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EMBARGO:

Walgett Shire communities celebrate NAIDOC Week 2022!

“Congratulations to services & agencies”

GET UP- STAND UP- SHOW UP

NAIDOC Week 2022 has been delivered across our Shire with successful outcomes regardless of the many hurdles of wet weather and postponed events. In all three larger communities Council invited all local services to play a part and contribute to festivities. Council staged several planning meetings offering ample opportunities for organisations that wanted to be involved to come along and share their ideas and plans in making NAIDOC 2022 a week to enjoy. The planning groups representing separate communities, worked on offering engaging opportunities for all ages with the success a direct outcome of group decisions from NAIDOC planning committees in each community.

The week kick started with Council supporting the Lightning Ridge Hospital opening ceremony on the Sunday with many locals attending. The following Monday the official opening was conducted with dignitaries, local guest speakers and cake cutting ceremony. All communities offered a series of Community Celebration Days with live entertainment, lunch and refreshments, guest speakers, prizes and giveaways, popcorn, PCYC games, Dance Group performances and service provider information for attendees and more. Youth focused events included Discos, Movie Nights and a Feel Good Friday event across the Shire. The community events encouraged the participation of residents in coming together to celebrate the oldest living continuous culture on our planet.

Council’s Community Development team member, Mr Josh Ruttley said, “It is positive to see organisations continue working together for a successful program, developed by many, and I hope that the services which were unable to play a role in events will be sure to join in the collaborative delivery next year.”

Mr George McCormick , Manager Community Development said, “a huge thank you to the services, organisations and agencies that continually get up, stand up and show up when opportunities arise in supporting educating and showcasing our communities. Without the support and partnerships of those groups these events would never be so successful. Collaboration and planning is what makes for successful delivery and we sincerely thank those who partnered with us all.”

As a sign of appreciation Council is designing a certificate of appreciation with pictures of NAIDOC 2022 from around the Shire for those supporting services, organisations and agencies to display. Council wishes to extend a sincere thanks to the following organisations and agencies who worked in collaboration across communities to deliver a memorable program for the betterment of our community: Walgett Aboriginal

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Medical Service, Mission Australia, Police & ACLO's, Mackillop Services, Fire Brigade, Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council, TAFE, Collarenebri Aboriginal Community Working Party, Royal Flying Doctors, Wellways, Lightning Ridge Aboriginal Community Working Party, Collarenebri Land Council, Wirringahs Womens Group. R.E.D.D.I. Dunns Ice-cream, Live Better, RARAMS, Lightning Ridge Hospital, Bi-Rite, Walgett Newsagency, Masons Productions, PCYC Walgett, Lightning Ridge Community Church, Storm Co, Just-Us Band, Ducky Dennis Entertainment and Walanbaa Dhurrali- Aboriginal Child & Family Centre.

Series of NAIDOC pics following:

For further information

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