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***Kwobadak Maar* - Beautiful Hands at Revealed**

Hand crafted creatures, delicate embroidery and stunning prints made by the Northam *Yorgas craft group will be part of the 2017 Revealed Aboriginal Art Market in Fremantle.

It will be the first time this group of Ballardong artists have been invited to join this popular annual event.

The Aboriginal Art Market gives emerging artists an opportunity to sell direct to the public and retain 100% of the profits.

CAN is proud to have supported the Northam Yorgas during their journey to Revealed.

During 2016 and 2017 CAN delivered a series of textile, storytelling and capacity building workshops, in partnership with local organisation Avivo, to help the Yorgas' ladies craft group expand their skills base.

The quality of works produced as a result of these classes inspired CAN to coordinate a summer long, shop front exhibition on the Main Street of Northam.

"The *Kwobadak Maar* exhibition shows our art and craft skills. It shares our emotions, our memories of Elders past, our childhoods and experiences" - Northam Yorgas.

As well as helping the artists to sell their works at Revealed, CAN is launching a catalogue which showcases their work and the stories that inspired them.

"For CAN, this is a demonstration of what we believe our work is all about; helping community artists develop their skills to the point where they can confidently produce works for sale," said CAN's general manager, June Moorhouse.

The Revealed Aboriginal Art Market is held in the grounds of the Fremantle Art Centre on Saturday 8 April from 10.00am – 5.00pm.

*Yorgas is a Noongar word for women.



Kwobadak Maar weaving works by the Northam Yorgas.

Photo by Bo Wong.

About Community Arts Network (CAN)

CAN's vision is for a just, diverse and resilient society fueled by imagination and creativity.

We exist to produce inspiring art with all communities; to build connections and broker opportunities for artists and to build capacity within the community arts sector.

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