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MEDIA RELEASE: Mandaboornap Dreaming Puppet Performance

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The Mandaboornap Dreaming Puppet Performance will be presented by the Esperance Nyungar Community as the official opening event for the 2017 Festival of the Wind on Thursday 16th March.

The performance will take place at the James Street Beach in front of the Whale Tail at sunset, following a formal Welcome to Country presented by one of the local Traditional Owners, on behalf of Tjaltjraak Aboriginal Corporation, at 6pm.

This event is the culmination of a project run over 5 months in partnership with Esperance Community Arts and Escare. Puppetry Artist, Karen Hethey, has worked with the Esperance Nyungar community to create two large-scale eagle puppets, 6 smaller puppets and a series of large props that will be used to tell the Nyungar Dreaming story of Mandaboornap (Frenchman's Peak) and the creation of two of the islands in Lucky Bay.

Many members of the Esperance Nyungar community have been involved in the planning process, the construction of the puppets and the development of this performance with the goal of sharing the Mandaboornap story with the whole Esperance community. The eagles have been built from bamboo and cane and are covered in polyester fabric. The total wing-span of these magnificent puppets is over 7.5m.

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