



Media Release

Fortescue continues support for Roebourne Hockey Carnival

Roebourne, 9 August 2017: The next generation of Australian hockey stars have shown off their skills at the annual Hockey Carnival in Roebourne on 4 August, hosted by Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) and Hockey Australia.

Around 60 students from five schools in Roebourne, Wickham and Karratha joined Olympians and members of the Kookaburras and Hockeyroos Joel Carroll, Des Abbott, Josh Beltz, Matt Fisher, Brooke Peris and Shanea Tonkin at the interschool carnival which capped off 10 weeks of hockey clinics.

Fortescue Chief Executive Officer Nev Power said the Pilbara Community Hockey Program (PCHP) was just one example of Fortescue's long-term partnerships with the Roebourne community.

"At Fortescue, we are committed to building to strong and vibrant communities and are proud to support a program that is working to improve social and educational outcomes for children living in remote communities such as Roebourne," Mr Power said.

"Participation in the hockey clinics allows students to develop their hockey skills and demonstrates the importance of team work and a healthy lifestyle."

Hockey Australia Chief Executive Officer Matt Favier said the continued partnership with Fortescue allowed national players to share their love of hockey, while also making a positive contribution to Pilbara communities.

"We thank Fortescue for their continued support of the program which is encouraging active participation and helping students develop leadership skills and the confidence they need to have a go," Mr Favier said.

Background

Since 2011, Fortescue has partnered with Hockey Australia to deliver the PCHP which provides the opportunity for Australian hockey players and Olympians to visit the Pilbara region to work closely with local communities to promote the sport of hockey.

The PCHP sits under the umbrella of Hockey Australia's National Indigenous Program, which facilitates the delivery of hockey to remote regional Australia.

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