



Sisters of St John of God

Heritage Centre—Broome

Relationships in Action

Billard Aboriginal Community.

“On 28 July 2010 Sr Pat and a group of volunteers from the Sisters of St John of God Heritage Centre were warmly welcomed to Billard Aboriginal Community, the home of Stephen Victor and family, about 2 kms from Beagle Bay township on the occasion of the Blank Page Summit Hard Yarn.

Approximately 150 individuals from communities across Australia representing fields as diverse as child protection, land management, justice, mental health, sport and recreation, counseling, education, disability, academia, government, politics and a range of community-led initiatives, listened intently as Sr Pat explained the unique place that Beagle Bay holds in the hearts of many Kimberley folk due to its history as the home of members of the Stolen Generation. As well, Sr Pat took the audience into the world of the Sisters of St John of God Heritage Centre by explaining the vital work that is done by volunteers to research, curate and preserve the records which portray the heritage of Kimberley Indigenous people.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Stephen Victor Snr gave Sr Pat a cheque for \$2,000 on behalf of the Victor family. Stephen explained why he did this . . .



‘I’ve known Sr Pat for over 50 years. What she and every single one of the volunteers are doing at the Heritage Centre is really humbling. My wife Dorothy and I can’t get into town to help out as volunteers. But we can give some of our personal savings to help Sr Pat and the volunteers to keep up their work. We want them to know we appreciate what they’re doing very much. To tell you the truth, we hope that our donation will inspire other countrymen to follow suit. It’s not much money but it is given with love and gratitude for the all their hard and lovely work.’

Written by Kari Kristiansen, Summit Director – Blank Page Summit Hard Yarn – www.blankpagesummit.com.au – on behalf of Stephen Victor Snr, Main-Person-in-Charge, Billard Aboriginal Community via Beagle Bay WA



Veronica McKeon nee Dann sharing her story



Kevin and Dorothy Victor nee Deegan share a moment

Kevin, Eugenia, Veronica and Daisy each gave short presentations about their work as volunteers at the Heritage Centre. Their words were spoken with love and inspiration as they revealed the joy they felt in giving their time as volunteers to the Heritage Centre.



Daisy Howard shedding a tear as she shares her



Eugenia Creighton nee George



Stephen Victor Snr thanking Kevin Puertollano

“The members of Billard Community greatly appreciate that Sr Pat and the volunteers were able to join the Summit and enrich the understanding of all present” - Stephen Victor