

# Artworks tell a story

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Scenes of sunrises, fish on the move in local rivers and even favourite football teams are depicted on mosaic tabletops, designed and crafted by Aboriginal Elders at Bowraville.

Elders came from around the valley to work with renowned mosaic artist Guy Crosley (whose public works include the seat outside the Nambucca Heads police station and at the Scotts Head reserve).

Community members braved the rain on Thursday (24th) to gather at the Coach House Inn, Bowraville, and admire the works.

The tables are the outcome of six months of work, with Elders meeting once a fortnight to complete the projects.

They were made using a variety of styles and types of tile, and artist Guy Crosley said he hoped the works would inspire



Elders Val and Alex Blair, project facilitator Valerie Quinlin, Elder Maria Jarrett, artist Guy Crosley and Elders Dot Edwards, Vicki Jarrett and Trish Greenwood with their artworks. Elders Christine Jarrett, Loretta Riley, Amy Jarrett, Janet Marshall and Robert Edwards are absent. BELOW: St Mary's Primary School performer Martikka Hunter entertains the crowd with Beyond Empathy's Andrew Davis.

youth with their stories and history.

The project was a joint effort between Beyond Empathy and Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa Community Services.

The morning tea gathering was also a chance to show off some local talent, with budding St Mary's singer Martikka Hunter performing for the crowd.

