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HOPE

Program

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Sport continues to play an important role in helping us work towards ‘improving the physical, social and emotional wellness of young people’, which is one of HOPE’s strategic goals. We have forged strong partnerships with sporting organisations and coaches who continue to work with us in Charleville and Cunnamulla each year. We see the value of sport in the way it helps build social inclusion and a sense of connection through shared experiences and achievements. It’s also a great vehicle to get kids outside and moving in the fresh air.

Our many sporting programs will continue throughout 2019 but, as you’ll see in the details below, we’re also focusing on music, art, drama and culture for 2019.

Adrian Vowles Cup – HOPE was willing and able to support this fantastic local carnival once again. This year’s event attracted 28 teams comprising around 420 players, including 50 girls, from across the state. We send warm congratulations to Adrian and his team of volunteers for this great effort!

State of Origin Fan Day – The QRL continues to partner with HOPE and this year has accepted our invitation to bring the Queensland State of Origin team to Charleville for Maroons Fan Day on Tuesday 28 May. The players hope to meet as many local people as possible and will be put through their paces at a training session on the footy field. For details, please see the QRL’s [media release](#).

Where We Stand – HOPE supported Digi Youth Arts’ successful funding submission for the *Where We Stand* mural project, which is a community arts initiative where young people create art in response to stories about Country and place. Cunnamulla students created their mural over 10 days in February and Charleville’s turn is scheduled for June.

Desert Pea Media – Students in Cunnamulla are currently working with a creative team from DPM, sharing stories that will form the basis of a song, music video and short film. DPM has a 17-year history of working with Indigenous young people in regional and remote areas using contemporary storytelling techniques and audio-visual media. Grateful thanks to CACH, Paroo Shire Council and Cunnamulla’s Strong Families, Strong Community program for their generous support. We can’t wait to see the final product!

Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre – Late last year HOPE wrote a grant application to Arts Queensland’s Artist in Residence Program seeking \$20,000 to fund a series of physical theatre workshops for Charleville State High. We received the good news in January and workshop 1 is due to commence on Monday 1 April.

Local Drug and Alcohol Team (LDAT) – The HOPE team has worked with Charleville police to apply for additional LDAT funding to support a whole-of-community event. We’re expecting a decision soon and are hoping for good news.