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DESERT MOB 2007 EVENTS

The Araluen Arts Centre, in association with Desart and the Alice Desert Festival present Desert Mob Symposium, Desert Mob MarketPlace and the Desert Mob DanceSite.

This year's event brings together recent works from 35 Aboriginal art centres in Central Australia, with works by artists living and working in remote areas of the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia.

The Desert Mob Symposium on Friday 7 September is an opportunity to hear Indigenous people talking about their art, themselves and will focus on the theme: "Art Talks: Our Art Our Way". This will include an opening presentation of the paper, "Cultural Warriors" by Brenda Croft, Senior Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art of the National Gallery of Australia.

The Desert Mob MarketPlace on Saturday 8 September offers a wide selection of art and craft works for sale. Artists and community art centre managers will be in attendance to explain works to the buying public. All works for sale at MarketPlace will be $200 or under. This year will be the biggest ever with an expected 30 art centres participating.

Following on from the MarketPlace will be Desert Mob DanceSite, a traditional dance event. Dance, ceremony and connection to country inform the visual language of the artworks presented in the Desert Mob Exhibition, providing a cultural backdrop for further appreciation of the artworks.

Desert Mob Symposium
Araluen Theatre and Witchetty's, Friday 7 September 9.00am to 3.30pm

Desert Mob MarketPlace
Araluen Centre Foyer, Sculpture Garden & Witchetty's, Saturday 8 September 11am to 3pm

Desert Mob DanceSite
Alice Springs Telegraph Station, Saturday 8 September 5.30 pm to 7.30pm

Desert Mob Exhibition
Araluen Galleries, Sunday 9 September to Sunday 21 October
Opening: Sunday 9 September at 2.00pm

Ends

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