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1. In 2 years the Hockey Program across the Torres Strait Islands has increased significantly.
2. Participation in the 2008 Carnival saw 5 teams from 3 communities with a total of nearly 40 players. There was some interest from community with a small number of parents coming along to have a look.
3. In 2009 these numbers increased to 9 teams competing from 4 communities with a total number of players close to 80. In addition, the competition delivered opportunities for local umpires, coaches and managers
4. The number of fields increased from 2 to 3
5. Parent and family numbers attending to support their children doubled and parents/family travelled from Horn Island as well as Thursday Island.
6. The standard of the hockey has improved, the individual skills are developing at a solid rate taking into account facilities and conditions and the coaches are employing recognized hockey team strategies in an effort to make the most of their opportunities.
7. Hockey is being played in a number of other Island communities namely Murray island and Darnley Island however cost and distance prohibited these programs contesting the competition,

8. **Horn Island Stingers** wearing uniforms donated by Trinity Bay Stingers Hockey Club in Cairns won the Championships.
9. **Planning for 2010** began with parents and community supporters looking for a Grade 8 competition in 2010 and then a progressive roll out of hockey within the high school curriculum to grade 12. These discussions went very well and with the assistance of the local sport and recreation officers – a grade 8 program will be developed in 2010.
10. **Talent Identified Players** were selected to be part of the Torres Strait Island Hockey Team to compete in the 2010 Hockey Queensland remote and indigenous youth hockey championships. Plans will be developed to run this championship in Cairns and will invite communities from Port Douglas and Yarrabah as well as the Gulf Squad. We will schedule this at the same time as the Under 13 Girls State Championships and look for some development games against some of those competing teams.
11. **Training and Coaching** programs were requested for 2010 and hockey has advanced sufficiently to have updated coaching workshops for existing coaches and trainers to advance the skills and team strategies while still needing to deliver basic hockey coaching for those attending for the first time.
12. **Presentations** were made to Tagai State College and other community people and organizations to highlight the Q150 program that combined sport and culture in the Torres Strait Islands and highlighted to the rest of Queensland.
13. **A copy of the Presentation CD is attached**
14. **Congratulations** to every-one who assisted and participated to make hockey in the Torres Strait Islands an exciting sport to be part of. For more information and photographs – please see [www.remotehockey.com](http://www.remotehockey.com)



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