

# Media Release

## Young people share culture and pride through hip hop

### Djarliny (Listen)

A group of Aboriginal young people in Narrogin are the stars of a new music video clip produced by Community Arts Network (CAN). They call themselves *Burdiya Mob* and their song, *Djarliny*, means 'listen' in the Noongar language.

The song was written and recorded during CAN workshops and the video clip was filmed in and around Narrogin, including at culturally significant sites.

The music video clip is a celebration of contemporary and traditional Noongar culture and promotes language revival, cultural pride and creative skills development.

Project participant Lionel Whitby said "the song is about listening to Elders when they show us our land and our culture."

The song had its national debut on Triple J and received rave reviews from the station's hosts.

Through this project, CAN gave the young people access to an incredible line-up of professional artists including singer-songwriter Gina Williams, actor Ian Wilkes, hip hop artist Scott Griffiths and music photographer Matsu.

Elders and parents in Narrogin were an integral part of the project, teaching the young people cultural practises such as tool making, kangaroo skin tanning, fire making, eco-dyeing, language and dance.

All of the skills the students learnt came together in a music video clip that was produced to showcase their song *Djarliny*.

CAN has a strong track record of delivering successful youth programs in Narrogin.

Past projects have resulted in a proven 10% improvement in school attendance figures and a recent independent report into the value of CAN's work found that for every \$1.00 spent CAN generated \$18.58 in social worth.

CAN's *Burdiya Mob* project is funded by the federal government through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. The aim is to help students and their families better engage with the education system.

The *Burdiya Mob* music video clip world premiere screening took place in Narrogin's Mackie Park on Friday November 25 at 7.00pm and was an immensely successful event for all involved.

Link to the music video:

<https://vimeo.com/190683761>

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### 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.