

ArtsNational Molonglo Plains Young Arts Program 2025.

ArtsNational Molonglo Plains Raffle has appreciated the wonderful support given to our raffle by members and friends who regularly buy tickets each month at our lecture.

Gundaroo Public School has been the recipient of our \$1000 grant this year to help buy art supplies. Many of our members have commented that is so good to support children's interest in the arts.

Gundaroo is a local country area near Queanbeyan where our ArtsNational Molonglo Plains group meets. The teacher who supervises the children is an enthusiastic volunteer who is keen to promote children's art. She encourages the older primary school aged children to develop their creativity in small groups of 12 children for one afternoon per week throughout the school year. Gradually all this age group will gain several afternoon creative experiences.

On 7 August 2025 seven of our committee members went to Gundaroo Primary School to view its Art Circle. There were 12 enthusiastic children who eagerly told us about their previous art experiences, and it was a pleasure to hear them speak confidently to all concerned. Before they began the practical part of their art session the teacher made suggestions about what the children could do. Although this sounded teacher-directed, she averted the risk of everyone doing the same thing by allowing them choices, including colours, animals and background.

The children had selected a photograph of an animal; they folded this into a grid which enabled them to transfer an image of their selected animal onto a canvas with their own pencilled grid and finally they painted their drawing. The children were very much engaged in their activity and willing to talk with us about the creative process of their work.

At the end of this year the school will exhibit the children's work on Friday 12th December. The opening of the exhibition will include a wonderful breakfast for the Gundaroo community and ArtsNational members.

Jan Whyte

Young Arts Coordinator and Raffle Manager

ArtsNational Molonglo Plains Young Arts Program 2025 Gundaroo Public School

Gundaroo Public School was awarded \$1000 for the purchase of art materials for their extension art class. The images below are some of the works that were displayed to the Molonglo Plains Committee on their visit to the school in August 2025.

