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October Visit Balgo

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EPWA hosted workshops at the Trade Training Centre all week and lots of community members dropped in to see what was happening.

Kathryn Njamme worked with EPWA to engage young women in the workshops, along with Trina from EKJP.

Across the week the workshops focused on:

- Developing the Piriwa Op Shop
- Experimenting with Bush Products
- Exploring ideas for activating the community economy via small pop-up cafes and cooking.

EPWA will return to Balgo in November to continue working with the community to support the women with the emerging enterprise ideas.

The women made colourful tie dye shirts and sold these at the Op Shop. One idea is to use some of the Op Shop profits to buy more cotton t-shirts and dye as they were a popular selling item.

The Piriwa Op Shop

The Op Shop opened on Thursday with women helping to sort donations and also to price clothes. Kathryn and Trina also showed other women how to use the 'Square' device to sell clothes and keep sales records.

The women spoke about wanting a team to run the community op shop and the need for more donations of popular items like sheets/towels and children's clothes.

Dulcie, Helen and Gracie were there as soon as the doors to Piriwa opened!

The collective profits from the sales of donated items are being saved to make the Piriwa Op Shop business strong. There are ideas to use the profits for community or cultural activities. On Monday we had the elder women to lunch in the shed to discuss the progress of the Op shop and how the women are working together.

Piriwa Op Shop is a member of the Remote Op Shop Project and donations are sent via Australia Post from across Australia.



Healthy Cooking and Catering Workshop

Young women joined in for a catering workshop in the Trade Training Centre commercial kitchen.

The group learnt about food safety and discussed ideas for cooking and selling healthy food in the community. Leah from Boab Health provided a 'Ninja Noodles' recipe.

The women also learnt about the 'Money Story' for the product, pricing the ingredients and deciding how much the meal could sell for in the community. Some young women want to make snack items to sell to families at the pool too.





Bush Trip

A few young women learnt how to make bush soap and then experimented with labels and packaging. Latoya made this package pictured.

The group spoke about how a logo can represent culture and the story behind the soap.

Megan visited from Mulan with her Mum Shirley and also spoke about her passion to make more bush medicine products.

Kirstie spoke about everything her grandmother Dulcie had taught her and how she would like to spend more time learning from her.

On Sunday EPWA and Anglicare supported a bush trip with elders and some young people. We went to the dam for lunch and then looked for different bush medicine to use in bush products. Tossie is pictured here with wild lemongrass. The lemongrass is infused with oil and will be used during the next workshop in November.



Next Visit

Thanks to everyone who supported this workshop and to EKJP for funding EPWA to hold enterprise workshops in Balgo.

The young women spoke about how good it felt to come and make something and spend time learning new things.

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.

Next Trip is Tuesday November 3rd to Tuesday November 10th Clare Wood and Natasha Short, Director of Kimberley Birds. This trip will focus on women, leadership, mentoring and what has been achieved in 2020 and the hopes and aspirations for 2021.



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