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‘Caring for country’, handing down generations of wisdom

Indigenous women and men from across southern Queensland and northern New South Wales were recently united in a two day workshop to record their oral histories.

Elder women and men from Roma, St. George, Goondiwindi, Boggabilla, Mungindi and Moree attended a two-day Oral History workshop in Moree and Boggabilla last week to learn how to record their traditional and cultural stories for audio publication and sharing.

Regional Coordinator for the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Indigenous Program, Fiona Wellington, said “The Oral History workshop was a huge success, with 37 Indigenous Elders actively participating over the two days.”

“This workshop was the first of several we have planned for the region,” she said.

“Supporting Indigenous Elders to capture their cultural stories will provide two-way benefits – by supporting Aboriginal community programs, but also by capturing important information for natural resource management programs.”

Representatives from the Department of Environment (NSW) presented techniques of recording, capturing and presenting oral histories and use of audio/visual equipment to the Elders.

The Elders also travelled to Boobera Lagoon for day two of the workshop, to practice their new skills and begin recording.

For more information about future workshops, or to register your interest, please contact Fiona Wellington on 0428 180 600.

This workshop was a joint initiative of the Regional Aboriginal Elder Women’s Steering Committee, natural resource management groups Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA and the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee, and the Department of Environment (NSW).

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Images attached



Caption: Elders who journeyed from St. George and Mitchell to attend the Oral History Workshop. Photo: Fiona Wellington.



Caption: Elders and family from Moree and Toomelah, attending the Oral History Workshop. Photo: Fiona Wellington.

For electronic copies of these photos, please contact Fiona Wellington.