

Five Years of Sports Camp

The ICPA Katherine Branch successfully held its fifth year of Sports Camp, with 90 children from rural and remote NT trying their hand at a range of sports on the 22 – 23 April, in Mataranka, Northern Territory. Kids from Katherine School of the Air, Mataranka State School, Dundee Beach State School and Douglas Daly State School had two days of training and further development of skills with professional coaches that travelled to Mataranka for the camp.



Mikayla Williams from Mataranka State School and Ruby Cronin from Katherine School of the Air

All the children that participated in the Sports Camp are from remote parts of the NT and are not usually able to compete in any team sports. The camp kicked off on Wednesday afternoon with rugby union, with the Katherine Brahmans having a couple of hours of training and drills, finishing off with a game.

Thursday and Friday were broken into 45 minute rounds for the groups, having two sessions with each coach over the two days. gymnastics, rugby league, soccer and basketball were the main sports during the camp. A giant inflatable obstacle course for Thursday being a massive hit with all present, big and small!

A highly competitive part of the two days is the team chant that the groups have to put together and have a “chant off” at the end of the two days. The winning team is chosen by the Sports Coaches, who take the judging very seriously. For 2021 the Fruit Bats were the winner of the chant, the first time in five years they have been crowned the winners!

The Sports Camp follows on from a two day mini-school for Katherine School of the Air students, so it's a fabulous week for



all families. The Katherine Branch cater for the week, keeping the Mums busy in the kitchen.

Sports Camp is a highlight for most children in the Top End. It's a great week to see your mates, catch up with your teachers, play a sport that you may never have tried before and become part of a team. Mrs Kerrie Scott, President of the Katherine Branch, has been the driving force behind the Sports Camp for the whole five years and we thank her for all her hard work and giving our children the opportunity of trying something new.

The Katherine Branch would like to thank all our Sponsors for the camp – Nutrien Katherine, Santos, Rope Gulf Shire, Causeway Produce and Plasson. Thank you to all volunteers and helpers over the two days as, without you, this camp would not be possible.

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Julie Richter, Anna Cronin and Jenny Reid hard at work in the kitchen