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HOPE Project Update – July 2017

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Deadly Recruits Camp

The 2017 Deadly Recruits was held at Tinenburra Station, 16–21 July. The camp was attended by 22 students – nine students from Charleville State High School, eight from Cunnamulla P-12 State School and five from St George State High School. Thirteen adults attended as mentors and support, including Challen Crumblin and Milo Duttie who participated in the inaugural 2014 camp and have since joined the Australian Defence Force. The initial feedback from participants and organisers has been overwhelmingly positive.

2. Local Drug Action Team funding – Cunnamulla

The HOPE Project assisted in the submission of a funding proposal for \$10,000 to form a Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) in Cunnamulla. The proposal sought funding to develop and implement a mentoring program for young people in Cunnamulla. The outcome of the submission will be known by early August. If invited, the Cunnamulla LDAT will then be eligible to apply for further funding of up to \$30,000 for primary prevention activities.

3. Local Drug Action Team – Charleville

The Charleville LDAT, led by the Charleville Police Service was successful in obtaining \$30,000 in the first round of LDAT funding to deliver programs and to complete service mapping of Alcohol and Drug Services for Charleville and surrounding areas. The HOPE Project continues to support the Charleville LDAT and QPS to complete the service mapping work and to plan programs and events.

4. Employment, Education and Training Forums

The HOPE team led the coordination and delivery of Employment, Education and Training forums in Charleville and Cunnamulla in mid-June. The forums attracted a broad range of industry stakeholders and government representatives and a number of ideas and initiatives are being progressed following discussion at the forums.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

5. TAFE Teaching Workshop – 31 July in Charleville and 1 August in Cunnamulla

Following workshops in March 2017, TAFE has reaffirmed its commitment to work with communities in Charleville and Cunnamulla to identify resources and equipment that could be used as training facilities, and local people with skills, qualifications and an interest in becoming teachers.

TAFE is facilitating workshops in Charleville on 31 July and Cunnamulla on 1 August to inform local community members how to gain the skills and qualifications required to become TAFE teachers. The workshop will also provide the communities with an opportunity to understand the opportunities available to them as trainers.

Please contact Bonnie Davidson on 3817 3580 or Bonnie.Davidson@tafe.qld.edu.au for more information.

6. Fabulous Lemon Drops

HOPE has been working with libraries and kindergartens in Charleville, Cunnamulla and St George to arrange visits from children's educational entertainers, the [Fabulous Lemon Drops](#). These visits have been confirmed from late August-early September. Final details will be circulated in the coming weeks.

7. Arts and Cultural activities

The HOPE Project has done some preliminary research into opportunities for arts and cultural activities in Charleville and Cunnamulla. The team is working with a couple of theatres and programs about potentially extending to our communities.

8. Cooking programs

The HOPE Project team is currently working with Queensland Country Women's Association's Country Kitchens program to explore opportunities for their mobile cooking program to visit Charleville.

Questions, comments, ideas or concerns?

Please feel free to contact the HOPE Team at any time!

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