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Puppetry show with a message heads to Broome

Owl's aren't born wise you know - they have to learn it from somewhere.

The Owl's Apprentice is headed to the Broome Civic Centre on Tuesday 5 July, and is an interactive solo show created by Jenny Ellis using a combination of shadow puppetry, hand puppetry and story-telling.

The show is about our unique Australian animals as well as drawing on the field of applied ethics and the *16 Habits of Mind* developed by Prof. Art Costa. *The Owl's Apprentice* poses questions with the aim of extending young minds.

It's the story of a young owl named Poot Poot who has been sent to Owl School to learn to become wise. He's not like the other Owls. He doesn't know how to fly. He misses his family. He just wants to go home. He knows the only way he can go home is by gaining "wisdom" but he doesn't even know what that is.

His teacher, Mr Tawny, sends him to get a book from the library in the far-off city. On his way he meets other animals who share with him their own special breeds of wisdom. He meets a wombat who tells him to keep trying and not give up. He meets a Lyrebird who teaches him to listen very carefully to what he hears. He meets a Kookaburra who makes him laugh even when he's sad. He meets an Echidna who shows him how to protect himself and a Platypus who shows him it's OK to be different.

On his journey, he finds that wisdom isn't just one thing, it's many things. It's a collection of all the little things you learn every day. But when a bushfire threatens the Owl School, will Poot Poot be able to use his newly gained wisdom to save the forest?

The performance on Tuesday 5 July is presented by the Shire of Broome and starts at 6pm with doors open from 5pm, and tickets are available from the Broome Civic Centre website at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

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