

Three Rivers Art Project reaches further afield

Centacare recently accepted the invitation and support of Loreto Kirribilli to bring the work of artists participating in its Three Rivers Art project to Loreto's inaugural art show staged from 29 - 30 August. Being the first occasion for participating artists in the project to exhibit and sell work beyond central western NSW, Centacare was delighted with the school community's response to the work.

"The arts have a prominent place in the life of Loreto schools in Australia" said Loreto Kirribilli Principal Ms Janet Freeman at the opening of the exhibition. "The creative and performing arts are an essential part of a well rounded education and of a developed country. So much of what we believe and hold dear in our lives can be found in painting, sculpture, drama and other forms. We tell our stories through our art."

Also launched at Loreto Kirribilli's Annual Spring Fair on 30 August was Centacare's new venture, SYM Enterprises (see story below).

New venture launched "SYM Enterprises"

Based in remote Bourke NSW, SYM Enterprises is a new venture involving a group of talented young mothers aged 15 to 25, all of whom left school early to have children.

The women participate in Centacare's Strong Young Mums program where they are supported to return to education and develop their parenting skills and with the creation of SYM Enterprises, the mothers are now also developing the skills and knowledge needed to generate their own income.

SYM Enterprises is proud to release an original line of beautiful art cards, distinctive jewellery and fun children's paint smocks with matching book bags.

When you purchase a product crafted by SYM Enterprises, you are helping and encouraging a group of determined young women to further develop valuable life skills, independence and pride, and in

the long term, contribute to the break down of cycles of disadvantage in their families and community.

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At right, art card by Tillieanne Maree Lollback, SYM Enterprises