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Ending offending art on show

The artistic fruits of the national award-winning ‘Ending Offending’ program are again on show through the ‘Our Message 2002’ Art Exhibition at the Fannie Bay Gaol Museum.

Minister for Justice and Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne officially opened the art exhibition today and highlighted the Ending Offending program as a positive training and rehabilitation initiative.

Dr Toyne said Ending Offending was developed in the Territory to support prisoner rehabilitation through artistic expression by giving offenders an avenue to demonstrate an understanding about their offending behaviour, and its negative impact on their victims, their families, their communities and themselves.

"Ending Offending is a national award-winning, training and rehabilitation program that gives offenders the ability to express through art an understanding of the impact of their crime and importantly examine ways to address offending behaviour."

"The artwork presented in the "Our Message 2002" exhibition is an excellent display of talent and, through the messages presented in the art pieces, serves a salutary lesson to others on the downside of crime and offensive behaviour," Dr Toyne said.

"Rehabilitation and education work together in this Ending Offending program to strengthen options for prisoners on release and therefore prevent potential re-offending."

The Ending Offending program involves certified study in art and craft that also includes elements of literacy, numeracy and vocational training.

The Exhibition will be open from 11am on Friday 23 August until 17 September (10am to 4pm daily) at the Fannie Bay Gaol Museum.