SHINE for Kids NAIDOC Week grant announced

Member for Cootamundra, Katrina Hodgkinson MP today announced funding for SHINE for Kids’ NAIDOC Week event.

Katrina said NAIDOC Week, which will run from 5-12 July, is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate Aboriginal culture.

Gloria Larman CEO of SHINE for Kids said that the money received would be used for workshops for Aboriginal incarcerated parents and their children, with activities designed to honour the sacred essence of life and the importance of connection to country. The workshops will be held at the Junee Correctional Centre on Tuesday, 7 July 2015.

“We really appreciate the support provided by the NSW Government for our event. NAIDOC is so important to our community and this event will help us celebrate it together,” said Ms Larman.

Katrina said that the grant would foster community involvement in NAIDOC by both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members of the Electorate.

“NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to come together and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture,” Katrina said.

In 2015, the NSW Government has provided $125,000 to support over 100 NAIDOC Week events across the State.

The national NAIDOC theme for 2015 is – ‘We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate’. This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. For more information, see www.naidoc.org.au

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