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Meet the children of a remote Indigenous community

Ardiyooloon is home to the Bardi Jaawi people and sits at the end of a red dirt road at the top of the Dampier Peninsula, 200km north of Broome in the north-west of Western Australia.

Also known as One Arm Point, the community is surrounded on three sides by the saltwater that plays such an integral part in the people's lives.

Our World: Bardi Jaawi Life at Ardiyooloon takes readers inside the lives of the children of a remote Indigenous community — lives very different to those experienced by most Australians.

The book celebrates the connection of the Bardi Jaawi people to the land and sea, and their efforts to retain those links.

An important way of passing on their knowledge and skills to future generations is through the cultural program at the One Arm Point Remote Community School where the children experience those traditions first-hand.

In *Our World: Bardi Jaawi Life at Ardiyooloon*, the children take readers camping and fishing, share traditional stories and dances, show them how to find a waterhole, track, cook and eat bush tucker and animals such as turtles, crabs, oysters and clams, and make spears, boomerangs, bough shelters and bush brooms.

This vibrant book is bursting with activity and life. Created by the school's cultural team and the children themselves, it is full of colourful illustrations and amazing photographs of the students experiencing their world and keeping alive the age-old traditions of their people.

In the past, the One Arm Point school at Ardiyooloon was set up to teach English literacy and numeracy skills to enable Indigenous children to 'fit into' mainstream society.

Today, the integration of Bardi Jaawi traditional ways of life with a contemporary school curriculum has produced a vibrant, energetic and rich learning environment for about 100 students.

Our World: Bardi Jaawi Life at Ardiyooloon is available in bookshops and online at www.magabala.com for \$29.95.

Launched in 1987, Magabala Books is a not-for-profit Aboriginal Corporation, based in Broome, that aims to promote, preserve and publish Indigenous Australian culture.

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