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SHINE for Kids

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COLOURFUL DREAMING

An exhibition of artwork by children and their imprisoned fathers will open today at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery.

The indigenous artwork has been created by participants in the *Colourful Dreaming Program*.

“This program uses art to help imprisoned fathers connect to their children,” the Chief Executive Officer of SHINE for Kids, Gloria Larman, said today.

“The works, including paintings, prints and woven art, are a wonderful display of indigenous culture and heritage and represent the efforts we make to help imprisoned parents and their children stay in touch.

“We run the program for men at the Junee Correctional Centre and it is invaluable in enhancing the self-confidence of these inmates as well as strengthening their family and community connections.

“In addition, the children taking part in *Colourful Dreaming* have a chance to learn about their own culture and to connect to the community,” Ms Larman said.

The exhibition will be launched at 6pm today by the Federal member for Riverina, the Hon. Michael McCormack MP.

On Saturday 12 July, the exhibition will host a Family Fun Day, with Elders Aunty Kath Withers and Aunty Pat Simpson.

For three decades **SHINE for Kids**, a non-profit organisation supported by governments and other benefactors and stakeholders, has worked with and for young Australians affected by family member involvement in the criminal justice system. The organisation has supported them, helped create hope and inspired them to reach their potential.

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“When a parent is sent to prison, these children suffer terribly—and it’s through no fault of their own,” Ms Larman said.

“In the longer term, these kids might not meet their potential and are at high risk of themselves committing offences.

“We are here to help them.”

In NSW, **SHINE for Kids** centres are located at Silverwater, Parklea, Windsor, Kariong, Bathurst, Cessnock, Wellington, Junee and Kempsey. In Victoria, there is an office at Footscray and programs operating at Lara (Barwon) and Ravenhall. There is also a program operating in Canberra at the Alexander Maconochie facility.



Gloria Larman
Chief Executive Officer

More information on SHINE for Kids can be found at www.shineforkids.org.au

Exhibition Launch:

When: Thursday 3 July, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: E3 art space, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

Cost: Free

Family Fun Day: Weaving with Aunty Kath Withers and Aunty Pat Simpson

When: Saturday 12 July, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Where: E3 art space, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

Cost: Free

Exhibition Dates:

When: Friday 4 July – Saturday 12 July, 2013

Where: E3 art space, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

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