



Finke Workshop

Location: Finke River near Apatula Community

Date: 26 – 06 – 2018

Staff: Jowel Hyne and Tyson Wilson

Attendees: Lexie Ward, Audrey Braedon, Justine Anderson, Pauline Allen

Objective: Host two days of Workshops near Apatula Community

Gathering Everyone: Shortly after we arrived it was quite evident that the Town was quite stripped of its residents. We conducted a punu buy to assess which punu makers were in Town to start with. Approximately one third of the Apatula's punu makers were present. Numerous others were away for APY League football or funerals.

Workshops: Day one was mostly spent driving up and down the riverbed collecting punu and identifying spots where we could source punu the following day.

On day two we headed straight to a spot we had scouted the prior day. Our intention was to produce some larger bowls as Mrs Pauline Allen had not previously made large bowls. Justine Anderson unfortunately had to miss the second day of workshops.



Large root logs required for bowls



As the ladies prefer to work with the softer root logs of the river red gums we started with digging the river sand clear of the roots and cutting out sections. Once a supply of punu was ascertained the ladies divided up the logs so that they could produce at least two large bowls each. The bowls were roughly shaped by the end of the day and almost ready for burning patterns.

Prior to departing Apatula Pauline was able to sell us her first ever, finished and patterned bowls as pictured below.





