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Bangarra Rekindling – Charleville State

High students participated in the final stage of this fully-funded three-year program. This week-long workshop coincided with Charleville's NAIDOC celebrations, and the students danced at ceremonies and school assemblies throughout the week, culminating in a stunning performance at CWAATSICH's 25th anniversary dinner.

Bangarra Community Night – The Charleville dancers' hard work was rewarded with a trip to Brisbane to attend Bangarra's Community Night performance of their 2019 show *30 Years of Sixty-Five Thousand* at the Queensland Performing Arts Complex. Grateful thanks to Murweh Shire Council, CWAATSICH and Charleville High School for making this trip possible.



Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre – Workshop

2 went ahead at Charleville State High in June, the second of four workshops funded by a successful Artist in

Residence grant from Arts Queensland. This week-long program culminated in a moving performance piece, *Nine Years of Drought*, which was written and acted by the students.

A valuable addition to this excellent program involved 14 students travelling to Brisbane in August to attend a Zen Zen Zo adaptation of William Shakespeare's tragedy-comedy, *The Tempest*.

Inrhythm Drumming Workshop –



Cunnamulla P-12 State School's students and teachers raised the roof in May when Inrhythm's Tim Orgias and Heath Jeffrey arrived with African drums and rhythms to burn. The week-long workshop was so successful that Inrhythm is returning in September. Their next program will include workshops in Charleville.

Brian Kerle, Daryl White & Kelly McKellar-Nathan –

These three sporting legends returned to Charleville and Cunnamulla in July to deliver a series of basketball, AFL and softball coaching, mentoring and wellbeing sessions. In addition to game skills, they focussed on fitness, sound decision-making and healthy choices. They also joined in with Charleville's NAIDOC celebrations.

Local Drug and Alcohol Team

(LDAT) – HOPE has continued



working with Charleville Q and the Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health (CACH) on community action plans to gain LDAT funding for both communities. We're excited to be supporting the LDAT-funded Charleville Billy Cart Derby, and are awaiting the result of a recent submission for Cunnamulla.

Parkrun – launched in Charleville in Graeme

Andrews park and is fast becoming a popular way for many locals and visitors kick-start their weekend. For all those yet to give it a go, it's free and it starts at 7 am every Saturday morning.

Look for the parkrun banners.



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Deadly Recruits Camp – 24 high school students from Cunnamulla, Charleville, St George, Quilpie and Mitchell gathered at Tinnenburra, outside Cunnamulla, for the 2019 Deadly Recruits Camp. Over six days they hiked, exercised, honed navigation skills and learned how to survive in the bush. Add-ons included health checks, wellbeing sessions and yarning circles. A Cunnamulla P-12 State School initiative, this camp is supported by HOPE, Defence Force Recruiting, Cunnamulla Corporation for Health (CACH), Qld Police Service and a range of other agencies. Four of this year's Deadly Recruits elected to attend ADF aptitude testing in Toowoomba with a view to Defence careers.



Education Queensland Showcase Awards – The Deadly Recruits Camp has proven so successful as a career pathway for students since its inception in 2014 that Cunnamulla P-12 State School has been selected as a finalist for a 2019 Education Qld Showcase Award in the Regional, Rural & Remote category. Winners will be announced at the EQ Showcase Awards Gala dinner on 25 October. Good luck Cunnamulla!

Footy Boots Head West

The efforts and generosity of young Brisbane-based brothers, Harry and Clancy Taske, have seen a huge donation of sporting gear delivered to Charleville, Cunnamulla and Eulo. The boys took to social media and rallied friends at their school and across sporting clubs in their local Brisbane area to seek donations. This led to two pallets of sporting equipment including dozens of footy boots, balls, cricket gear, backpacks, socks, shorts, jerseys and a whole lot more.

Followmont Transport learned about the boys' amazing efforts through the HOPE Program and delivered this large shipment to Charleville and Cunnamulla in July, free of charge – proof that generosity is a gift that keeps on giving.

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. Over the past few months we've done a lot of homework and applied for several grants from a range of agencies, and corporate trusts and foundations. Results pending ...