



Sisters of St John of God

Heritage Centre—Broome

Donations for Future Generations to Access



Madeleine Jadai from Bidyadanga Community was in Broome to attend a Diocesan meeting. She came to the Heritage Centre to deliver two documents with information about her people's history. She wants this to be preserved and kept for future generations to access.

She donated an A5 funeral booklet and also a book containing tributes to her late grandfather, Waka Taylor who was a traditional 'mapan man' from Madeleine's country.

Madeleine has been saddened by too much elder abuse and the loss of young people. She hopes that by having access to their own history, the next generation will be encouraged to follow in the footsteps of those great old people who went before.

The funeral booklet was created by Kanyirripa Jukurrpa (KJ) which is a Martu organization established in 2005.

Sr Theresa Morellini RSJ (Sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart) was in Broome recently to attend Diocesan meetings. As part of this gathering, Theresa was publicly acknowledged for her many years of missionary work in the East Kimberley. Between 1973 and 2024 she has helped educate and support hundreds of Aboriginal young people and their families. She will now take up a new ministry at Fiona Stanley Hospital supporting Aboriginal people who come for medical care from all over WA.

Theresa took the opportunity to visit the Heritage Centre as she had promised **Sr Nellie Nersluys RSJ** to deliver a small package. It included photographs and a copy of the religious program for Aboriginal students which Nellie had created during her years working in education in the Kimberley. Nellie considered that the Heritage Centre was the most appropriate place to leave a copy of the program to ensure it will be accessible for others to use.

Special thanks to both Nellie and Theresa for your years of friendship with the SSJG.



City-Country Partnerships: Broome and Beagle Bay



Staff from Chisholm Catholic College, Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate and St Mary's College Broome visited the *Relationships Exhibition* as part of a collaboration between the schools.

These three schools are working together in the City-Country Partnership Program, enabled by the Yadha Muru Foundation.

The teachers are sharing skills in Science and STEM subjects as well as building cultural connections and learnings that can be taken back to their individual schools for implementation.

Those visiting Broome gained important cultural insights and understandings that will help them provide an inclusive program at their own schools into the future.

At the *Relationships Exhibition* they learned about the social history of the Kimberley as well as the growth and accessibility of education over the years, which was a welcome 'eye-opener'.

Paul Shanahan Chisholm Catholic College Bedford
Coby Rhatigan St Mary's College Broome
Belinda Pietropaolo Chisholm Catholic College Bedford
Carolyn Perlini Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate
Lilia Kalache Chisholm Catholic College Bedford
Laura Taylor Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate
Zoe Court St Mary's College Broome

Vicki Barry (L), who has a background in Health and Social Science, had come from Perth to visit her daughter, **Tayla Thorogood**.

Tayla is currently teaching at Broome Senior High School in the Maths/Science department and is loving her work. She is interested in learning more about the area as she plans to stay. The Heritage Centre was recommended to her as a place that shares the social history of the Kimberley.

They both enjoyed their visit in the *Relationships Exhibition* and Vicki said:

Interested in the history and pioneer spirit of the Sisters. Inspired by the courage of these women to undertake an epic journey into the unknown and achieve so much over the years. A lasting legacy, true grit and resourcefulness at its best.



Relationships Exhibition
 An historical exhibition reflecting relationships between Sisters of St John of God and people in the Kimberley