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Hundreds Turn Out for Yarn Up

On 7 May 2009 Centacare and SNAICC hosted the Yarn Up About Our Little Kids event in Dubbo as one of the many exciting activities under Centacare's *Communities for Children* initiative.

It was a fantastic opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and local service providers to meet and learn from each other.

SNAICC's Julian Pocock and Angelique Davis contributed presentations and an information stall, while everyone enjoyed music by songman Johnny Huckle and a motivational speech by two-time Olympian and Centrelink Ambassador Kyle Vander-Kuyp.

Funded by the Australian Government under the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy, *Communities for Children* aims to improve outcomes for children aged 0-5 through supporting the following:

- healthy young families
- early learning and development
- creation of child-friendly communities
- families and parenting
- family and children's services working effectively as a system

The Australian Government's decision to work with communities directly to deliver programs for children aged 0-5 is a new approach embracing community partnerships, consultation and collaboration.

Centacare facilitates the *Communities for Children* initiative in the Central West NSW towns of Dubbo, Narromine, Trangie and Wellington, and sub-contracts a number of Community Partners to provide services in support of families and children.