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## Wiluna art a hit with BHP Billiton workers

**BHP Billiton Nickel West's workforce recently received an insight into Martu culture when Wiluna Shire's Tjukurba Art Gallery brought an exhibition and art sale to Nickel West's Mt Keith village on November 26, 27 & 28.**

The exhibition saw Birriliburu artists Annette Williams and Fayeann Jones creating new artworks across the three days, and Nickel West personnel snapping up almost eight thousand dollars' worth of original art.

"The Mt Keith exhibition is a great opportunity to take the artists' work to a different audience, and to spread the word about the unique work they are producing," said Wiluna Shire CEO Andrea Nunan.

"It's a good partnership with Nickel west and I'd like to thank Mount Keith for hosting us."

Nickel West's Mt Keith General Manager David Loth said that the exhibition was part of an on-going engagement with the local community, and that he was happy to support activity that improves the lifestyle of local Aboriginal people.

"Nickel West believes in supporting the communities that host our activities," said David. "The Tjukurba Mt Keith exhibition is something that benefits the Wiluna gallery, the artists and our people. The artwork is truly outstanding; I was very impressed by what I saw. Mt Keith residents made the most of the opportunity to chat to the artists and purchase their work. It was great to have them here."

The Tjukurba Art Gallery is an initiative of the Wiluna Shire Council providing professional support for local artists to create, display and sell their work. Birriliburu Artists paint in a variety of styles and palettes, depicting stories which embody a rich culture of country, history and lifestyle. Images of the Canning Stock Route are often central to the works.

Tjukurba Gallery is located behind the Shire Office in Scotia Street Wiluna, is open between 8:30am and 4pm weekdays or weekends by prior arrangement.

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**Photo captions:**

006: (L-R) Nickel West Mt Keith General Manager David Loth, Birriliburu artists Annette Williams and Fayeane Jones, and Wiluna Shire President Graham Harris.

008: Fayeane Jones painting at Nickel West's Mt Keith village hall.

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