



*The catalyst in developing creative, open-minded young Western Australians who are engaged with the world*

## **Extraordinary art hits Exmouth**

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The AWESOME Arts Creative Challenge kicks off in Exmouth today with 'OPEN BOOK', a contemporary story-telling project for young people, supported by Woodside. The bright young things of Exmouth District High School will be challenged to create their own version of a 'book' through the composition of movement and photographic art.

AWESOME artists in residence Amanda Barrett Hayes (movement artist) and Caroline Smith (photographer) will facilitate workshops over two weeks to gather the stories, ideas and history of the young people to then create a 'book' that reflects the culture and environment of the Exmouth community.

"The most exciting thing about the project is the unknown, as the project is process-driven the kids are in total control of how the book will unfold," said Ms Hayes.

"We just give them the tools and assistance to make their ideas a reality. I can't wait to see what the kids create over the next two-weeks," she said.

The Creative Challenge 'OPEN BOOK' project will travel to ten regional and remote communities in 2009 with each residency culminating in a local celebration of the works created. These artworks will then be showcased in an exhibition at the *AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things* held in the Perth CBD in November.

AWESOME Arts works to inspire and encourage creativity amongst young people and aims to be the catalyst in developing creative, open-minded, young Western Australians who are engaged with the world.

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