



Shawn and Steen.



Jimmy and Jomen.



Ernest and Philemon.



Michael, Marietta and Peter.



Analise and Andrewena.



Baressa and children.



Gabriel, Lionel and Patrick.



Ruth and Margie.



Joyce and Jenny.



Kerry-Anne and Flora.



Lima and Alstan.



Melissa, Ana and Samantha.

Future Napranum leaders recognised

FOLLOWING a two-day “Develop with Dignity” workshop the State Government has officially recognised 30 up-and-coming leaders in Napranum community, culminating with the presentation of awards at a gala event held on Friday night.

The Assistant Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs David Kempton, who attended Friday night’s celebration, said the government was committed to ensuring Aboriginal communities are given a choice about their future with greater opportunities for community growth and economic development.

“We need to listen to these communities and recognise their achievements,” he said.

Each workshop participant completed an assessment of personal values and identification of life skills, leading to improved further educational and employment opportunities, and greater participation and retention in the workforce.

The “Develop with Dignity” initiative is a whole of community change program which brings together community leaders, commerce, government and service providers and has been fundamental to the development of the Napranum 10-Year Community Plan.

This unique initiative has



Participants in the “Develop with Dignity” celebrated with an awards ceremony at the Napranum PCYC on Friday night. More than 200 people attended the event.



Cairns band ‘Soldier’ had the community rocking out at Friday night’s event.

been developed in partnership with Dynamic Exchange.

The program further provides young people with the opportunity to make a positive and practical contribution to their local community.

“It’s important that all people have a voice in their community and today’s celebrations recognise the achievements of this remarkable group” Mr Kempton said.

As one participant said “the tools we have gained from this

program will benefit our transition into a future with limitless potential”.

The Mayor of Napranum, Philemon Mene summed up by saying “Thank you Napranum for finding it in your heart to celebrate our young leaders capability program tonight.

“The program was a big encouragement to the participants as the last day brought many of us to tears - including me.”

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