



## Media Release

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### **Burdiya Mob Wins WAM Song of the Year**

A song produced during CAN's Noongar language, music and culture project at Narrogin Senior High School has taken out a WAM Song of the Year Award.

The song, *DJARLINY* by the Burdiya Mob has won Song of the Year in the High School 15-17 Category.

"Seeing the excitement and pride in the faces of the Burdiya Mob girls last night when they won was amazing! We are so proud of the CAN team, our project artists and the community members who have all rallied to make this project a success. But most of all we're proud of the students who worked together to create such a powerful song about their culture," said CAN job sharing GM Monica Kane.

Through CAN's school-based program, the Noongar students were mentored by leading artists and role models, including award winning singer/songwriter Gina Williams and hip hop producer Scott Griffiths.

The students then wrote and recorded the song as a tribute to their Elders and culture. Djarliny means 'listen' in the Noongar language.

Film maker Poppy van Oorde-Grainger directed a video clip to compliment the song and a short behind the scenes film capturing the Burdiya Mob journey. Both films have been acquired by NITV and will be broadcast nationally later this year.

Both films can be viewed here: <http://www.canwa.com.au/project/burdiya-mob/>

### **About Community Arts Network (CAN)**

At CAN we believe art transforms communities and through creativity and inclusion we can create a stronger, fairer and more connected world.

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Kelly Ugle and Matika Ugle with the WAM Song of the Year Award (High School 15-17 category)

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