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keeping arts alive in shark bay

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The month of August has been a hive of creation at the Shark Bay Arts Council Shed. Cynamon Aeria has travelled from Margaret River to be an artist in residence in Denham, weaving her magic and sharing her skills amongst our community.

Return to 1616 - a Department of Parks and Wildlife project, is focussed on recreating the natural landscape of Dirk Hartog Island from that time. To raise awareness of the project and the many unique fauna involved they initiated this fabulous community arts project. People have learnt about the complexities of feral removal and the commitment involved in re-introducing small mammals to the island. We have come to know the twelve species they no longer all look like brown furry animals! Instead we look at each species with its unique snout shape, body size, tail length and type and fur markings.

Learning through the arts has been fun for kids and adults alike!

Cynamon visited each class at our school and the students have created gorgeous and unique mammals, which will be exhibited during the Dirk Hartog Festival in October. One little critter looked to be wearing a West Coast Eagles jumper although we won't hold that against him!

It's been super to have our "Shed" come alive with the presence of Cynamon and people feeling welcomed to drop by and see what's going on. Classes have been held twice a week, with people making baskets and mats - from a range of materials. The Community project sessions are completing large-scale versions of animals which will really set the scene in October.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to these pieces and a big thank you to Cynamon for her month in the Bay.

The funding provided by the Dept. Parks and Wildlife has ensured the use of great materials for the classes and the provision of an expert weaver for the month. It's been an excellent working relationship between the Arts Council and Parks and Wildlife and we look forward to future partnerships.

One more week before Cynamon leaves, so come on down to the Shed (behind the Community Resource Centre) and have a look!



Shark Bay Inscription Post - September 2016



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Moda 1616

Workshops to create Dutch influenced fashion accessories.

Each Thursday for the month of September from Thursday September 8th

Join us when you can & have a play with linen & lace!

@ the Arts Council Shed behind the CRC



