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Ernabella Arts Inc.

Purpose of this publication: State & Commonwealth governments, Community Councils, local businesses and service providers with information on current South Australian Government initiatives.

Partnership: Indigenous Business Australia, Anangu Arts & Culture Aboriginal Corporation & Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Final product ready to be exhibited

Arts practice is integral to the social and economic wellbeing of many Indigenous communities. In 1948 a mission run craft room was established at Pukatja which in 1974 became incorporated as Ernabella Arts Inc. It is one of the longest running Indigenous art centres in Australia. Over the life of the centre artists have explored many mediums, including batik, printmaking and woodcarving, and have established a national and international reputation.

Ceramics production is a relatively new activity at Ernabella Arts. It has been strongly supported by the women artists as it has provided an opportunity for young men to participate in the work of the centre. A joint initiative between the State Government and Indigenous Business Australia, the project enabled two Anangu men, Hudson Alison and Ngunypjima (Jason) Carroll, to learn how to make and fire ceramic ware. The two trainees, aged in their early twenties, receive on-the-job training as well as support from Regional TAFE.



Ceramic technicians and artists at work



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Ernabella Designs

DVD production

A DVD was produced in 2006, titled Walka Tjunanyi 'Mark making in a contemporary world' - Ceramic and contemporary design from the artists of Ernabella Arts Inc. The DVD production highlights the skills of the artists and craftspeople at Ernabella Arts.

Recent exhibition 'Heartland/Homeland'

In December 2006, 'Heartland/Homeland' a ceramics exhibition by Ernabella Arts Inc. was held at the Jam Factory.

Future Exhibitions

In March 2007, pieces will also be displayed at the Sydney Powerhouse Museum's Design and the handmade: the crafts between art and industry international symposium.

Ernabella ceramics will be available for purchases from the 16th April 2007 onwards, at the Flinders University Art Museum's City Gallery, State Library, North Terrace, Adelaide.

Other retailers of Ernabella ceramics & prints:
Alice Springs Gallery Gondwana Todd Street, Darwin
Nomad Gallery - Parap NT, Australian Dreaming Art Gallery - Melbourne, Indigenart - Subiaco - Perth, Australian Museum Shop - Canberra, Mogo Raw Art and Blues -Mogo NSW, Ann Gallery - Surrey Hills, Sydney.



Ceramic Technicians loading the kiln

Artists from Amata participating in a 2 day ceramic familiarisation workshop



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