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# May visit **BALGO**

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## *May 2022*

### *Camp with Ngururrpa Rangers to Yagga Yagga*

Sarah from Camera Story was invited out to Yagga Yagga to help teach the Ngururrpa Rangers how to document their work on country using photography and video.

Clare from EPWA supported the workshop. The women learnt how to take images, record sound, interview each other and edit videos using IPADS and DSLR cameras. We discussed the different kind of stories which can be recorded and considerations when sharing stories. Cultural knowledge and stories can be recorded to share with young women.

We also spoke about the importance of documenting stories to share the 'caring for country' work the rangers do.

Kathryn, Monica and Gina led the trip and we visited lots of places near Yagga Yagga. The older women Sadie and Maree shared stories of important Country.

Yagga Yagga is about 87 kms from Balgo and takes about two hours travel on an unsealed road.

## Yagga Yagga



### *Recording Stories*

The women learnt how to interview each other about their country and their work as rangers.

Newly acquired skills:

- Microphone set up
- Basic sound recording
- Checking sound levels
- Asking interview questions

The women had lots of opportunity to practice talking in front of the camera and got more confident each time.

### *Photography*

This is a group photograph visiting caves near Yagga Yagga. The caves are an important culture site, home to rock art. Everyone returned to Balgo relaxed after a few days in the bush.

The women learnt how to use DSLR cameras and iPads to capture video. They explored framing, composition and portrait and landscape photography.



## Balgo

### *Leadership at Piriwa*

The workshop back in Balgo focused on strengthening the governance of Piriwa and the operations of the Op shop and enterprise hub.

The leadership team is Kathryn Njamme, Vanessa Hector, Vanessa Nelson, Alison Gill. Along with help from many other volunteers who sort donations and help open up the Piriwa Op Shop each week. Alison is very keen to create more bush medicine products. The women spoke about the challenges of accessing cars to go bush and collect plants.

Kathryn manages the Op Shop and also works with EPWA as a local enterprise facilitator leading women to use their skills in the arts and bush medicine and cooking.

Kathryn is also on the leadership team for the Ngururrpa rangers.

Below is group photo of everyone on the camp.





## Sea Container & Mural Update

Piriwa has received a funding agreement from GMACC and Mary Ward International and FRRR for renovations of the two shipping containers provided by Wirimanu for Piriwa op shop and Enterprise hub to have a permanent home.

Piriwa will lease the containers from Wirrimanu. The final details of the lease are being arranged.

Sarah from Camera Story is working with artists at Piriwa and senior artists at Waryirti Art Centre to create a mural using paint and photography. This trip we planned what kind of images would be used on the sea container and also what stories could be represented on the art mural and which artists wanted to contribute to the project.

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**Next Visit to Balgo; Septembe 9th to September 16th**



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