



## Bower Studio 2014 Titjikala, NT Day 8

Wednesday 07 May

Today we arrived at Titjikala for the last day of the Bower 2014 Project. With the main structures completed at both sites, we were left only with the finishing touches of the furniture for both of the outdoor living area's. At Stephanie's, this comprised of completing a fixed low bench, a fixed screen, a fixed high table, a movable round table and a number of seats. At Mari's, the team completed a fixed low bench positioned to soak up winter sun yet shy away from summer sun, a low table where Mari and her friends could comfortably work on art and craft projects, and wind chimes made from materials found locally. At Stephanie's house, Syddie Jacko wove stools made of repurposed old wheels. Screws were placed around the rims and coloured rope was weaved into a web formation. They looked fantastic and were very comfortable.

After finishing work on both sites, we had a sausage sizzle at Marie's house with her and her neighbours to celebrate the work we had done. Following the sausage sizzle, the students and staff made one last trip to Stephanie's house to farewell her and her family, who we found already using the outdoor living space and the furniture. It meant a lot to the entire group to know that what we had created together was already being used at both households. We left Titjikala with a great sense of how fortunate we were to have had the opportunity to get to know the Titjikala community, and gain a greater understanding of remote housing.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Bower 2014 Project. This memorable experience has not only allowed us to work along side the Titjikala community constructing the two outdoor living areas, but it has also given everyone involved the opportunity to share skills and have meaningful and insightful discussions regarding life in indigenous communities.

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