



# Newsletter 2/06

## Queensland

Congratulations to all those centres which have successfully run programs this year.

What an incredibly busy time it has been for you all - the response has been overwhelming.

Following the success of the program throughout Queensland (2,000 participants for 2006 with some programs still to be completed) it may be opportune for Clubs and Associations to begin planning for 2007. Time rolls by so quickly - 2006 hockey season is nearly over!

I say this because enquiries are already coming in for programs for the 2007 season.

Some centres chose to run their programs late in 2005 as a precursor to the 2006 season, thereby giving participants an opportunity to join a club at the beginning of the season.

Other centres ran the program immediately after their normal sign on day with children signing up for Hook in2 Hockey, doing the program and then streaming directly into the club's minkey or modified teams. In some cases the club created new teams to accommodate the Hook in2Hockey participants who wished to continue playing hockey.

Still others ran the program alongside their usual fixtures and were able to accommodate those participants who wished to continue playing after the program had finished.

There are many ways of utilising the resources and positive attributes of the program to the long term advantage of your club or association.

Feedback from parents, children and co-ordinators has been very positive and any suggestions for improvements (made via the program report) have been passed on to Hockey Australia.

Hook in2 Hockey is about to go into the remote areas of Queensland, giving children in these areas an opportunity to be involved in the program

and linking it with the already successful Hockey Queensland Remote & Indigenous program.

Hockey is now played in Stanthorpe. Their first Hin2H program attracted 25 new players and their co-ordinator Shannon Armbruster is planning on running an indoor comp as a result of the interest generated by Hin2H.

Hockey has also begun in Cloncurry thanks to the efforts of Susan Aitkenhead-Brown. Hin2H hasn't hit "the Curry" yet, but we are hopeful that it will sometime soon.

During a very busy year of International Tournaments, Ambassador Angie Skirving found time to visit Toowoomba, Brisbane, Warwick and Mackay to promote the program and say thank-you to the many people involved in those centres. Of course, the children who were photographed with Angie and her gold medal were very excited with their brush with fame. Sometimes an encounter like that is enough to inspire a child to big things!

We wish Angie and Stephen all the very best for their forthcoming wedding in December and thank Angie for being such a good ambassador for hockey and the program.

Hockey Queensland remains committed to Hook in2Hockey being the entry point to hockey for all new players.

If anyone has any queries regarding running their program in 2007 please don't hesitate to contact me.

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