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Moora Reserve Open Day a Huge Success

The Yued Community in Moora came together to celebrate their past and continued connection with Moora Reserve on Saturday 8 September at the Moora Reserve Open Day. Over 70 people turned out for Open Day at the reserve.

The reserve is the site of the former Moora Reserve Camp which was home to large number of Aboriginal families up to and during the 1970's. Now many of the Yued community, some of whom lived in the Camp, have come to the reserve to celebrate and commemorate their connection to the land.

The Open Day was coordinated by the Moora Yued Community and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC).

Mr. Glen Kelly, CEO of SWALSC said; "Days like the Moora Open Day are a great way of bringing the community together. It gives us an opportunity to hear from Yued Elders, many of whom lived at the old Camp here at the Reserve during the 70's. It's a very different place now. It also gives us a chance to highlight some of the work that the community is currently undertaking".

The Open Day featured a heritage survey competition, a historical photographic display of the old Moora Camp and the recent work done by the local Yued people and SWALSC on Natural Resource Management. The Ngallak Koort Boodja (Our Heart Land) Canvas was also showcased. Local artist Alice Warrell was one of six artists involved in the project which was produced for the Perth Art Festival in 2006.

Another highlight of the day was the range of traditional food that was on offer including Kangaroo Stew, kangaroo meatballs as well as kangaroo sausages and damper. A sausage sizzle was also available, with the sausages donated by local butcher W. Purser and Sons. The Moora Shire Council supported the event by helping set up for the day.

For more information about the Open Day or to find out natural resource management projects in the Moora area contact Marissa Maher from the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council on 9358 7400.

The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council is a representative body for the traditional owners of the South West of Australia, the Noongar People. SWALSC's main role is to work with its members to find resolutions for Native Title Claims in the south west as well as advancing the Noongar culture, language and society.

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Caption: Preparing the Kangaroo before cooking

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