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### “Outback Youth Festivals” – Youth Week 2022

National Youth Week (NYW) events have been rolled out, across the Walgett Shire, for the past three weeks, in the larger communities of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri. With the programs on offer, being promoted extensively throughout the Shire and on all social media platforms, Council is proud to say that the participation numbers were outstanding with approximately 800 youth, young people, mums and dads and visitors playing a part in a series of welcomed celebration.

The pinnacle events for the Walgett Shire 2022 Youth Week Program was the “*Youth Outback Festivals*” staged over three consecutive days of festivity offered across our Shire.

The Outback Youth Festivals featured the return of our long time partners, the JITA Korean Youth Group, who travelled up from Sydney on 3 buses. The group of 43 young people and 12 adults / leaders offered an amazing display of entertainment, cultural exchanges, traditional dance, live drama skits, group hip hop dances and Korean BBQ at each of the daily events.

The local band JustUs punched out tunes all day long and were supported by renowned stand-up comedian Anthony Lamond who ventured down from Brisbane to participate and offer our young people workshops in comedy performance.

The day was completed with the Mr Whippy van offering free ice creams to all in attendance at each Festival event.

With so many activities and events being conducted during the Walgett Shire’s National Youth Week celebrations, Council’s Community Development team will complete a full round up of engagement and outcomes to be released in the next few weeks.

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