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NEW WOMEN'S KOORI ART GROUP

Local Koori women interested in exploring their artistic side have a new opportunity with Education Centre Gippsland (ECG) launching a new Koori Women's Art group for West Gippsland.

Fifteen women, aged from sixteen to sixty-five years, joined the first session at the Drouin Baw Baw Shire offices where they explored creating stories through drawings.

ECG Co-ordinator Maryanne Meyer said the program followed the success of ECG's Koori men's art group, Brayakoloong which is nurturing the careers of the artists who are all exhibiting and selling work.

"Through funding support from The Ross Foundation, and the EastWeb Fund who have supplied a generous amount of art supplies through 'Senior Art' in Malvern, ECG has now extended the program to start a women's group.

"The project aims to encourage Koori women to explore and delve deeper into their culture through art.

She said many of the women have never painted or drawn seriously before so this represented an exciting step for them.

"As the group builds confidence we hope to extend their activities into the community with school visits and community projects.

"The first goal for the women is to produce a piece of work for an exhibition to be held at the West Gippsland Arts Centre for Naidoc Week 5th to the 12th of July in conjunction with the 'Brayakoloong' Men's Art Group.

Ms Meyer said the program was also supported by Baw Baw Shire Council in partnership with ECG.

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