



Hockey player dies after snake bite

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A TERRITORY hockey player has tragically died after being bitten by a venomous snake at Marrara Stadium.

Commerce-Pints Hockey Club A-grade captain Karl Berry, 26, picked up what he thought was a python so he could remove it from the hockey complex because children were training nearby.

He then went for a 2km run.

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It is understood he later collapsed.

But St John Ambulance operations manager Craig Garraway said when paramedics arrived Mr Berry was conscious.

"For 10 to 15 minutes we tried to figure out what he had been doing and he mentioned he had removed a snake and put it into bushes," Mr Garraway told the NT News.

"I think he thought it was a python."

But he said when paramedics looked at the bite mark, it was more consistent with a bite from a venomous species.

The NT News understands the snake was a juvenile brown snake.

FULL COVERAGE of this tragedy for the hockey community - and tributes to Karl Berry - in Saturday's NT News

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