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# Story Arts

strengthening communities through music, story and art



Morgan and Roman are artists working in communities to create specific health promotion and education projects. Morgan is an oral storyteller, musician and author. Roman is a visual artist working with photography, and conceptual art. They work with Community Elders, Health and Education Professionals, and the communities themselves. Their work challenges prejudices, celebrates diversity and promotes tolerance and resilience in the participants.

## Examples of Health Promotion through Arts Projects

*Healthy Dogs, Healthy People:* production of a calendar and mural advertising the Dog Healing Centre in Lockhart River.

*Give Me Strength:* performance & community weight training programmes addressing bone health in older women.

*Tales for Terrific Talkers:* collaboration with speech therapists to address speech & language delays in young children.

*Storytelling for Literacy & Connectedness:* outreach story times for young mothers, Aboriginal & supported playgroups.

*Everyone has a place:* positioning Aboriginal kids in the world through the presentation of world folktales.

*Basket of Hope:* Intergenerational & inclusive project to strengthen & connect all members of a community. (Java)





## What Can We Offer Your Community in 2017?

### Training Workshops:

Storytelling and Oral Literature for Early Childhood Educators, Parents and Carers.

Photography for both adults and children.

Family and Community Storytelling.

Music-making for all ages.

### Programmes, Projects & Performances:

We work with all sectors of the community and offer a variety of programmes, activities and events that can be undertaken concurrently. We consult with the organising or funding body to tailor a project to their required outcomes, noting that our philosophy of inclusion and empowerment is integral to all our work. We will travel to all areas of Queensland including remote communities. Our Arts practice spans three decades and includes visual, conceptual and musical mediums. We believe every human being has a story to tell and that the Arts are paramount in promoting the well-being of everyone. To this end we are committed to working on projects that make a difference to people's lives.

### Presentations:

Early Years Conference, Cairns

Australia 2016

Shanghai Literary Festival China  
2010 & 2011,

International School Librarian  
Conference, Brisbane 2010

European Council of International  
Schools Conference France 2008

### Publications:

The Koala went Cooee CD 2015

Tell Me: Storytelling as a Global  
Language 2008

Talkabout: raps, rhymes, songs and  
stories promoting speech and  
language development in children

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Arts Residencies for Schools,  
Libraries and Communities in  
twenty-three countries**

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