



Challenge Participants

Gulf –v Cape/Torres Hockey Challenge – Karumba

July 3rd-5th 2009

Gulf –v Cape/Torres Hockey Challenge – Summary

- 20 young people were originally identified from the 2008 Migi Kokan Hockey Competition in the Torres Strait and the 2008 Karumba Hockey Festival to compete in the first Gulf –v- Cape/Torres Challenge.
- To attend, the young people had to satisfy a number of requirements –
 - (a) Display good behavior and good commitment to their school program
 - (b) Had to commit to being involved in the hockey program and work with local coaches
- 1 family within the identified squad relocated to Cairns
- 1 young person was representing Cairns Hockey in State Under 13 Championships
- As the Challenge was scheduled in the school holidays – 4 squad members had family commitments.
- Offers were made to other hockey program members to attend and these were accepted.
- 27 young people attended in total.
- Torres Strait Island community supported the Program by providing 2 coaches and 2 Managers to travel with the team to supervise and obtain advanced training.
- Partnerships between SRQ, ASC, Cairns Hockey, Vacation Care and , Karumba Recreation and Golf Club and other Program supporters such as Just Hockey and Active After School Program and Queensland Department of Communities – assisted this Program coming to fruition
- Young players and coaches were introduced to officiating and undertook some umpiring through-out the Challenge.
- Competition games were organized and the respective squads played a series of 3 Challenges over 2 days. There were invitation games for participants of the local clinics and a mixed squad –v- adults game played with young people controlling the administration and officiating of the game.

- Other activities included –
 - (a) Warm Up Activities,
 - (b) Health and Fitness activities,
 - (c) Community involvement through local planning meeting
 - (d) Community support through a meet and thank you with the Recreation Club members at a community BBQ.
 - (e) Leadership skills through speeches given by the young people on the positive aspects of the program.
- The Cape/Torres Development Squad members observed Under 15 State Championships on their return to the Torres Strait.
- Thanks to Cairns Hockey for the use of their training facilities.
- Received good coverage from media.
- Relationship with North Queensland games Foundation and the Western Games was created with the view of this Challenge being the hockey competition in future years.
- The detailed report attached will look at outcomes in more specific detail but it was generally acknowledged by all concerned at the Challenge that it was a success in providing opportunities, pathways and promotion for all parties concerned.
- Programs such as these are expensive, complicated and complex but the rewards are great and should be encouraged at every opportunity. These are the steps we need to continue to obtain our ultimate goal of having a person selected for Queensland and Australia who started their hockey career in a remote and /or indigenous/islander community of Queensland.



INTRODUCTION

The Remote Program believes the offering of pathway opportunities for young people and coaches is paramount to the success of the program and the continuing development of young people to reach their ultimate opportunity.

To achieve this, we identified the importance of conducting a Regional Hockey Challenge to compliment the Development Camps as part of the overall Program to give additional opportunities to learn advance competition skills.

Environment and Facilities in the remote communities are limited and it is important to enlist the assistance of the community to take advantage of what limited opportunities there might be.

In this Project, we developed and strengthened a relationship with the Karumba Recreation and Golf Club to provide good and permanent hockey fields and access to regular competition.

This could not be achieved without partnerships between key stakeholders within the Program. The strength of the planning process and the commitment to achieving the Program outcomes sees a coming together of many community and business organizations to make this happen.

Access to regional competition is very difficult due to many and varied factors however young people do not access this competition in remote communities as they do in provincial or capital city areas and as such, the life lessons that you can learn and develop such as being part of a team, sportsmanship, patience and discipline and advancing skills and self esteem.

The Report will look at a number of evaluation factors – these factors have been identified by the HQ Remote Program as relevant to accurately plotting the overall success or otherwise of the Programs designed within the Strategic and Development Plans.

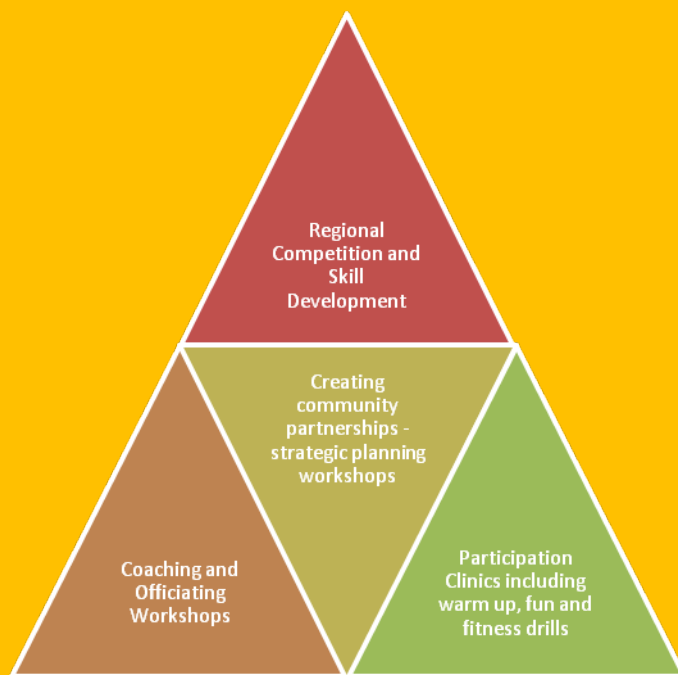
The Project was a success and this Report will detail how and why.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

If this Project was successful – the outcomes that were identified prior to the Camp must be seen to have been reasonably achieved.



OBJECTIVES



OUTCOMES



The Program looks to measure these outcomes by assessing the following areas:-

- () Research and Communication
- (a) Organizational Support and Sport Policies
- (b) Financial Support
- (c) Foundation/Participation
- (d) Talent Identification
- (e) Pathway Programs
- (f) Coaching and Development
- (g) Community Partnerships

After assessing each area – we allocate a point system rating

- 1 Point - well below expectations
- 2 Points - below expectations
- 3 Points - reaching expectation
- 4 Points - exceeding expectations
- 5 Points - well exceeding expectations

We base the expectation on our experience of organization and managing programs within communities in the Remote and Indigenous/Islander Program.

A total score of 24 -30 is acceptable however the Program would class the Project as a success with a total score of 30 or above. The maximum score which can be obtained using this assessment method is 40.

RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION

This was the first Gulf –v- Cape/Torres Hockey Challenge we had organized although it had been in the planning for 3 years.

The concept and logistical issues were discussed with community members, parents, teachers and administrators and it was identified that a local coordinators would facilitate communication between Remote Program Management and Squad Participants. Dave Bell the sports coordinator at Tagai College was appointed to this role for Torres Squad and Mike Stevenson from Gulf Sport and Recreation Inc was appointed for the Gulf Squad.

School and Remote Program requirements were all fulfilled prior to the Challenge beginning. All roles were outlined which resulted in all parties knowing their respective responsibilities.

The Remote Hockey Website was used to promote and convey information on the Challenge.

ORGANIZATION SUPPORT AND SPORT POLICIES

The partner organizations acknowledged that all policies, consents and permissions needed to be obtained and full information on the Challenge, transport, accommodation and supervision would be communicated to the parents and supervisors.

Sports Policies were available using the Web Sites access.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Each Partner provided financial assistance to this program through grants, corporate support, in kind support and direct financial commitment.

Budgets were prepared and settled taking into account that this was the first Challenge of its kind.

The final accounting showed a deficit of between \$500 - \$1000 and the review will identify which areas need to be addressed for further camps.

FOUNDATION AND PARTICIPATION

A number of criteria were set as a foundation for attendance. These criteria included

- (a) Continue a commitment to school and good behavior
- (b) Upon request – the participants were required to attend squad practices

If the identified players did not meet any one of these criteria, they would not be able to be part of the Camp.

One squad member moved out of the area, I was on representative duties and 4 others had family commitments as it was scheduled in the school holidays. A total of 27 young people identified were invited to the Challenge and associated activities.

There were equal numbers of young girls and boys and the skill level was very similar.

One specialized goalkeeper from each squad attended

TALENT IDENTIFICATION

The Squad members were chosen in October/November 2008 from information obtained from the Team Coaches in addition to the performances at the Migi Kokan Competition and Karumba Hockey Festival.

The participants were all of similar skill level and after specialized training, the young people showed improved skills and a number were further identified for future programs.

It showed that the local coaches are undertaking their roles seriously and making a commitment to the advancement of the hockey program in the Torres Strait Islands and Gulf Communities by applying the skills they have obtained and are identifying key people within their program.

PATHWAY PROGRAMS

The Remote Program Manager conducted the Challenge and Camp with the assistance of local coaches and community support. This regional competition will provide the basis for development partnerships with Cairns and Townsville Hockey to look at young people from the remote communities being selected in representative teams.

Competition games begin the game sense strategy development and other skill sets.

COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

The skill set that was identified as important in this Camp includes-

- (a) Basic Skills for grass surfaces
- (b) Team Structure
- (c) Defensive Strategies
- (d) Goalkeeping Skills
- (e) Set Play and Game Strategy

All these skills were included in drills and practice games that were played. The Challenge Matches played showed the improvement in both individual and team skills.

The 3 development coaches also were provided opportunities to advance their coaching.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The North Queensland Games Foundation – Western Games assisted with the challenge competition. The organization provided medals, back pack and information on Nutrition and Diet.

Queensland Government – Sport and Recreation supported the Program through resources and grant funding.

Australian Sports Commission – Indigenous Sport Program by providing grant funding for these Projects within the Program.

Karumba Recreation and Golf Club have agreed to upgrade the facilities to assist in the on-going hockey completion being played. A resource and equipment storeroom has been set up in the premises.

Cairns Hockey Association Inc for their training support.

Local Businesses for support during the Camp

Tagai and NPA College continues in the support of the hockey program in the Torres Strait through their policies and programs. Appointing the sports coordinator as the local coordinator for this Project is one such show of support.

GSRA continues in the support of the hockey program in the Gulf Communities through their policies and programs. Appointing the sports coordinator as the local coordinator for this Project is one such show of support.

Parents and Community through Vacation Care Programs

Hockey Australia assisted with promotion of the program on the web site and supported the inclusion of kookaburra players to attend the camp. Unfortunately the players could not attend due to game commitments and logistical issues. We are hoping to have these players at another event before the end of the year.



Delivering Community Messages

TOTAL SCORE

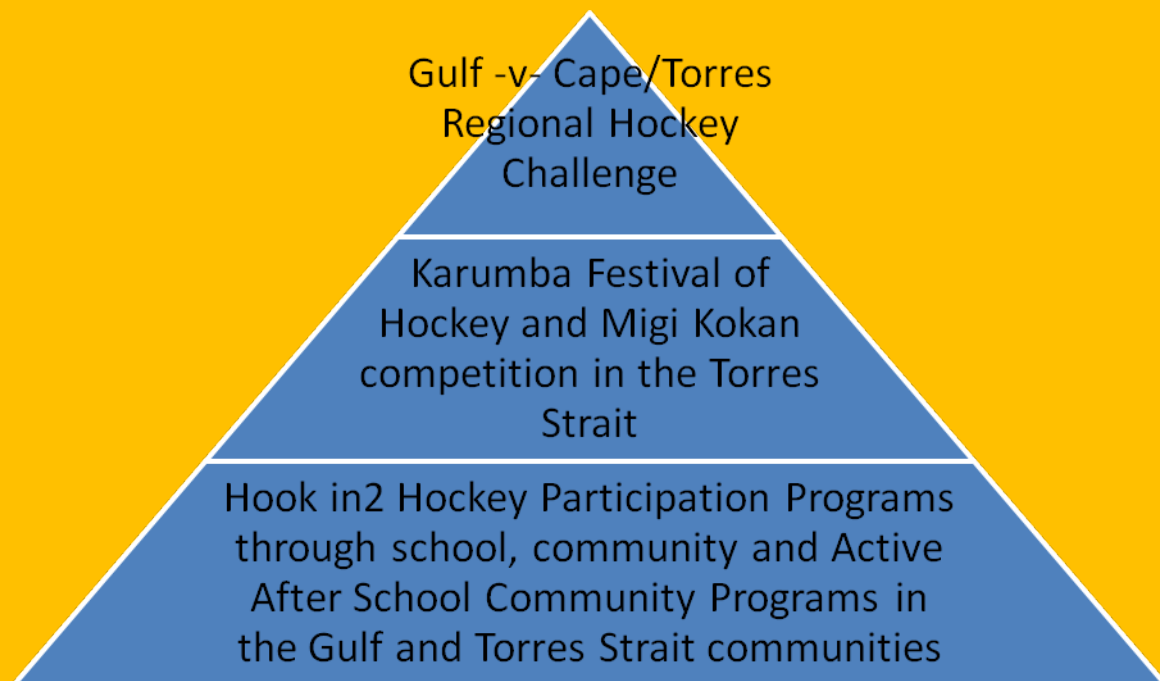
Research and Communication	1	2	3	<u>4</u>	5
Organizational Support and Sport Policies	1	2	3	<u>4</u>	5
Financial Support	1	2	<u>3</u>	4	5
Foundation/Participation	1	2	<u>3</u>	4	5
Talent Identification	1	2	3	<u>4</u>	5
Pathway Programs	1	2	3	<u>4</u>	5
Coaching and Development	1	2	<u>3</u>	4	5
Community Partnerships	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>

Total Point Score **30**

This Project can be seen to have exceeded expectations and is recognized as a success.

A review was conducted and it was agreed by all parties that this program should continue and in 2010 be scheduled for the Torres Strait.

Pathways to Success Program – Future Direction



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