

**Building stronger
communities**

HOPE
Project

HOPE Project Update – June / July 2018

IMPROVING PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

1. Move It Murweh

This multi-sport and fitness program was funded by Commonwealth Games Legacy Funding, which HOPE successfully applied for earlier this year. Nine sports: swimming, golf, squash, rugby league, Zumba/yoga, touch, triathlon, basketball and boxing shared the \$40,000 to run events, carnivals and competitions with the aim of encouraging as many people as possible to get active and have fun. Special thanks to those dedicated community members who led the various sporting and fitness events and to Murweh Shire Council for administering the program.

2. Mentoring Matters – Cunnamulla

Paroo Shire Council is progressing the Mentoring Matters program, which has received (Local Drug and Alcohol Team – LDAT) funding through the Australian Drug Foundation. HOPE has assisted 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 from July.

3. Bangarra – Rekindling Program

The Charleville Rekindling Program culminated in a brilliant performance at the Charleville Show Grounds on 25 May. Since then the young dancers have performed their Rekindling repertoire at several community events including during NAIDOC Week in July. The groups has also accepted an invitation to attend Bangarra's Community Night performance of Bangarra's new show *Dark Emu* at Brisbane's QPAC Concert Hall in August. As a special treat, will be escorted backstage to meet the Bangarra dancers and watch them warm up prior to the opening night's performance.

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. Parkrun has been offered to Charleville at a discounted rate (normally it's \$7,500) because of its remote location and resilience during the

drought. Parkrun is free to all participants and involves 5km event held on a Saturday. To date it occurs in 2,700 communities worldwide. Charleville could be 2,701 when it gets up and running in September.

IMPROVING EDUCATION, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Murris 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.