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Legacies Karlkurla (Kalgoorlie) honours the voices and life stories of Goldfields Elders

Legacies Karlkurla (Kalgoorlie), a powerful First Nations-led multi-media storytelling exhibition celebrating the lives and lifelong achievements of ten respected Goldfields Elders, opens at the Museum of the Goldfields on **Saturday 28 February 2026** and runs until **Sunday 3 May 2026**.

Developed in partnership with Community Arts Network, the exhibition shares deeply personal stories of survival, activism and cultural strength, told directly by Elders whose lives reflect critical moments in Australian history. These include experiences of displacement following atomic testing at Maralinga, the impacts of the Stolen Generation, and decades of advocacy for truth-telling and justice.

Presented through striking photography by Djugun-Yawuru photographer Michael Jalaru Torres, recorded podcast interviews hosted by Debbie Carmody, and a vibrant commissioned artwork by artist Tina Carmody, *Legacies* offers a moving insight into resilience, identity and enduring cultural pride.

The exhibition follows the life journeys of Geoffrey Stokes, Murray McCarthy, Janice Scott, Dallas McLean, Donald Ballinger, Betty Logan, Brent Johnston, Nyingurta Jessie West, Trevor Brownley (represented by his son Linden Brownley) and Allison Dimer.

Two of the Elders, Trevor Brownley and Dallas McLean, sadly passed away during production. Honouring their wishes, their stories remain part of the exhibition so their voices can continue to be heard by future generations.

Museum of the Goldfields Regional Manager, Kirsty Brooks, said the exhibition provides a rare opportunity to hear directly from Elders whose lives have shaped the social and cultural fabric of the Goldfields.

"These Elders have lived through immense change and dedicated their lives to truth-telling, cultural leadership and community advocacy. *Legacies* invites visitors to listen, reflect and gain a deeper understanding of the histories that continue to shape this region."

Community Arts Network Chief Executive Officer Rick Heath said the project is grounded in respect, collaboration and community voice.

"We want this exhibition to celebrate our shared cultural heritage, to inspire, educate and build understanding between people in the Goldfields."

Legacies Karlkurla (Kalgoorlie) is presented by the Community Arts Network in partnership with the Museum of the Goldfields, ABC Goldfields Esperance and Tjuma Pulka Media Aboriginal Corporation,

with support from the Community Broadcasting Foundation and produced with the assistance of the Western Australian Government and Creative Australia.

The exhibition is free to visit and will be on display at the Museum of the Goldfields from **Saturday 28 February until Sunday 3 May 2026**.

For more information, visit:

<https://visit.museum.wa.gov.au/goldfields/legacies-karlkurla-stories-silky-pear-country>

Images for media [Google folder link here](#)

- Brent Johnston // credit Michael Jalaru Torres
- Janice Scott // credit Michael Jalaru Torres
- Geoffrey Stokes // credit Michael Jalaru Torres

Venue: Museum of the Goldfields
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About the Museum of Goldfields

The Museum of the Goldfields explores the stories of the Eastern Goldfields, from ancient Aboriginal culture to the gold rushes that shaped the region. Located in Kalgoorlie / Karlkurla, the Museum presents exhibitions that connect people to Country, community and history through collections, storytelling and contemporary perspectives. Open daily from 10am – 3pm. To learn more, visit: <https://visit.museum.wa.gov.au/goldfields/whats-on>

About the Community Arts Network (CAN)

CAN embraces and amplifies creativity, connection and community through the arts, for social impact. CAN unlocks Western Australia's untold stories through community participation in art, giving voice to the hidden histories of this land and all its people. Find out more: can.org.au

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