

2011 TORRES ST ISLAND HOCKEY



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MIGI KOKAN – FINAL REPORT

This Report highlights the importance of providing pathway opportunities in remote/isolated and indigenous communities and its impact of the ongoing challenge to build community capacity and long term improvement to the overall health of these communities

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PATHWAYS are integral to the Torres Strait Island Hockey Program. It is generally accepted that supporting individuals and teams attain successful sporting outcomes does increase community capital and supports the ongoing building of community capacity. Healthy choices, increasing regular physical activity and ongoing skill development combine to ensure sustained community program delivery both locally and regionally.

Barriers to participation for Indigenous people

National, state and territory sporting organisations have extensive Indigenous sports programs in place, however there remain a range of barriers to participation in sport for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, which include:

- the difference and diversity of geographical location
- the exclusiveness of the current structure of some sports
- lack of financial resources
- lack of role models working in and playing the game
- lack of information and knowledge about the game, and
- the need for respect.¹⁷

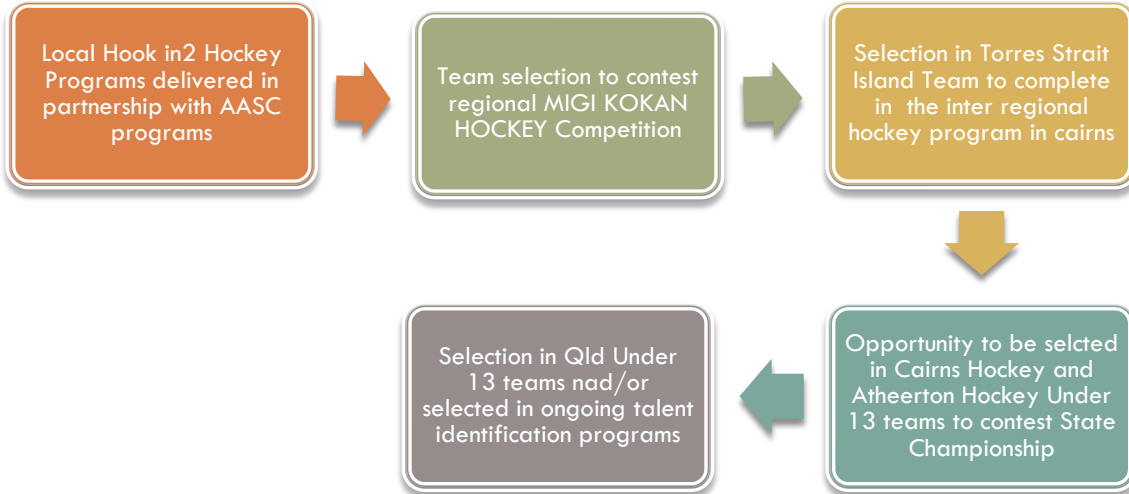
Sporting organisations understand that family and community ties are enormously important to the Indigenous people; as such they are starting to base their programs around sporting activities that have children learning fundamentals of the game in conjunction with older family members, who take on a coaching or management role. Hockey Queensland has developed programs that involve the whole community. In fact, gaining the support of Elders, parents and school teachers has been critical to the success of their Remote and Indigenous Communities Hockey Program. Another vital consideration

is to develop and support locally-based coaches and administrators who can take over the management of development programs after they are up and running. By auditing their structure and set-up to see what barriers exist for the participation of Indigenous people in their sport, sporting organisations can then implement measures to address these if required.

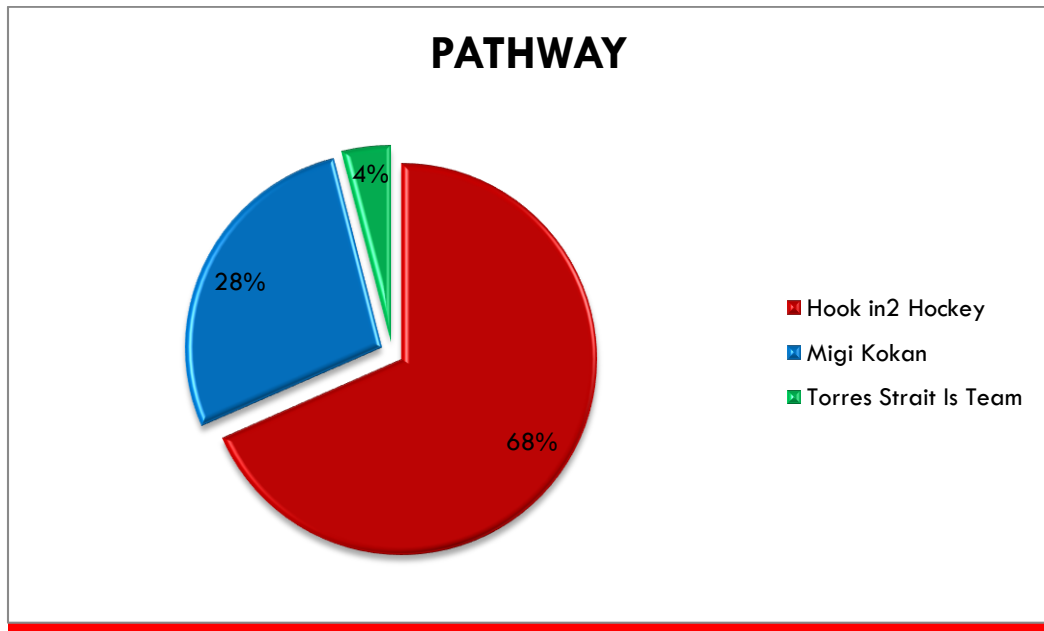
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Remote and Indigenous Hockey Torres Strait Island Pathway



ASSESSMENT OF THE PATHWAY 2011



Pathway Stage 1 - 2011 HOOK IN2 HOCKEY PROGRAMS

Community	Hook in2 Hockey Registrations
Thursday Is	33
Horn Is	52
Badu Is	20
Kubin Is	16
Mabuiag Is	40
Darnley Is	25
Murray Is	22
Total	208 PARTICIPANTS

Pathway Stage 2 – MIGI KOKAN COMPETITION

Island	Team	Participants	Coaches and Supporters
Murray	Eastern Is	4	1
Darnley	Eastern Is	4	1
Kubin	Near West	4	1
Mabuaig	Near West	4	1
Badu	Badu	8	3
Thursday Is	Sacred Heart	13	1
Thursday Is	Tagai	23	4
Horn Is	Tagai	24	8
Totals		84	20

Successful delivery of regional carnivals/competitions in remote communities relies on a strong collaboration amongst various partner organizations. In this instance without extensive co-operation between:-

- Tagai State College Campuses

- TSYSRA
- AASC
- Horn Island Community
- Remote and Indigenous Hockey

The delivery of a regional carnival of this nature is a logistical challenge and in 2011 required the successful co-ordination of the following:-

- Charter 1 – Eastern island – pick up Darnley Is then Murray Is – arrive Horn Is and return
- Charter 2 – Near Western – pick up Kubin Village Moa I then Mabuia Is – arrive Horn Is and return
- Charter 3 – Badu Is – pick up Badu Is – arrive Horn Is and then return

When Charters arrive Horn Island – Bus to collect and transport to Horn Island School and then return to airport.in the afternoon

- Bus collection at Thursday Is Sacred Heart and Tagai Campus Thursday Island to travel to Horn is on ferry
- Ferry to Horn Is and Return
- Bus from Horn Is jetty to Horn Island school and return.

Horn Island School and community does not have access to all the facilities and equipment required to successfully host the event. In addition to the travel co-ordination, equipment and other supplementary items were required to be organized to ensure all arrived in time to be available for the 18th November 2011. This included:-

- Additional Goalkeeping Equipment along with medals, water bottles and other support material needed to be put on the barge from Cairns. (unable to bring up on plane)
- Tents/marquees/goal nets/ water containers needed to be collected from Thursday Island and put on the barge to Horn island and delivered to the Horn island School
- BBQ sausages, Bread Rolls, Fruit, Breakfast for the Eastern Island needed to be purchased on Thursday Is and bought to Horn Island. This required ferry and bus travel on Thursday Is and the ferry and collection by Gateway Resort Horn Island. Everything was stored at gateway overnight and then Gateway drove us and all the supplies to the School on the morning of the carnival.
- In addition – an ongoing supply of ice and other needs was supplied by gateway to ensure all requirements in relation to fluid replacement / morning tea/lunch etc. was supplied

We take the opportunity again to offer our sincere thanks to all students/teachers/volunteers/business and community organizations that together ensured 2011 MIGI KOKAN was the best thus far.

MIGI KOKAN offers more than just hockey competition. Students are required to maintain a high standard of respect for each other and display high levels of good behavior to be eligible to be selected

to compete. In addition, each student must attain a high level of regular school attendance as well as hockey training to be eligible for participation.

MIGI KOKAN was the first of the Hockey Competitions to highlight the Queensland Government POSITIVE OR IT'S POINTLESS PROGRAM. This is not due to begin until 2012 however all the principles expounded by this new program highlighting positive messages across Junior Sport are included in the Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program and it was therefore agreed by all parties to include this and highlight the benefits earlier than later.



Highlights of 2011 MIGI KOKAN





Pathway Stage 3 – Torres Strait Island Team to contest Inter Regional Competition – April 2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Island</u>
<u>OZA BLANKET</u>	<u>BADU</u>	<u>BADU ISLAND</u>
<u>SOLOMONA NONA</u>	<u>SACRED HEART</u>	<u>THURSDAY IS</u>
<u>GIBSON CHARLIE</u>	<u>EASTERN</u>	
<u>GARO HENRY</u>	<u>HORN ISLAND 1</u>	<u>HORN ISLAND</u>
<u>PERCY MAITIE</u>	<u>NEAR WEST</u>	
<u>MURRAY RIDLEY</u>	<u>SACRED HEART</u>	<u>THURSDAY IS.</u>
<u>JJ AUDA</u>	<u>HORN ISLAND 11</u>	<u>HORN ISLAND</u>
<u>ROTHANA AHWANG</u>	<u>THURSDAY IS</u>	<u>THURSDAY IS</u>
<u>RAHMALIA AHMAT</u>	<u>BADU</u>	<u>BADU ISLAND</u>



SOLOMONA NONA – Sacred Heart - PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL



2011 Torres Strait Island Team

Talent Identification is not limited to playing. The winning Horn Island Team Coach is a young man who know attends Tagai High School. He is a resident of Horn Island and started his hockey 4 years ago and was part of the first team to win MIGI KOKAN. Valent Kirk has continued to be involved in the hockey program and in May 2011 was invited to an advanced hockey coaching course in Cairns and had the opportunity to see and meet Australian players and coaches and watch National Hockey League matches in Cairns.

Valent Kirk - coach of the winning Horn Is team is an excellent example of sustainability within the program. He is a fine role model and a wonderful ambassador for the hockey program. We congratulate him on his achievements to date.



Valent Kirk – Winning Coach Horn Island

Conclusion

2011 celebrates the successful delivery of the 4th year of the program in the Torres Strait Island Region.

During this time it has seen

- Over 500 young people been introduced to a new sport
- Over 50 community and level 1 hockey coaching/officiating accreditations
- Talent identification Programs proving ongoing pathways to attain higher levels of selection
- Strong community partnerships
- Delivery of over \$20000 worth of hockey equipment across the Torres Strait Island communities
- Young people who have started their hockey in Torres Strait Island Program continue and currently playing club hockey in Queensland
- Strengthening links with community and other sporting organizations.
- 2011 – all coaches of regional teams were accredited hockey coaches actively involved in the local delivery of the hockey program on their own local island community.

Current Planning for 2012 is looking towards

- Rescheduling Migi Kokan for October 2011 to support additional pathways
- Torres Strait Island Team to compete in RIHP Inter regional challenges in Cairns in November 2012 to connect with club recruitment for 2013.
- Audit of equipment and work with communities to provide good quality equipment
- Audit of playing fields/goal nets and other facilities to improve the standard of hockey in Torres Strait Islands.
- Strengthening of local/regional and inter regional partnerships to provide broader opportunities
- Value adding to the program with additional available resources and additional programs

Thank you to everyone who participates in and supports this program. It is becoming a solid example of how non- traditional sport can be introduced and sustained in remote and disadvantaged communities. It highlights the importance of including and supporting pathways as an integral part of the model program. It also highlights how significant community partnerships are to the overall objective of sustaining healthy and active programs in regions where there is a high degree of chronic ill health.

Many thanks to the TAGAI COLLEGE in particular DAVE BELL for local coordination, TSYRSA for their financial support to Islander youth and SPORT AND RECREATION QLD – CAIRNS OFFICE for their ongoing support of this program.

AASC is a significant program partner in this region. The partnership is a strong one and combines healthy and active programs, skill development as well as pathways to competition and ongoing opportunities in a model that meets community needs across all levels. A special thanks to Chris Conlon whose active support of the program provides direct results especially at grass roots level.

We believe this program has the ability to continue to support CLOSING THE GAP strategies and programs in health, education, employment and lifestyle. We will continue to work closely with local community organizations in an effort to build community capacity and contribute to making Queenslanders more healthy and active through hockey.

Dated this 19th November 2011

JULIE MCNEIL

REMOTE AND INDIGENOUS HOCKEY PROGRAM

STATE MANAGER

The Queensland Government provided Hockey Queensland Inc. Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program to deliver hockey participation, skill development and competition in Torres Strait Island regions to get more Queenslanders active through sport and recreation.

