

EAST VICTORIA PARK



Bringing indigenous designs to the world

AN East Victoria Park clothing designer has partnered with indigenous artists in Arnhem Land to produce a range of garments using traditional designs.

Sally-Anne Lyons, from All Figured Out, uses screen-printed designs made by indigenous women she met at a refuge during a trip to Arnhem Land.

After building a rapport with the group, she was able to

establish a working relationship.

She hopes her 30 years experience in the fashion industry will help bring the women's designs to the international stage.

That means making a line of clothing that is commercially viable and able to be produced on a larger scale.

"I'm not about to make these fabrics into one-off pieces for fashion shows, this is an enterprise," she said. "I want to bring their work to the world."

Lyons' work focuses on individual designs to fit the wearer's body shape.

The fashion wear and fabrics will be on show at Northern Territory's annual National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

More than 10,000 people attended the event last year and nearly \$2 million worth of art was bought.