From Little Things Big Things Grow

Yarrenyty-Arltere Artists

Yarrenyty-Arltere Learning Centre • Larapinta Valley Town Camp • Alice Springs
Overview

- Before and Now
- The Journey 2000-2010
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- Yarrenyty Arltere Artists (short film)
Before and Now
From the Grass Roots…

Who asked for the centre?

- The Young people who were serious ‘sniffers’

- The Community who were desperate to see changes in their lives and the lives of their kids
2000 – 2010: The Journey
Training and education

“Own this place”

2002
Art committee 2010
First project: ‘restoring the park 2000’
“Think about what to make instead of thinking bad things”
2002

“Want kids to grow up strong and go to school”
“Learn together slowly”
Early work: exhibition at Gondwana Gallery, Alice Springs

2003
Keeping culture strong
“Helps get families together in good way”

“Talking not fighting”
“Feel good to work together with family”

“Share stories”
2008

“I gave up drinking because I wanted to do art”
“Constance is really happy that she is working with me. 2 sisters together. We like to work together, I always work with family. Before I worked at Tjuwampa with family. Feel happy to go to work.”
Celebrating achievement: End of year awards and Christmas party

2004
“Place to work to make money”

Celebrating achievement: The annual YALC Art Exhibition
Annual YALC Art Exhibition – various years
Social inclusion: art enterprise work
“Save money to buy things for kids and money in bank for later”
“Make us strong for our thinking and our bodies”
Achievements

The art enterprise has:

- Increased pride & self esteem
- Increased confidence and well being
- Healing from grief and trauma
- Strong role modelling, community leadership and family strengthening
- Improved governance, decision making, engagement
- Improved financial and living skills
- Improved economic access and employment
- Improved social inclusion
Achievements

Winner of 2 major awards at the Alice Springs Wearable Arts Awards 2009
Children: The future

“Grow up strong kids”
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