

Strong Families Strong Community



Presentation Outline

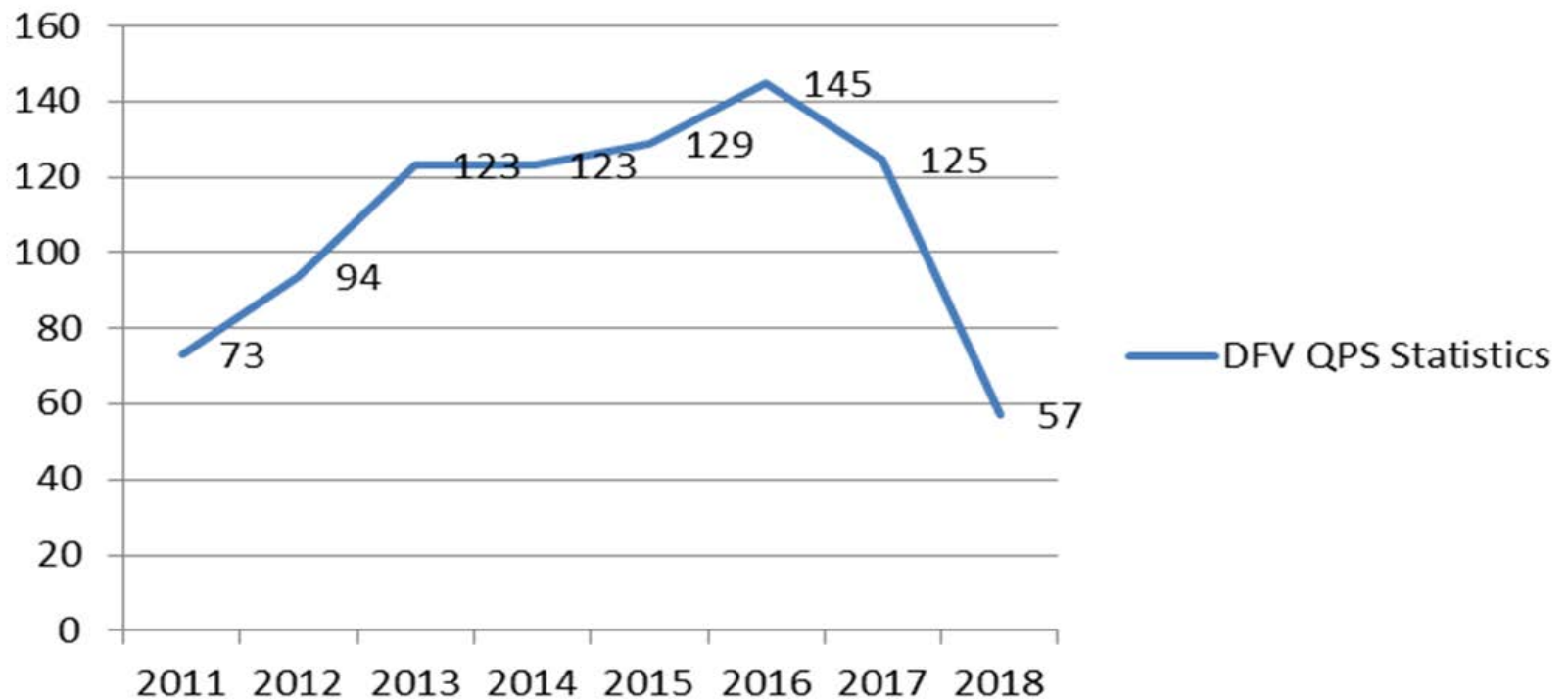
- What is Strong Families Strong Community
- Our Partners
- What we actually did
- Program Outcomes

Collaborative whole of community approach

- Paroo Shire Council
- Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health (CACH)
 - Deadly Choices
 - Social & Emotional Well Being
- Far West Domestic & Family Violence Service
- Cunnamulla Police
- Regional Employment Service Qld (RESQ)
- Cunnamulla P-12 State School
- HOPE Project

Local DFV QPS Statistics

Statistics 2011 to October 2018



Delivery of the SFSC Program

1. Men's Group
2. Women's Group
3. Mentors Group
4. Youth Programs

Cultural Reflections Program – Men on Country



Men's Group developed a Cultural Action Plan



Talking about men's issues



When we work together, we can
make a change



Men's Group watching movies that reflect working together to make change



Men on Country



Remnants of cattle yards hand-built with Aboriginal labour in the 1930s



Visiting traditional sites walking respectfully on each others land



Men on Country being shown traditional artefacts



Traditional cutting tool



Cultural advisor talking to the men about how plants were used



Men yarning on the Bulloo River fishing trip



The Men's Group learn about the SMART Program run by Drug-Arm



Women's Circle



How the Women's Circle works

- Check-in at the start of each session
 - Who I am
 - How I am feeling
 - What I want to get out of today
- Check-out at the end of each session
 - How I am feeling now
 - What sort of day did I have

Telling our stories through art and craft



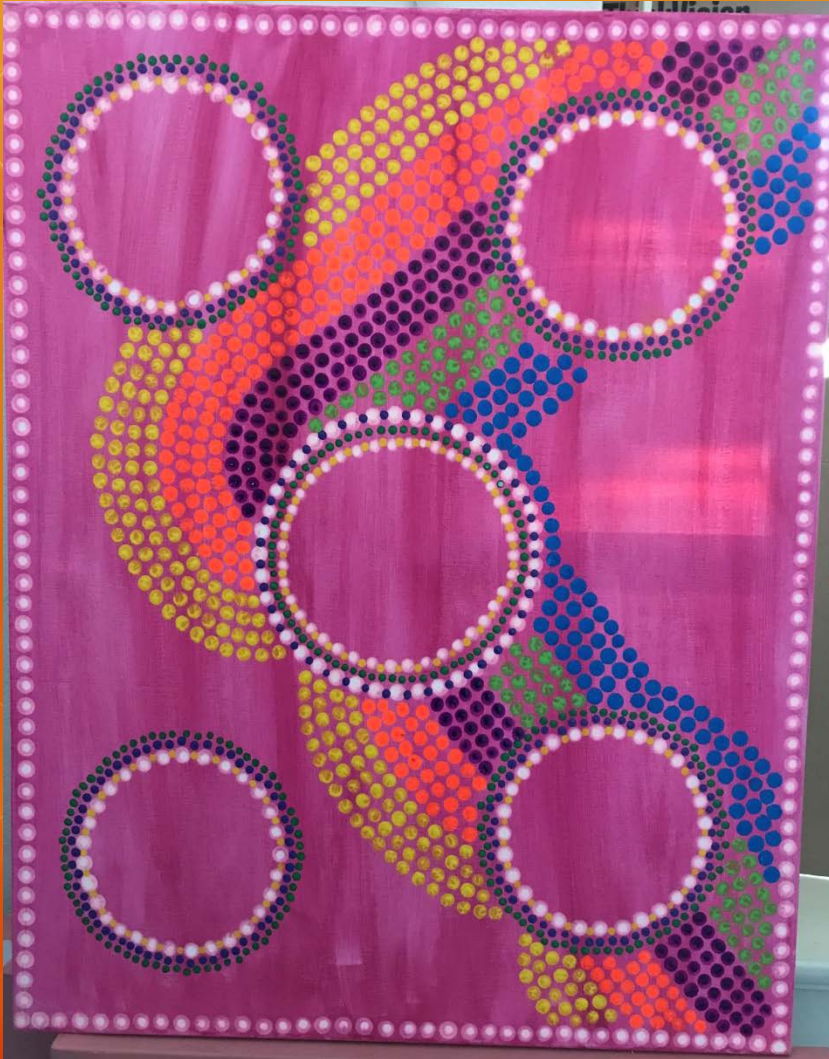
Working on a family story



The family story continues



Works in progress



Everyone's welcome



Mentors Group in the Yarning Circle



Using Engoori to develop a Cultural Action Plan

Cunnamulla Mentors Group – CAP March 2018

Heritage Values	Behaviours (Culture)	Rituals and Traditions
Courage	Everyone contributes with positive body language	Holding up 'Perceptual Positioning' poster at beginning of every meeting & placing it in the middle of the circle
Respect	To speak one's mind comfortably	
Encouragement	Active, patient listening without interruption, and encouraging their story	Hold up social process poster too
Humour	Inviting or questioning for participation	Using a talking stick in circle conversations
Active listening	Share and encourage laughter	Poster of our values in middle of circle for every meeting
Presence	Turning up regularly to catch ups	After a while reflect on values
Experience	Introducing and exploring ideas and language pathways	Weekly catch-ups

Aim of the Mentors Group

- help our community to become stronger through developing positive and healthy relationships
- provide mentoring from within the community to families, young people and students including working with the schools to address issues as they occur

Youth Programs

- Re-engagement Centre Yarning Circle
- Desert Pea Media song and video
- Cosentino visit in August 2019

Re-engagement Centre Yarning Circle



Desert Pea Media

- 15/20 Students from Cunnamulla State school wrote a song for the community and participated in a video.
 - The song is called “Ripple Effect” and was a product of the young people. “It’s their words, it’s their ideas and their story.” This Desert Pea Media project involved a dialogue-based storytelling process that encourages participants to analyse “the real’, ‘the ideal’ and the ‘bridge’ with students thinking about how to create positive change for themselves, for each other and for the community.
 - The launch is on 23rd May – look for it on You-tube

Outcomes

- Substantial reduction in DFV in Cunnamulla
- No repeat offenders participating in our programs
- Waiting list for new participants
- We have been contacted by other organisations wanting to partner with us

Questions

