



The Star Story mural forms part of the Waugal Wall at Narrogin Primary School. Picture: Laura Grubisa

## Mural to strengthen cultural connection

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Narrogin Primary School and Community Arts Network have teamed up to transform a wall at the school into a Star Story mural, which is a visual retelling of the Dreamtime star stories.

The new mural is part of the Waugal Wall, which was completed during a weekend residency by Darren Hutchens and Ross Storey.

The wall is focused on gathering and sharing Noongar stories, and strengthening young people's connection to their culture through engagement with elders and collaborative art-making.

A group of 24 students from Years 4 to 6 participated in weekly sessions at the end of 2016 to help develop creative concepts that were included in the final design.

The Star Story mural is an addition to the Waugal Wall, which already features a contemporary retelling of the ancient Rainbow Serpent story in full colour, encompassing strong black-and-white areas with details and patterning.

The new mural was unveiled at the primary school on Monday and students were given star-shaped biscuits to celebrate.

# Fake fraud investigation scam warning

Great Southern residents have been warned of active scammers claiming to be WA police officers, after one resident was targeted seven times.

Consumer Protection senior regional officer Iris Thomas said the scam had been active in recent weeks in the region but so far there had been no reports of victims falling for the email ruse.

"One lady who came into the office had received six of these emails, and while she was in the office received another one," she said.

The scam uses either emails or telephone calls to contact residents, with scammers claiming to be police officers investigating fraud.

The caller advises the resident's money is at risk and should be moved into a "safe account", with details provided by the scammer.

WA Police's Major Fraud Squad said police would never ask the public to transfer money for "safekeeping" during a fraud investigation. One bogus identity used is Sergeant William Connor from WA Fraud, often used by phone scammers.

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Consumer Protection has confirmed with WA Police that no Sgt William Connor works in the WA police force.

Consumer Protection has also warned residents of tax scams.

The Australian Taxation Office reported 56 victims lost more than \$258,000 in phone-based scams in WA last year, with eight victims already reporting losses of more than \$15,000 so far this year.

Scammers contacted potential victims via phone or an automated message claiming to be from the ATO and then made fake claims that the victim had an outstanding tax debt which required immediate payment.

Information and advice regarding scams can be found at [scamnet.wa.gov.au](http://scamnet.wa.gov.au).

To report a scam, email [wascamnet@commerce.wa.gov.au](mailto:wascamnet@commerce.wa.gov.au) or call 1300 80 40 54.