

MEDIA RELEASE November 2014 – Noosa Pengari Steiner School

A new home for the biggest bark picture in the world...

The World's largest bark picture (12m x 2.7m) has finally found a permanent home. The picture of the Olgas and a wise man, was created by 88 Brisbane members of the Art Bark Association of Australia, 29 years ago. Working upwards of 61,760 hours to complete the work, the artists used the bark of the Melaleuca tree, in its natural colours of grey, white, brown, red, cream, yellow and orange.

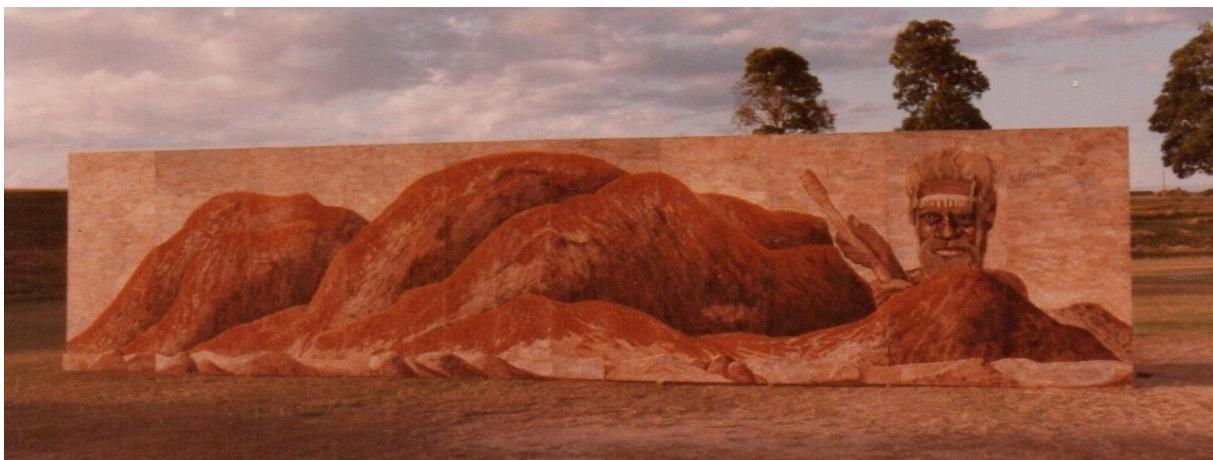
Recently Noosa Pengari Steiner School has taken steps to form lasting relationships with the local indigenous community. Over two days, Uncle Bob Randall, (recognised in 1999 when he was named Indigenous Person of the Year), and other highly respected indigenous community members from this area came to the school to talk to the staff and students and to plant seeds for a future that would connect the school to the indigenous community. Uncle Bob is a living bridge between cultures and between world nations, creating lines of understanding so indigenous and non-indigenous people can live and learn together. His efforts, through "Kanyini" education provide understanding to heal the past through shared experience in the present, sharing a way of being that allows us, once again, to live in oneness and harmony with each other and all things. The students and staff had workshops and talks with Lyndon Davis, Bev Hand, Pam White, Waiata Telfer, Peter Mulcahy and Jandamarra Cadd.

The school's Hall features an imposing rammed-earth wall, the colours of which complement the tones of the bark picture. The picture will be permanently mounted on a wall of the Hall, and able to be viewed by visitors by pre-arrangement.

The opportunity to assist the Art in Bark Association by providing a venue for the display of this work, currently hidden away in storage in a shed, comes at a time when the students have recently heard from a highly respected elder and custodian of Uluru, in Central Australia, a region featured in the picture.

The Art in Bark Association, and the Noosa Pengari Steiner School, are seeking support through donations and grants, to cover the costs of the installation, and the preservation of the work.

Please contact the school via: 07 5471 0199; or enquiries@noosasteiner.qld.edu.au with offers of assistance, or information about when the picture will be ready for viewing.



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