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***Communities for Children* a resounding success**

Around 3,000 people attended the fun-packed Kids at Heart Festival held in Dubbo on Saturday, October 25, a major event within the *Communities for Children* initiative.

A highly successful day was capped off with *Communities for Children* receiving the **Orana Regional Award for Community Service** at an evening award ceremony in Bourke. Judges felt *Communities for Children* met the criteria for the regional Community Owned Business and Government Services Award by demonstrating a significant impact since its inception, noting the diverse ways in which the team have been able to meet the aims of the project; the networks and partnerships that have been developed; the commitment and flexibility required in making *Communities for Children* work in each local community; and the energy and enthusiasm for the project.

Recently also awarded the **Community Owned / Government Award** at the Narromine High Flyers Business Awards, the *Communities for Children* initiative has been recognised for providing outstanding community services and support. Part of the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy funded by the Australian Government, *Communities for Children* is operated in partnership with Centacare for Dubbo, Narromine and Wellington Shires.

For further information on *Communities for Children* contact Centacare on 02 6851 6936.