

In the Community



Ngunytju Tjitji Pirmi infant health clinic held their annual 'Beautiful Healthy Babies Competition' to celebrate NADOC week. Heron Resources sponsored the event by organising a puppeteer to entertain the children and promote good healthy eating. The puppets proved a great hit with the children who found them very easy to relate to.

Heron has sponsored the printing of large books which teach about the history of the area. *Changes At Our Place* is shown below being taught by- Teacher Suzanne Stevens at Hannans Primary School.

The book was written by Aboriginal parents who attend a group called HIPSTAR, which stands for Helping Indigenous Parents Support Talent and Reading. A simple mapping exercise expanded into the creation of a wonderful little local history book. It shows changes that have occurred as European settlement expanded into the Goldfields and includes Wangatha language, time lines and maps drawn from a child's point of view. Sensitive issues such as land rights, the stolen generation and environmental degradation are touched on in the booklet, providing starting points for discussions and better understanding. Copies of the book have been distributed to all local schools to increase its impact on students' literacy and numeracy skills and their understanding of society and change from an Aboriginal cultural viewpoint.

