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## **Araluen Shows the *Faces of Larapinta***

A personal exhibition featuring soft-sculpted and printed self portraits of Yarrenyty Arltere artists, titled *Faces of Larapinta*, opens at the Araluen Arts Centre on Friday, 17 June 2011.

Araluen Arts Centre Director Tim Rollason said the exhibition is brought to Araluen by Yarrenyty Arltere Art Centre, with featured artwork telling personal stories of strength, resilience and healing of each of the artists.

“The artwork is strongly underpinned by the lives of Western Arrernte people who have lived in the Larapinta Valley for several generations so it is personal to the people and places of the region,” Mr Rollason said.

“The work produced for this exhibition continues to define the success of the Yarrenyty Arltere Art Centre and the artists that are some of the many *Faces of Larapinta*.

“The artists’ talent shines through the beautiful soft sculpture dolls, that have been created in a remarkable way with recycled woollen blankets wrapped in an array of rusty found objects, boiled in a 44 gallon drum filled with natural dyes such as barks, leaves, mushroom spores, then rinsed and hung in the desert sun.

“These dolls, with their thoughtful stitching and beautiful designs are a celebration of life, culture, hope and aspiration for the next generation.”

Mr Rollason said Yarrenyty Arltere Art Centre’s Coordinator Sophie Wallace will hold a floor talk at Araluen Arts Centre on Saturday, 18 June at 2pm.

“Sophie will draw on her experience as Art Centre Coordinator to discuss the impact that she has on the direction and production of artwork from the Yarrenyty Arltere Arts Centre, particularly in relation to the work produced for this exhibition,” Mr Rollason said.

“The Territory is a place with talent, strength and diversity in artistic practices different from the rest of Australia so I encourage locals and visitors to share in the personal stories of the Yarrenyty Arltere artists and experience the *Faces of Larapinta*.”

Steve Anderson, Art Curator at Batchelor Institute will open the exhibition, *Faces of Larapinta* at 6pm on Friday 17 June 2011. The exhibition will continue until Sunday, 17 July 2011.

For more information about upcoming events at the Araluen Cultural Precinct go to [www.araluen.nt.gov.au](http://www.araluen.nt.gov.au).

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**Image – Artist Dulcie Sharpe working at Yarrenyty Arltere Art Centre.**

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