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Waugal Wall is a rainbow of reconciliation

The Noongar dreamtime story of the Rainbow Serpent has been immortalised in a giant colourful mural at Narrogin Primary School in WA's Southern Wheatbelt.

The artwork has been dubbed 'The Waugal Wall' in honour of the sacred dreamtime creature that created the Swan and Canning rivers.

"The Waugal Wall project was a partnership between Narrogin Primary School and Community Arts Network to bring children of all backgrounds together to honour Noongar culture, and acknowledge reconciliation" said CAN General Manager Monica Kane.

Urban artist Darren Hutchens collaborated with local Noongar artist Ross Storey to create the rainbow serpent inspired work.

The artists workshopped the mural concept with local primary school students who helped shape the design and paint the wall.

The vibrant work is part of Narrogin Primary School's cultural classroom – an outdoor learning space which honours the region's Indigenous culture.

Hundreds of students and community members attended the official unveiling, which included a traditional dance by local Noongar boys and a live performance by The Burdiya Mob girls who sang their original song 'Djarliny' which means 'listen' in Noongar.

About Community Arts Network (CAN)

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

Over the last thirty years CAN has been inspiring and mobilising WA communities who experience social disadvantage, to creatively express their unique stories through a diversity of art mediums.

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