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Leonora celebrates their bright young things

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The young people of Leonora District High School were happy to show off the fruits (and weetbix, lentils and spices) of their labour at a community celebration of their culinary creations for the AWESOME Arts Creative Challenge program on Friday, supported by BHP Billiton Nickel West.

AWESOME artists in residence Fiona Gavino, Graham Hay and Lauren Simpson shared their skills and knowledge over a two-week food art project 'FEAST.'

The celebration was attended by parents, students and teachers and showcased a spectacular edible installation for the Leonora community made from damper and fresh fruit and vegetables.

Throughout the residency, budding young artists created sculptures of their favorite landmarks in Leonora out of cereal and lentils with the school oval taking shape, complete with goal posts and the surrounding landmarks of mountains, waterholes and trees.

The AWESOME artists were also fortunate to be able to learn from the students and teachers about Leonora's culture, community and environment.

"The students showed us how to make damper and explained some of the local delicacies like witchetty grubs and honey ants" said Lauren Simpson.

"I was able to hold an abandoned Joey that was being cared for by one of the Leonora teachers," she said.

Leonora District High School's artwork will be featured in an exhibition at the **AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things in November.**

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