



Miss Walgett Showgirl 2009

Brianna Dennis

Brianna Dennis is 21 years of age. She has grown up in Walgett since she was 3 years old and attended St Joseph's School in Walgett before she went to Boarding School in Sydney. Brianna competed and excelled in athletics and her current sporting interests are playing touch football, Auz Tag and watching the Olympic Athletics.

Brianna has recently graduated from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Leisure and Health and is currently working for MacKillop Rural Community Services as a Youth Worker.

Brianna runs the Reconnect program in Walgett, working with youth 12-18 years and their families. The main purpose of the program is homelessness prevention by supporting youth in becoming involved in education, training, community and their families.



with proud mum Joann

Brianna Dennis



Brianna entered the Miss Showgirl competition to inspire other young indigenous women of the community and show them it is okay to be a walanbaa (strong), guyaa (proud) and confident Gamillaroi woman. She has found being Miss Walgett Showgirl an enhancing experience.

Initially there were four contestants. All girls attended a 15 minute private interview with three judges. Questions asked were: where do we see ourselves in the future, information about Walgett Shire and current affairs.

Once Brianna was announced the winner she attended a Personal Development Course in Dubbo, and there she met some other contestants for the Show Girl competition.

The next part of the competition was going to zone finals in Guyra. The girls attended another 15 minute interview with a panel of three judges. They also attended a lunch where they were judged on deportment and etiquette. A public ball was held that evening and Brianna, and the other contestants completed a 2 minute on-stage interview.

The competition was very tough and Brianna did not make it through to the next level which was the Sydney Royal Easter Show finals. The zone judges explained that she brought them to tears in her interview and that they were really impressed.

Brianna was asked to make a motivational speech in Sydney in front of the Finalist Show Girls and rural achievers. The main purpose of the speech was to enlighten the group about social justice issues through telling Brianna's story about growing up in Walgett.

Brianna was very honoured to speak to the group.

Brianna's future goal is to go back to university and study Psychology and Management and/or Law. From this she hopes to become a clinical psychologist and make a difference for Indigenous health by involving herself in mental health policy development.

WAMS were pleased to sponsor Brianna in recognition of her community achievement.

The Walgett community is very proud of Brianna's achievements, not only in the Miss Walgett Showgirl Competition, but also in the community of Walgett.



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