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Students learn art of didgeridoo making: QMDC

Goondiwindi students involved in the Get Set for Work program recently had the opportunity to learn about local Aboriginal culture, and were given the chance to make their own didgeridoos.

Staff from the local natural resource management body, the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC), worked with staff from Goondiwindi Training and Technology (GTT) to give the students an understanding of local Aboriginal culture and history.

QMDC Project Support Officer and event organiser, Tammy Small, was encouraged by the eagerness of the students involved.

“The students worked with Troy Turnbull from QMDC’s Aboriginal Program on the day,” Ms Small said.

“They learnt how to select a tree and the technique of making and painting a didgeridoo.

“The students also visited a nearby property where they could see some local Aboriginal cultural sites before returning to Goondiwindi’s Botanical Gardens to finish the painting of the didgeridoos.”

GTT’s Get Set for Work Coordinator Michelle Smith said the young people really enjoyed the experience.

“We had some fantastic feedback from the students about the day,” Ms Smith said.

“It provided a terrific chance for the students to be involved in hands-on learning, as well as giving them an insight into Aboriginal culture and beliefs.”

Get Set for Work is an alternative education program targeted at 15 to 17 year olds who wish to continue their education outside of mainstream school. This program is funded by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation under the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work program. The program prepares the young people for employment as well as offers them the opportunity to gain accreditation and practical skills in various chosen careers.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee is a natural resource management organisation that supports communities within the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin to sustainably manage their natural resources. Visit www.qmdc.org.au for more information.

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