



PUKATJA HISTORIC WINDMILL AND WATER TANK BECOME PERMANENT ART INSTALLATION

RICH IN LOCAL HISTORY, THE WINDMILL AND WATER TANK ARE ICONIC IN FORMING PART OF PUKATJA'S LANDSCAPE. THIS WAS THE FIRST WATER TANK AND WINDMILL BUILT DURING THE EARLY MISSION DAYS. WITH THE CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, SERVICE PROVIDERS AND ART CENTRES HAVE HAD TO FIND NEW WAYS OF DOING THINGS. ERNABELLA ARTS TOOK THEIR STUDIO OUT INTO THE BUSH!

Artists have taken inspiration from surrounding tali (sandhills) that are reflected in the multiple layers of earthy hues.

With CDP activities on pause due to COVID-19 restrictions, CDP staff offered assistance to undercoat the water tank in preparation for artists to paint.

Undulating sand dunes form part of the APY landscape and are reflected in the artwork. What a great way to transform a local treasure into a permanent installation of art that forms part of Pukatja's history.



Thanks and acknowledgement to Ernabella Arts, artists and CDP staff for working together in restoring this landmark for future generations to enjoy and admire. Its great to see the windmill with blades!