



MEDIA RELEASE

Collaborating to Empower Youth in Hope Vale

Keithan Bowen from the Apunipima Wellbeing Centre team recently organised a “Youth Empowerment” Camp for youth from twelve to seventeen (12-17 y.o.).

For five days during the school holidays, (24 - 28 September 2018), local youth gathered at the Billy Boil Camp, a venue which was generously provided by Lawrence Gibson.

Ashleigh Oberleuter and Laken Pearson from the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Youth Support Team were amongst a number of volunteers from community assisting with the camp.

Council’s Youth Support Team members provided support and engaged with young people to discuss a number of issues facing youth in the Hope Vale community such as substance abuse, fitness and health, and the impact of negative behaviours.

Kerry-Lee Bird, Council’s Social Services Director said the camp was very successful with attendees developing an awareness and understanding of some of the broader problems in the community.

“Activities allowed attendees to work together and display a more cohesive attitude towards problem solving, as well as a way to discuss issues in a safe environment,” Ms Bird said.

Steve Linnane, Council’s Chief Executive Officer thanked Apunipima for organising the Camp and said that Council will play some of the interviews conducted with youth during the camp on Hope Vale Radio in the coming week.



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