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Festival Rocks Mt Margaret Community

When primary school students from the remote Mt Margaret community couldn't make it to Kalgoorlie for the popular Rock Festival in August, the solution was simple – take the Festival to them!

Organised by the local Goldfields Esperance Mining Industry Alliance (GEMIA), the Rock Festival is one of the biggest education based celebrations to ever hit the Goldfields. It is aimed at celebrating science in the context of the mining industry through hands-on activities, displays, competitions and careers information for school aged students.

Following on from the successful event at the Mining Hall of Fame, a small KCGM team comprising Geology Production Superintendent, Darren Cooke and Community Relations Officer, Brooke Martin, took to the road to visit the remote aboriginal community of Mt Margaret, 95km's from Leonora and 32kms from Laverton.

"Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Mt Margaret Primary School students were unable to attend the festival so we decided to take the Rock Festival to them," said Darren Cooke, KCGM Geology Production Superintendent.

A consolidated program, comprising the theory and practical aspects of the Festival were presented to the students during September and there were few students who didn't enjoy learning about the history of the earth and the importance of geology and science.

"The KCGM team captured the attention of the kids straight away and made science fun! It was spot on the topics the kids were studying at school, and it was presented in a way that they understood," said Jenni Greenham, Mt Margaret School Principal.

Hopefully the visit marks the start of a long lasting partnership and the school has already invited the KCGM team back to the community to conduct further science activities with the kids in the coming months.

"I am certain that we evoked an excitement in the students through the creative activities, and we might have even met some future metallurgist, engineers and geologists!" said Brooke Martin, KCGM Community Relations Officer.

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