

Consolidated Pastoral Company Supports Up-and-Coming Musical Talent, Rayella

Consolidated Pastoral Company places immense value on our local communities. Most recently, we are proud to be supporting a musical group from the Marlinja Community, which neighbours our property at Newcastle Waters and is home to traditional owners of the land.

'Rayella' is both a band and a family. Raymond Dixon and his daughter, Eleanor, have been writing songs about family, country and culture for many years, with Raymond's guitar and harmonies supporting Eleanor as lead singer. Earlier this year the pair enlisted other members of their family to form the band that delighted audiences at the Desert Harmony Festival in Tennant Creek and the Bush Bands Bash in Alice Springs. Tyrone Dixon has been described as a 'phenomenal talent' on lead guitar and cousins Ethan Godfrey and Adrian Dixon form the rhythm section. Eleanor herself has been widely praised for her vocal talent and for promoting the rights of Indigenous women through both her music and her community presence.

Having caught the eye of two internationally renowned musicians, Rayella have been given a wonderful opportunity for which CPC is very glad to provide sponsorship. Dallas Frasca has invited Rayella to perform on 7th December at the Folk Rhythm and Life music festival in Bilyana, Victoria. Curator of the Mona Foma Arts Festival and bass player for the Violent Femmes, Brian Ritchie, has invited the band to perform in Hobart on the same weekend. Rayella are currently raising money to embark upon the tour, which will also include interviews with several community radio stations. CPC is very pleased to provide funding towards the travel costs of the five band members and their manager. We wish Rayella great success in their upcoming performances.

To watch a video of Eleanor and Raymond, you can visit <http://vimeo.com/99220799>. To help support Rayella and other musicians in the region, you can contact the Winanjikari Music Centre in Tennant Creek at musicmanager@barklyarts.com.au.



Rayella: Photo courtesy of Rayella and the Winanjikari Music Centre