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communities**

HOPE
Project

HOPE Project Update – April/May 2018

IMPROVING PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

1. Brian Kerle Coaching and Mentoring

THE HOPE Project arranged for Brian Kerle's coaching and mentoring program to be delivered in Charleville and Cunnamulla in early March 2018. This program provided basketball, softball and AFL clinics and competitions delivered by three Australian champions in those sports. The mentors also attending senior English classes working on communication and speech writing. Our thanks go out to 4RR for promoting this program in the community.

The program received well and schools have requested that these types of programs are provided regularly. It is proposed that Cameron Lenard and Darryl White will provide mentorship in Cunnamulla as part of the LDAT Mentoring Matters Program.

2. Mentoring Matters – Cunnamulla

The HOPE Project has worked with the Council, QPS, CACH and the Schools in Cunnamulla to come up with the Mentoring Matters program funded through the Australian Drug Federation. Blue Diamond Youth will start delivery of training to local and external mentors in July.

3. Bangarra – Rekindling Program

Bangarra Dance Theatre's Artistic Director Sidney Saltner and his team returned to Charleville to deliver Rekindling's three 'gatherings' in April/May. 11 Students attended a 3 day camp at Mount Taber which will culminate with a performance for the community on the 25th May in Charleville.

Once again 4RR interviewed Sidney and the team to promote this in the community.

4. Charleville Parkrun

Hope has partnered with a number of community organisations to raise \$5,000 to provide Charleville with their own Parkrun. The funding provides stopwatches, scanners, finish tokens, volunteer vests, first aid kit, HP laptop and sleeve, event manual and software and has been offered to us at a discounted rate because of our rural location.

This is a weekly, free 5km event that runs in 2,700 worldwide. Everyone would be able to participate

IMPROVING EDUCATION, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Murrison on the Move

Dates have been finalised for late May to provide a Learners Licencing program for students and adults in the communities of St George, Cunnamulla and Charleville.

This program has been provided in partnership with RAPAD, HOPE Project and Murries on the Move and was very successful in 2017.

2. Deadly Recruits Camp

Dates are in place for the 2018 camp (24–29 June). This year we're able to extend the camp offering to 30 students: 10 each from Charleville State High School, Cunnamulla P-12 State School and St George State High School.

HOPE is delighted to offer this camp opportunity free of charge to students thanks to the generous financial and in-kind support offered by RESQ, Defence Force Recruiting, Murweh and Paroo Shire Councils, Mr and Mrs Godfrey, the participating schools, CACH, CWAATSICH and the Queensland Police Service.

3. Digi Youth Arts

A team of three from Digi Youth Arts, Alethea Beetson, Lincoln Savage (Brisbane Street Art Festival) and EJ (filmmaker) visited Cunnamulla and met with elders, students and other interested parties in making a number of short stories. HOPE had been negotiating with Digi Arts for nearly 2 years to provide a program for young people that involved film making. The funding was made available through RAPAD and young people will start production in July.

4. Mural Work

An application has been made for Charleville and Cunnamulla to receive funding under the "Where they Stand" (on country) Program. We would work collaboratively with Brisbane Street Arts, Digi Youth Arts, Councils and community on this project. The work should be completed in March next year if successful.

SUPPORTING PLANNED AND INTEGRATED SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

1. District Service Mapping

The HOPE Team has been working with the Queensland Police Service in Charleville and representatives of the Western Queensland Primary Health Network on a comprehensive service mapping activity. Once completed and compiled the data will be available via the 'access my community' app and the website: mycommunitydirectory.com.au.

All HOPE's work involves collaboration with the community, we thank all organisations and individuals who get behind us to help provide programs and initiatives.