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HOPE Project Update – December 2017

The HOPE Team has spent much of the month preparing for 2018.

We've set plans in motion for a range of programs scheduled to commence early in the year.

The focus in February and March will be on sport and fitness.

- Vicki Wilson will make a return visit mid February to hold netball and coaching clinics in Cunnamulla and Charleville. When she's not running kids around the courts her message will be about resilience, good health and what it takes to make it as an elite sportsperson.
- The QRL will return to Charleville and Cunnamulla late February and run a series of welfare sessions as well as coaching clinics and activities to develop ball skills and game strategies. This program will also involve community events, and will coincide with the Adrian Vowles Cup in Charleville, so there'll be no shortage of footy during the week.
- Olympic basketballer Brian Kerle will bring Australian softball champion and Cunnamulla legend Kelly McKellar along with AFL star player Daryl White to the communities in March. These elite players will run sports clinics, workshops and competitions for students and community members.

The focus will shift to arts and culture in April.

- The first of three 'Gatherings' will take place as part of Bangarra Dance Theatre's youth program, *Rekindling*. This is an intensive dance residency program for secondary school-aged students.

Dance experience is not necessary, only a passion for learning about dance and culture.

[Nominations are now open](#) and young people are encouraged to register for this incredible program.



We'll have more to report on in the new year, but in the meantime, Sue and Miriam from HOPE wish our friends, colleagues and supporters a very happy Christmas and a healthy and bright new year.

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