



CatholicCare
Social Services

CatholicCare Social Services to open “Yarning Circle” as part of NAIDOC Celebrations

CatholicCare Social Services’ has recently completed a landscaping project to create a Yarning Circle feature in the grounds at The Shrine. The Yarning Circle has been an important part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait cultures and is used as a means for interaction, relationship building and culture preservation. CatholicCare is hoping to harness this useful communication tool as part of the Future Families Program.

Future Families has been working with the indigenous community for the last 9 months supporting families who are dealing with conflict. The program has funded the creation of the Yarning Circle with the intent that it will be used by clients to help share their stories in a comfortable setting. It is also thought that the Yarning Circle will be a helpful tool for Murri Court work, as well as other general indigenous clients to do some family journey work.

“At CatholicCare we work with diversity in creative ways that are inclusive and open.” Said CatholicCare Director Kate Venables, “I’m really excited to see the addition of the Yarning Circle as a resource for our mediators to draw on to help clients.”

What: Official opening of the Yarning Circle

When: Wednesday, 27/6/18 at 3:00pm an opening ceremony will be held followed by a community celebration

Where: The Shrine, 502 Ruthven St, Toowoomba

Who:

Kate Venables, Director, CatholicCare Social Services
Zoe, Team Leader, Family Relationship Centre
Bishop Robert McGuckin, Catholic Bishop of the Toowoomba Diocese
David Janetski, Member for Toowoomba South
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