

# Art to fetch huge prices

REPORT by KIERAN FINNANE

Works by artists in tiny remote Kintore, 560 kilometres north-west of Alice and home to some 500 people, are likely to fetch \$100,000 a piece at an international auction in Sydney in November.

Four outstanding works, over two metres high and two metres wide, by leading artists Walangkura Napanangka, Ningura Napurrula, George Ward Tjungurrayi and George Tjungurrayi, are on display briefly at the Papunya Tula

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# Entertaining Alice



## Kintore kids have top artists as role models

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Gallery in Todd Mall before being sent off.

They will be the star attractions of an auction organised by the Art Gallery of New South Wales in conjunction with Papunya Tula.

Other works, donated by the general public, will also be auctioned, with the money raised being used to build a 25 metre swimming pool for the children of Kintore.

A similar auction in November 2000 raised over \$1m, which helped fund a renal dialysis unit at Kintore, so that kidney

disease patients can be treated in their home community or can at least return to it for visits. (Alice News, Nov 10, 2004.)

In 2000 bids for the artworks overshot Sotheby's estimate for the auction by 100 per cent, with a collaborative painting by men from nearby Kiwirrkurra reaching the top price of \$300,000.

The art auction is an innovative approach to self-help from a community that seems increasingly determined to improve life for its residents. (They recently celebrated the launch of a secondary

school, a remote campus of Yirara College, with 48 students enrolled. See Alice News, May 25.)

Papunya Tula manager Paul Sweeney says there has already been intense interest in the paintings from key collectors and institutions around the country.

### BENEFITS

The benefits of a salt-water chlorinated swimming pool for young Indigenous people are now well known, he says.

"Importantly it reduces the risk of future renal failure by reducing the incidence of skin in-

fections.

"And it will also be valuable in a community desperately in need of sporting and recreational infrastructure."

Meanwhile, the Green Shed, a sport and rec hall at Kintore, has been enlivened by a mural project involving the local children.

Alice-based artist Ben Ward, with extensive experience in the bush, worked with the children as part of a Regional Artists in Residence program funded by the Australia Council.

More than 90 young

people, aged from two to 25, came to the Green Shed each day over three weeks in May, taking part in workshops about painting and drawing techniques and colour studies.

During the workshop they painted on 180, 30cm x 30cm ply-boards with acrylic paint, which were assembled in panels of 36 and installed around the shed.

Our picture (courtesy Ben Ward) shows the launch of the mural on May 19, to which the community turned out in force.

### ALICE SPRINGS CINEMAS

**Star Wars III:  
Revenge of the Sith (M)**  
Thu. 10.20, 3.10, 8.30  
Fri. 10.20, 1.00, 8.40  
Sat. 10.20, 1.10, 8.30  
Sun. 10.20, 1.10, 8.30  
Mon. 10.20, 1.10, 8.30  
Tue. 10.20, 3.10, 8.30  
Wed. 10.20, 3.10, 8.30

**Vera Drake (M)**  
Thu. 10.00 Fri. 10.40, 3.30  
Sat. 6.10 Sun. 6.10  
Mon. 6.10 Tue. 1.00  
Wed. 1.00

**The Longest Yard (M)**  
Thu. 10.40, 3.30, 6.30, 8.50  
Fri. 1.10, 6.30, 8.50  
Sat. 10.00, 2.20, 6.50, 9.10  
Sun. 10.00, 2.20, 6.50, 9.10  
Mon. 10.00, 2.20, 6.50, 9.00  
Tue. 10.40, 3.30, 6.30, 8.50  
Wed. 10.40, 3.30, 6.30, 8.50

**Coach Carter (M)**  
Thu. 12.15, 8.45 Fri. 12.15, 8.50  
Sat. 2.00, 8.45 Sun. 2.00, 8.45  
Mon. 2.00, 8.30 Tue. 12.15, 8.45  
Wed. 12.15, 8.45 FINAL

**In Good Company (PG)**  
Thu. 1.00, 6.20 Fri. 3.45, 6.30  
Sat. 4.00 Sun. 4.00  
Mon. 4.00 Tue. 1.00, 6.20  
Wed. 1.00, 6.20 FINAL

**A Lot Like Love (M)**  
Thu. 10.15, 2.45, 6.45  
Fri. 10.15, 2.45, 6.45  
Sat. 12.10, 4.40  
Sun. 12.10, 4.40  
Mon. 12.10, 4.40  
Tue. 10.15, 2.45, 6.45  
Wed. 10.15, 2.45, 6.45

**Maria Full of Grace (M)**  
Thu. 4.45 Fri. 4.45 Sat. 4.40  
Sun. 4.40 Mon. 4.40 Tue. 4.45  
Wed. 4.45 FINAL

**Mr & Mrs Smith (M)**  
Thu. 10.30, 1.00, 3.30, 6.30, 9.00  
Fri. 10.30, 1.00, 3.30, 6.30, 9.00  
Sat. 10.30, 1.00, 3.40, 6.20, 9.00  
Sun. 10.30, 1.00, 3.40, 6.20, 9.00  
Mon. 10.30, 1.00, 3.40, 6.20, 9.00  
Tue. 11.00, 1.00, 3.30, 6.30, 9.00  
Wed. 10.30, 1.00, 3.30, 6.30, 9.00

**Madagascar (PG)**  
**WEEKEND PREVIEW**  
Sat. 10.00, 12.00, 6.45  
Sun. 10.00, 12.00, 6.45  
Mon. 10.00, 12.00, 6.45

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