey Program in the Gulf Region.

### COMING EVENTS

**KARUMBA HOCKEY PROGRAM STARTS 26&27TH JULY.**

**HOCKEY CLINICS CROYDON,GEORGETOWN, FORSAYTH AND MT. SURPRISE AUGUST 2-5**

**HOCKEY INTER COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GEORGETOWN AUGUST 13TH.**

**FESTIVAL OF SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP SEPT 13-15.**

**REGIONAL HOCKEY CONFERENCE 28-30TH OCTOBER IN MT ISA.**

The hockey program in the Gulf now has a club structure with Hockey centres in Forsyth, two in Normanton, Karumba and Burketown, with another to be finalised in Croydon shortly.

For the coming school term, GSRA, will be working with the AASC, After school program as well as the Qld. Remote Hockey body to support the school teams playing at the regional Championships as well as the teams who will be competing at the club level.

Equipment has been distributed to Hockey centres, with coaches being offered courses, it seems that all aspects of a healthy program have been covered. Five coaches were given opportunities to observe and upgrade their skills (at varying levels) while at the July Challenge. For Hockey this is what has been achieved in July :

1. Five coaches were given instruction while at the Challenge Week.
2. 62 Sixty two children were directly involved in playing hockey.
3. Teams have been formed in four communities in the Gulf Region.
4. A structure has been formed for club sport (Hockey) which will be driven by GSRA.Inc and Remote Hockey, and will exist in five communities with interest in another two.
5. All positive aspects of children playing sport, meeting other peers from different communities were achieved and notably.

Many partnerships were formed to create what happened in July Hockey Challenge. It is hoped that the momentum is maintained and so much more can be achieved.

# PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR

