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SHIRE CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2018

Gatherings across the Shire recorded over 130 local women engaged in a demonstration of outstanding participation in recognising the International Women's Day Events: Press for Progress -2018 which took place in the communities of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri. Each year International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8th. The first International Women's Day was held in 1911.

The three successful events were the outcome of the formation of working groups and quality delivery to community through a committed collaborative of local services with a common goal in mind.

Thousands of events occur to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organisations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day. Partnership of the many services ensured all women participated involved in the games, socialising, receiving service provider information, speeches, brunch and entertainment provided. A special thank you to the Walgett Community College and its hospitality teacher and class for your efforts in Walgett and the many other services who supported the events across the Shire.

The Walgett Shire Council's General Manager Mr Don Ramsland said "such high attendance demonstrates community opportunities are valued by residents as evidenced by the positive outcomes of this event. Council is committed to its core role of developing capacity of community and residents. Council's community development team recognizes, plans, forms partnerships, supports and implements community based initiatives aligning its delivery with the Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027".

In communities a large number of service providers, agencies and organisations working together produced a fabulous morning and opportunity to build relationships, gain information strengthening community values of the vital role women play in society.



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