

Supporting youth art in Alice

For the past three years Power and Water has sponsored InCite Youth Arts, an aerosol art mentoring program. This particular module is one of many the not-for-profit community arts organisation delivers in Central Australia.

Earlier this year, emerging artists from the aerosol art mentoring program completed a mural at the Gap Youth Centre, mentored by artist AJ Tan, also known as 'dash88'. Dash88, a freelance artist with over 20 years experience in the field of aerosol art, guided the young artists to create the music themed mural featuring the MacDonnell Ranges. This was an invaluable opportunity for the young artists to watch and learn his skills and technique.

Two of the emerging artists from the aerosol project – Ben Wiles (21 years) and Miho Ponga (15 years) – showed a great deal of commitment to this project, and will go on to receive future professional development.

Without InCite's support, youth in Central Australia would not have the opportunity to participate in legal aerosol art. The program helps celebrate diversity, showcases positive youth creativity and works to reduce antisocial behaviour and related crime by harnessing creative potential and directing it to more constructive outcomes.

This project has provided accessible and inclusive opportunities for youth at risk to affect positive changes in their lives. The project links across a broad range of youth services and networks and builds and strengthens community and social structures to support positive choices. Projects such as this seek to and do make a difference.

To find out more about the various projects InCite is working on, visit www.inciteya.org.au



