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Community artists share 'One Dream'

Paintings that give poetic reference to childhood, rural life, personal journeys and honouring elders will be featured in a new exhibition at The Courthouse in the ArtGeo Complex, Busselton.

Titled, *Keyen Koondarm*, which is Noongar for 'one dream', the exhibition of contemporary portrait and object paintings was created by Busselton community members during Community Arts Network's (CAN) visual art workshops.

"The art sessions were inspired by CAN's Bush Babies project which explores birthing stories and connection to country. The artists worked personal narratives into their paintings by drawing on family photos and their diverse creative backgrounds of visual arts, poetry and doll-making," said CAN Chief Executive Officer Jo Metcalf

The exhibition name, *Keyen Koondarm - One Dream*, was chosen in reference to the group coming together to create and being together as one.

"For me, it means we are all one, same dream, together," said exhibiting artist Tessa Grimshaw.

For another artist, Jenny Hill, the exhibition has given her the chance to honour her late Grandmother Alice Nannup.

"I wanted to paint a pelican because that's my grandmother's totem. She was a proud woman," said Jenny Hill.

The exhibition will also include the vibrant collage called *Andalap Djedi*, which is Noongar for Busselton Jetty.

The artwork was a collaboration between twenty-two community members of all ages depicting creatures, with their Noongar names, found at the Busselton Jetty.

The exhibition runs from Fri 10 - Wed 22 June 2016 at The Courthouse, ArtGeo Complex, 4 Queen Street, Busselton.



Ellen & Glenda by Gloria Hill



Poetry Dreaming by Judy Weston



Boolang by Jenny Hill



Gloria Hill at a CAN painting workshop in Busselton. Photo courtesy Community Arts Network

About Community Arts Network (CAN)

CAN is a dynamic organisation working towards positive social change through community arts and cultural development practice.

Since 1985 CAN has been inspiring communities to express their unique stories through creativity and the arts.

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