



Cortes Island, British Columbia, Canada

The Creative Message Exchange

Connecting Phillip Island, Cortes Island, Quadra Island, Vancouver Island, Turtle Island

Creative Message Exchange 2015

In July 2015, Laura Brearley and Terry Melvin travelled to Canada and the USA, delivering messages and artworks from Australia as part of the Creative Message Exchange.



They took with them shearwater birds and artworks sent by Indigenous artists from South-East Australia.

Birds Birds Birds



Designs by

Mick Harding (Taungwurrung)

Lisa Kennedy (Trawlwoolway)

Patrice Muthaymiles Mahoney (Anewan)

Ronald Edwards (Gunnai Kurnai)

Uncle Dennis Seymour (Adnyamathanha)



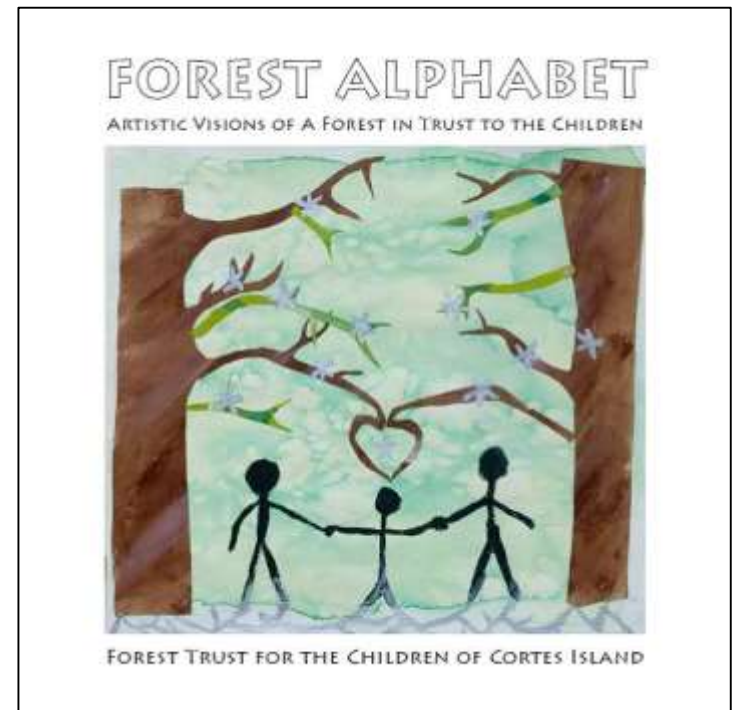
And still more birds

Designs Terry Melvin





In the Children's Forest Project, children on Cortes Island are raising funds to buy back forest to prevent it from being logged.



The Children's Forest





Colin Funk and Connie Brill, eco-theatre makers, at home on Cortes Island



Eco-theatre rehearsals with the
Children of the Forest, Cortes Island









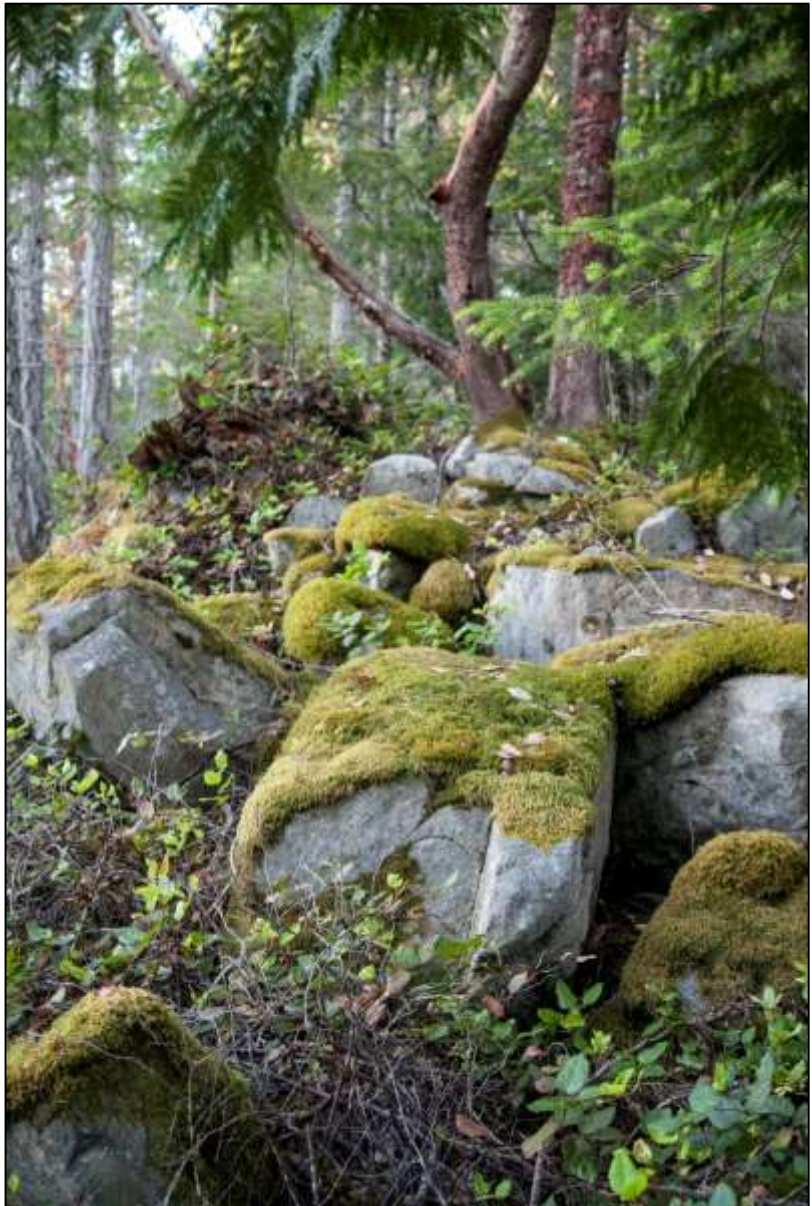


















Lokota artist, drummer and drum-maker, Pawl Mountain Skyrider, lives on Cortes Island.

He is holding a turtle artwork gifted to him by Taungwurrung artist, Mick Harding.

The First Nations people call Canada and the USA Turtle Island.

Pawl sent shearwater birds with messages back to Australia.



Carla Voyageur received shearwater messages and artworks from Mick Harding (Taungwurrung) and Lisa Kennedy (Trawlwoolway) in Australia.

Carla comes from Kingcome Inlet and is a member of the Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw Nation.








Quadra Island
British Columbia
Canada

Stream of Dreams
Healthy Waterways Through Community Education & Art

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Creators
Students and Staff of Quadra Elementary
Parents and Community Members
Stream of Dreams Music Society

FIELD DESIGN WORKS



The salmon have been decorated by Quadra Island school children.







Cape Mudge Reserve
Quadra Island
British Columbia
Canada





Children from the We-Wai-Kai Nation,
Cape Mudge on Quadra Island responding
to Shearwater Messages from Australia.





Patty Wilson, Community Health Representative,
Kwakiutl District Council Health Office with Elder Bill Assu.
Patty organised the Shearwater Message Exchange and
invited the children and the community Elders to attend.





Elder Bill Assu is the oldest grandson of Chief Billy Assu of the We Wai Kai Nation (pictured left).











Vancouver Island
British Columbia
Canada



Laura with Dr France Trepanier, Mohawk/Quebecoise
artist and researcher who lives on Vancouver Island.



Banff
Alberta
Canada



Elder Tom Crane Bear is from the Siksika Nation and is the cultural and spiritual advisor at The Banff Centre in the Rocky Mountains in Alberta.

He has visited Australia twice as part of the Exchange.



Brian Calliou is the Director of the Indigenous Leadership and Management Program at the Banff Centre. His wife Prof Cora Voyageur is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Calgary.

Here, they are playing guitar with their son Drew, who goes for the really high notes in Neil Young's songs and gets them. Brian is a Hank Williams fan. Cora is Carla Voyageur's cousin who we met on Cortes Island.



Laura and Terry with Elder Tom Crane Bear and Don McIntyre an Ojibway artist, story-teller, lawyer and scholar from the Tamiskaming First Nation. Don has come to Australia as part of the Exchange.



Cheryl Baxter is an artist and runs the Elevation Gallery in Canmore Alberta.



Nakoda Lodge
Stoney Reserve
Alberta, Canada





Carla Pauls (pictured right) organised the Shearwater Message Exchange as part of the Summer School at the Nakoda Lodge. Carla teaches at the Exshaw School where the children are also participating in the Shearwater Message Exchange.









Stoney Nation Elder Grandmother
Clarisse is the Granddaughter of Chief
Walking Buffalo and daughter of
Medicine Woman.

Here she is holding a gift with Flame
Robins from Trawlwoolway artist Lisa
Kennedy at the Nakoda Lodge on the
Stoney Reserve.





'The Power of a Wing' Katie van Dore, Boulder Colorado



Mick Harding (Victoria, Australia)

with

Chris Blume (Boulder, Colorado)



Mick Harding Taungurung Aboriginal Artist
Victoria, Australia

THE THOUGHTS ARE THE CIRCLES THAT
 ○ FLOAT IN MY MIND
 AS I WISH FOR THEM TO REACH
 MY GRANDPARENTS
 WHO HAVE
 ○ PASSED...
 THE LINES
 REPRESENT
 MY
 CONNECTION TO
 MY
 PEOPLE +
 CULTURE
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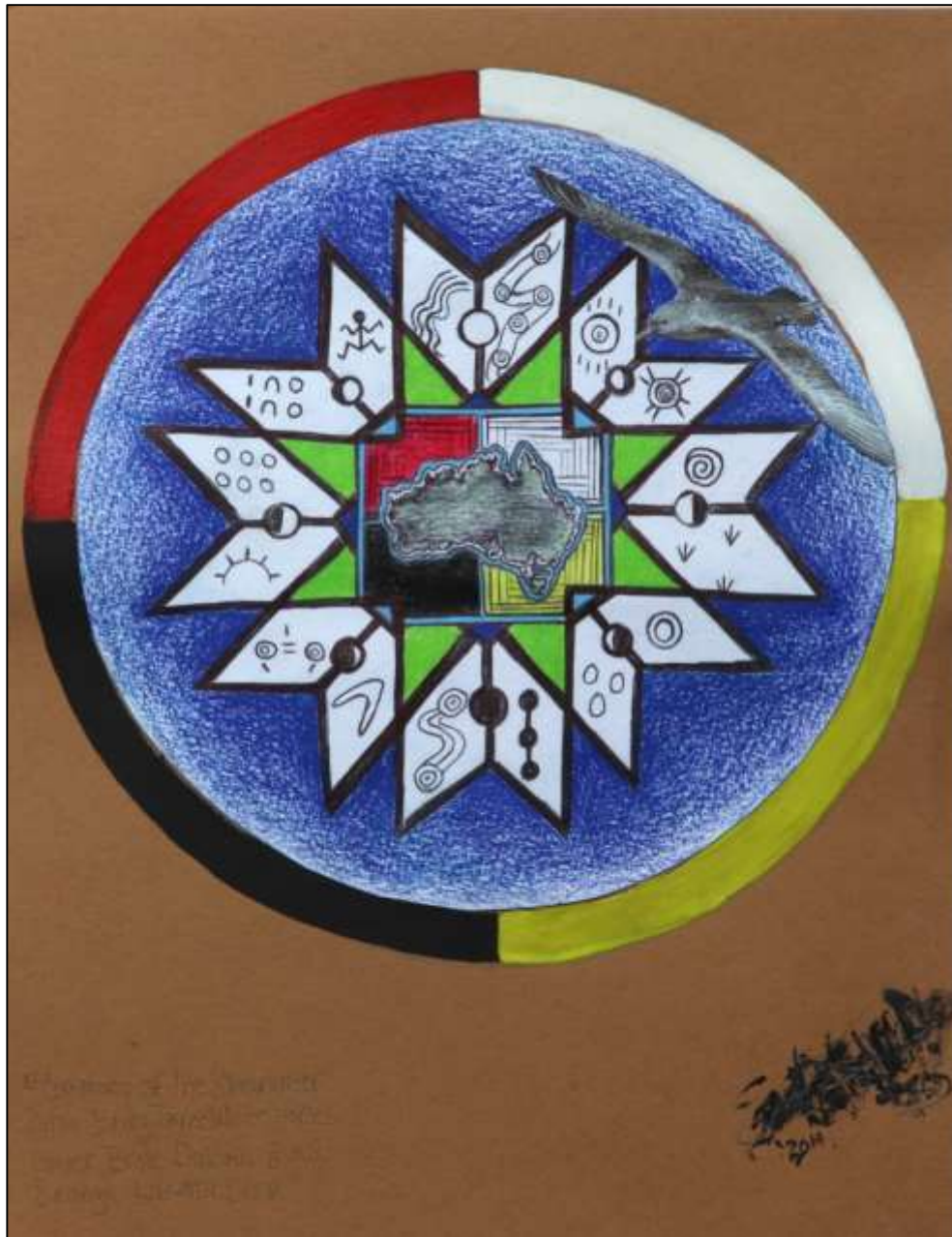
I AM OF THE EAST AND BITREWARR CLANS AND MY HOPE IS TO KNOW AND CONNECT WITH MANY THROUGH ART MAKING.

I sometimes think what it would be like
 To spend a day with my great great grandparents
 I have moments when I feel the ancestors are helping
 Guiding me, sitting right beside me
 I need to do justice to the struggles they lived through

Mick Harding Taungurung Aboriginal Artist
Victoria, Australia



Mick Harding (Victoria, Australia) with Melanie Yazzie (Boulder, Colorado)



'Ceremony of the Shearwater'
Sarah Brings Three White Horses
Lower Brule Dakota Sioux
Sicango Lakota Sioux

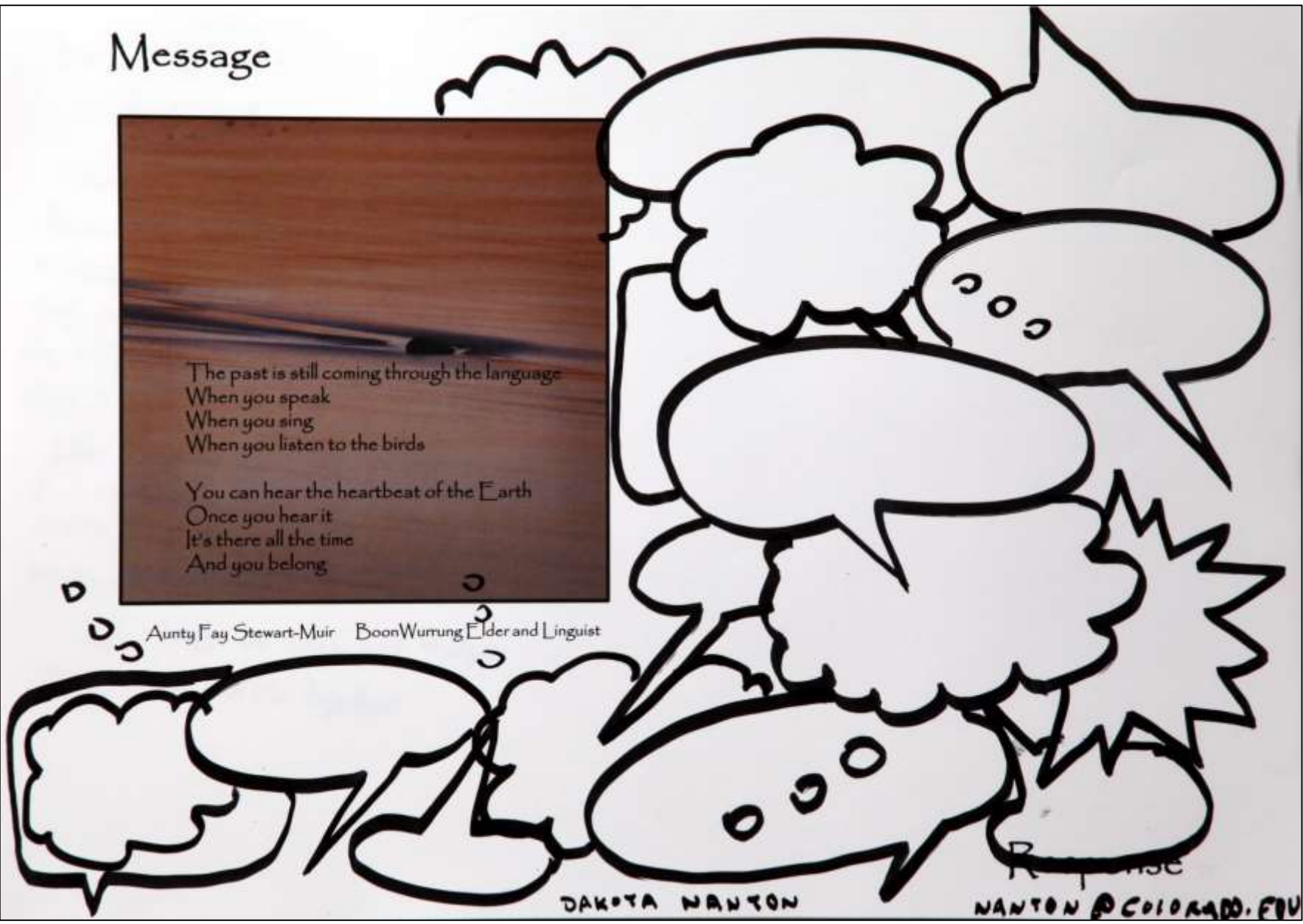
Message



The past is still coming through the language
When you speak
When you sing
When you listen to the birds

You can hear the heartbeat of the Earth
Once you hear it
It's there all the time
And you belong

Aunty Fay Stewart-Muir BoonWurrung Elder and Linguist

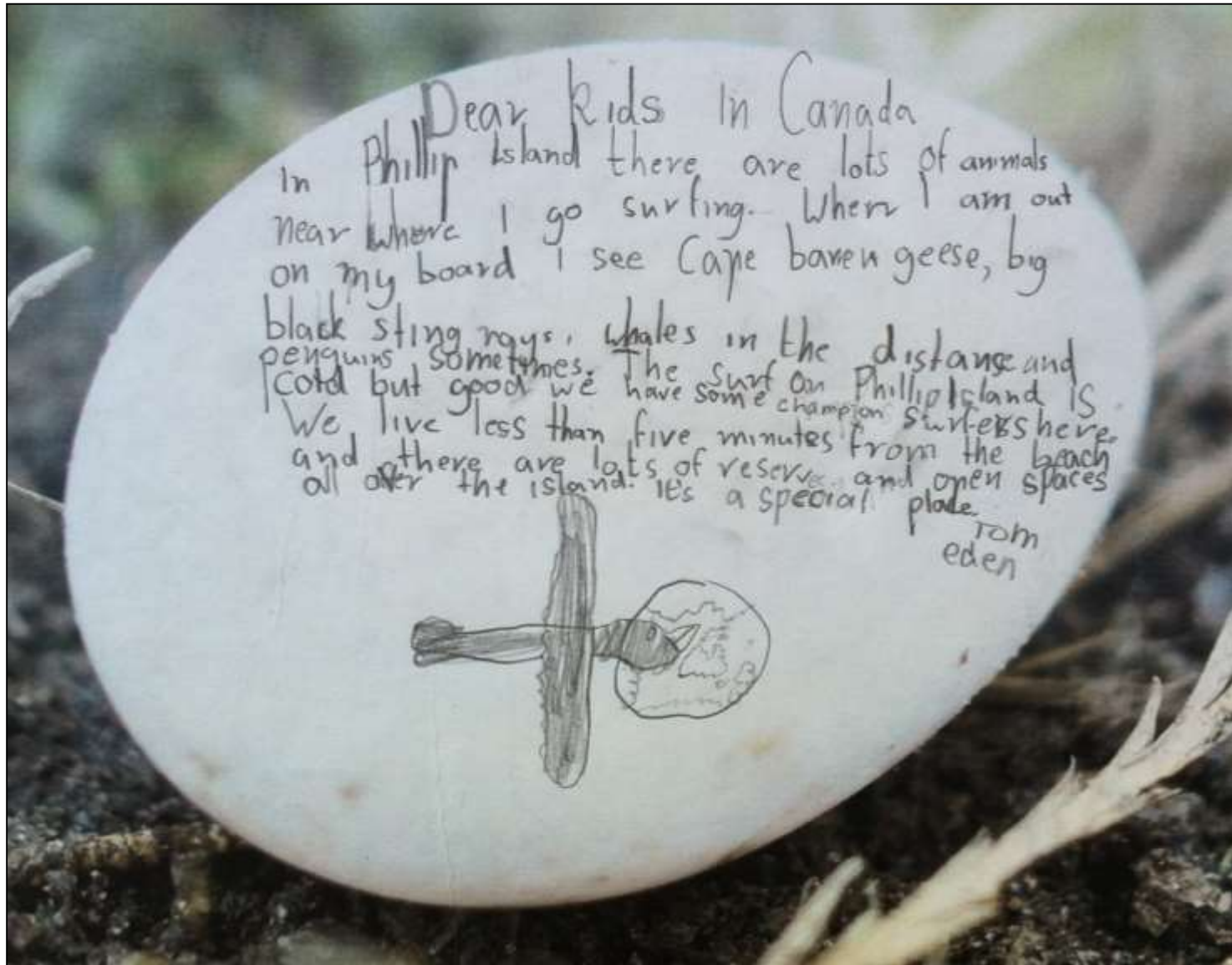


DAKOTA NANTON

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Aunty Fay Stewart-Muir (Victoria, Australia) with Dakota Nanton (Boulder, Colorado)

Messages between children on Phillip Island, Victoria, Australia to children in Canada.



Australia to Canada

I go to the beach in
the summer. I swim in the
waves it's so fun. I really like
seeing fish in the water. I like the
beach because of all the sea animals and
sand shells. I like to go surfing and
playing in the rock pools.



Australia to Canada



BELLA BELLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Bella Bella Community School is located halfway up the coast of British Columbia on Campbell Island. Bella Bella is nestled in the "Great Bear Rainforest" and is a place of great natural beauty.

Bella Bella Community School is proud of its cultural heritage. The School teaches students through both modern and traditional ways, and includes Heiltsuk cultural activities such as singing and dancing into the school program.



Source: Bella Bella Community School website
<http://www.bellabella.ca/events.htm>



Canada to Australia



Canada to Australia



Exshaw School is a Kindergarten to grade eight school located in the community of Exshaw, in Alberta, Canada.

The students come from Exshaw, Canmore and the nearby Stoney First Nations Reserve of Morley.

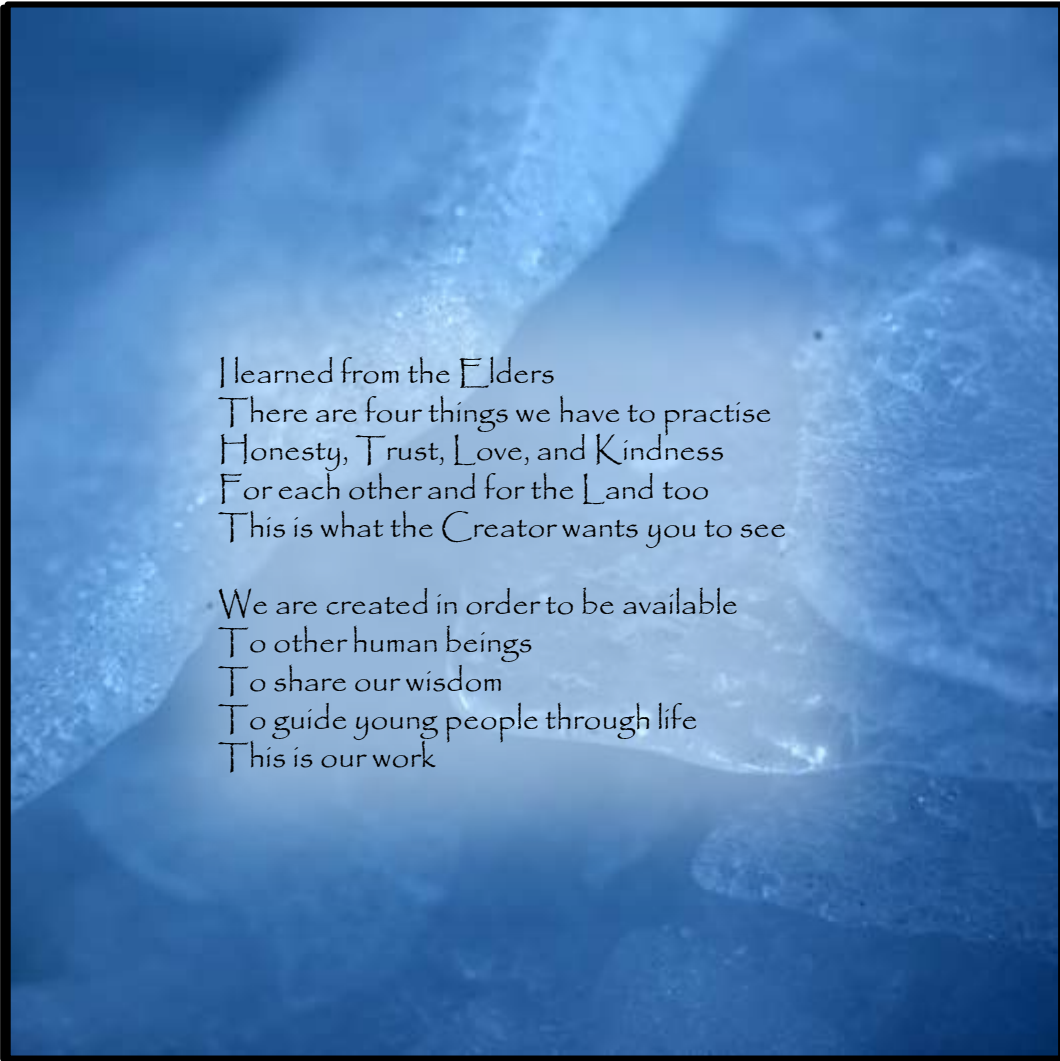




Canada to Australia



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I learned from the Elders
There are four things we have to practise
Honesty, Trust, Love, and Kindness
For each other and for the Land too
This is what the Creator wants you to see

We are created in order to be available
To other human beings
To share our wisdom
To guide young people through life
This is our work

A Message from Elder Tom Crane Bear Siksika Nation Spiritual Advisor



For further information about ...
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