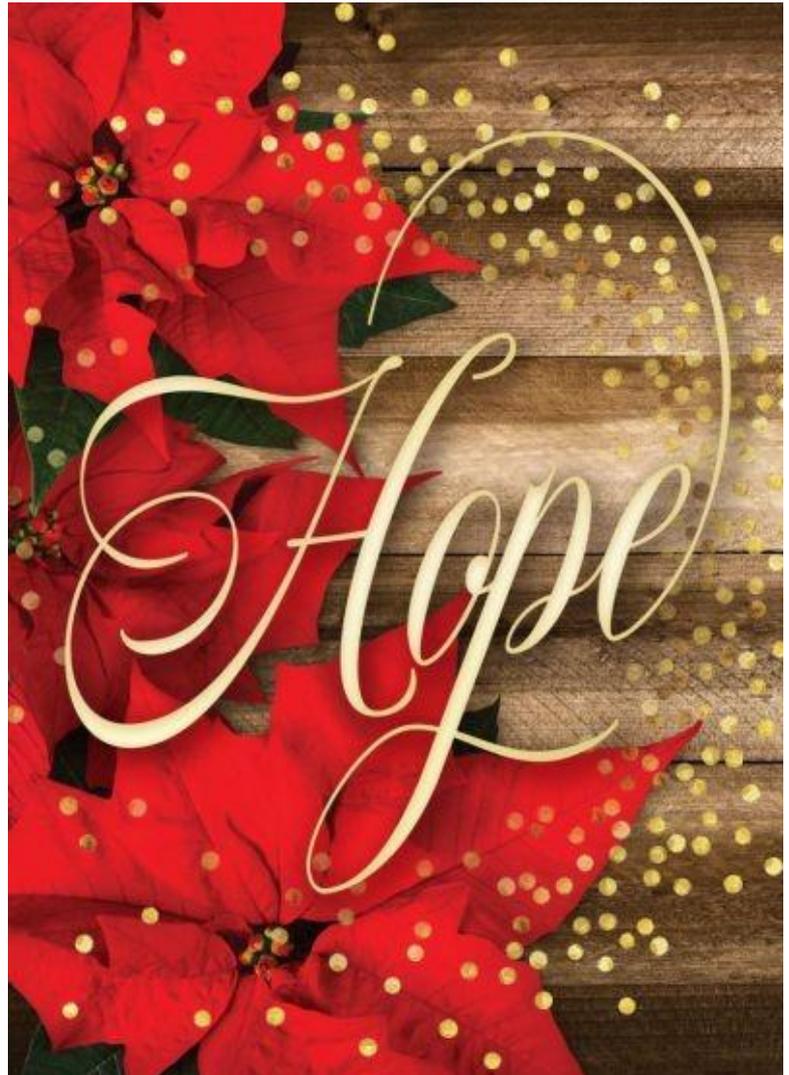




HOPE's Vision:

The communities of Charleville & Cunnamulla work together to provide programs and initiatives that support their young people to lead healthy lifestyles and reach their potential.



Happy Christmas

From Sue, Jenny and Miriam

October – December 2019

HOPE works to meet four goals for young people aged 0 – 25 years

- 1 – Increase education, training and employment opportunities
- 2 – Improve physical, social and emotional wellbeing
- 3 – Improve service integration within the Charleville and Cunnamulla communities
- 4 – Reduce young people's involvement in the youth justice system

Achievements in Q4 2019

Performing Arts / Cultural Programs

- Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre – The fourth and final physical theatre workshop was a brilliant end to Charleville State High School's 2019 Artist in Residence program. While the previous three workshops had been run by one facilitator, this final workshop had two Zen Zen Zo drama teachers on site for a week in October. Nicole Rielly, Zen Zen Zo's Artistic Director also returned to the school as Guest Speaker at the school's 2019 Awards Night in November. HOPE managed to secure this program through an Arts Queensland Grant.



- Inrhythm Drumming Workshop – Students and staff at Cunnamulla P-12 State School and Charleville State School enjoyed joining drumming workshops and participating in performances in October. 
- Graffiti / Mural Activity – The Charleville Skate Park is getting a hip new look thanks to graffiti artist Mark Paddick and a group of local school students. The program is a great opportunity for local youth to develop their artistic skills and contribute to a public facility they value. 
- Bangarra Dance Theatre – The three-year youth outreach ‘Rekindling’ program commenced in Cunnamulla in October. Artistic Director Sidney Saltner and his team met interested students and a group of local Elders for ‘Gathering’ 1 of the Rekindling program. Sidney and his team will return to Cunnamulla for Gathering 2 early in 2020. 

Education, Training and Employment Programs

- HOPE’s annual barista program returned to Charleville and Cunnamulla in November for the fifth consecutive year. School leavers gained coffee-making skills and other selected high school students learned how to prepare and serve a café-style lunch for invited guests. All participants received a Barista Certificate of participation.
- Education Queensland Showcase Awards Gala Dinner – Cunnamulla P-12 State School was a Finalist and Runner-up in the EQ Showcase Rural and Remote Education category. All finalists were featured in short vignette videos on the night – view Cunnamulla’s vignette [here](#). The HOPE Team and SWHHS’s Chief Executive and Board Chair joined Cunnamulla Principal Karen Campbell and a group of teachers and support staff on the night. Congratulations Cunnamulla! 

Sport and Fitness

- Graeme Andrews Parkrun – Launched in Charleville in August, this Saturday morning event continues to attract locals and visitors of all ages. Running, walking, strolling and anything in between is acceptable for this 5km circuit. For all those yet to give it a go, it’s free and it starts at 7 am every Saturday.

Funding and Grants

- Funding the programs and initiatives that our community partners tell us they want often presents a challenge. Therefore, the HOPE team spends considerable time identifying likely funding sources and writing grant proposals. We’re currently waiting to hear about an Arts Queensland ‘Playing Queensland Fund’ proposal to bring Zen Zen Zo to Cunnamulla in 2020.

Planning for 2020

- Planning in Q4 2019 for 2020 included:
 - Supporting the 2020 Adrian Vowles Cup in Charleville (21-22 Feb)
 - Proposing workshop dates for a potential Zen Zen Zo physical theatre residency for Cunnamulla State School (Playing Queensland Fund Program)
 - Confirming and supporting the Bangarra Rekindling Program for Cunnamulla
 - Initial planning and securing dates and facilitators for Deadly Recruits 2020
 - Negotiating the involvement of and funding for multiple sporting / physical fitness programs including Vicki Wilson, QRL
 - Investigating community interest for arts/cultural programs to be delivered in 2020
 - Focussing on employment and training opportunities in consultation with our communities