APRIL VISIT Balgo

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Enterprise Partnerships WA (EPWA) hosted an week long enterprise workshops at the Trade Training Centre. The week also consisted of country day trips with Warlaryirit Art Centre and Anglicare.

Kathyrn Njamme works as a contractor with EPWA to engage young women in the workshops and to lead enterprise exploration in the community.

Across the week the workshops focused on:

- Women's Leadership in Business;
- The Piriwa Op Shop move;
- Experimenting with Bush Products;
- Collecting and creating bush products.
- Training of women in the sales point for Piriwa Op shop
- Photography workshops

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Photoshoot with Anglicare

Broome based organisation, Camera Story joined EPWA to deliver photography workshops to members of the community.

A group of young women took to the camera naturally. Manual functions of the camera were explored and the young women built capacity and confidence both behind and in front of the camera lens.

Photo shoot at the Pound

Newly taught skills were put to the test on Country where young women and young people modelled and photographed hand painted, silk scarf made by Warlaryirit Artists. The workshop had a focus on using photography for business and social media.







Vanessa Training at Op Shop/Sorting New Donations

Vanessa Hector was trained in using the point of sales system and opened the Piriwa Op Shop this week. Piriwa Op Shop is part of the Remote Op Shop Project across the NT and WA.

Piriwa Op Shop now has a new address for donations; Private Mail Bag 8 via Halls Creek 6770.

The women use the profits as a collective to purchase equipment needed for bush products and also to assist with food and fuel to go out on country trips.





Bush Medicine

Tossie and Gracie are keen to show the younger women, how to make bush medicine. The Piriwa Shed has a great space for experimenting and making bush products. The women have made bush soap and bush lip balm.

This week Tossie, Gracie, Jane, and Cathy went with EPWA to collect plants from the surrounding country to make bush medicines. These are to share with community members if they are cold sick or have skin sores. The bush medicines where then taken to the clinic for storage.









Bush Medicine Process

Sunset with Latoya

Latoya has a passion for photography and was able to have one-to-one mentoring with Sarah at sunset at the lookout.

Sarah and Latoya took a closer look at the manual functions of a DSLR camera. Playing with shutter speed and aperture, they looked at the creative effects of portraiture in low light.

Gracie and Tossie led the making of bush medicine at the shed. The women made Tjiparri and Yapalinga to supply to family and community when they are cold sick or have sores.



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Bush Trip

On Sunday Sarah and Tom (the linguist) went on a bush trip with some women from Mulan and the Art Centre. They drove out to Mulan Creek and set up camp. Led by Kathryn Njamme, the group cooked roo tails, damper, and made tea.

There were lots of conversations about the future of Piriwa and moving the op shop to a new, independent location.



Bush Trip cont.

While roo tails were cooking, the ladies ventured down to the lake for some photography lessons. Melissa and Kathryn were particularly interested in how the camera worked. The women photographed the surrounding landscape and took portraits of each other.

On the way back to camp, the group stopped to collected straw for weaving and plants for bush soaps.

They did try to find Goanna although, there was none to be found.



Next Visit; June 18th -June 24th

Thank you to everyone who supported this workshop; Anglicare, EKJP and Warlayirti Arts and Wirrumanu Corporation. Also thanks to the customers of Piriwa Op Shop! Let the women know what items you would like to buy and we can get them to the community.

We will be back in the community in April 19th to 26th. Sarah from Camera Story will continue to teaching photography skills for business and how to use social media for business.



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