

HANDMADE PAPER FROM OUR NATIVE GRASSES
CURTIN SPRINGS
PAPER



**Paper
Making
tours &
workshops**

Curtin Springs Paper

Handmade paper from our native grasses

Curtin Springs Paper invites the desert to offer up its hardy ingredients to combine and make something beautiful. Nature is literally transformed in this remote and special part of Central Australia, where native grasses are harvested, pulped and pressed to create a distinctive and beautiful souvenir of Central Australia.

You can share the wonders of our home and get to know our history, landscape and connection to the land through our paper. Each and every production run makes a quality paper that is unique and individually made.

The paper is suitable for an endless array of uses - the only limit is your imagination.





Native grasses and natural ingredients

We harvest our native grasses by hand; using a pair of secateurs, a hessian sack and our knowledge of the Curtin Springs landscape. Each type of grass creates a unique texture and feel in the paper, whether it be spinifex, oat grass, woollybutt, kangaroo or kerosene grass.

We continue to experiment with dying, blending and texture, using plants, flowers, bark, clay, sand and poo as well as other things like the bangtails from the cattle.



Paper tours and experiences

> Paper Making Tour (1 hour)

Join a tour of the production process in the Old Abattoir and learn how we harvest the grass and produce our diverse range of papers. See how this remote location can provide what is needed to produce the paper - the grasses, water, equipment and imagination.

All tour participants have exclusive access to purchase from our full range of papers.

See our website for current tour times and prices.

> Paper Making Workshops

If you would prefer to add your own personal touch to the paper, you can join one of our Paper Making Workshops.

- Get involved in the harvesting and paper making process.
- You might like to bring your own friends or join an open group.
- A great experience for artists, crafts people, or even a girls week away.

Workshop duration can be designed to suit the needs of your group, but generally start from a two day minimum.

Workshops are offered as full packages including meals, accommodation and touring on the station.

See our website for details.

Tours are conducted in conjunction with SEIT Outback Australia



We invite you to
experience and connect in
a truly unique way with the
Central Australian landscape
through Curtin Springs Paper



Our history

Paper Making in an old abattoir

Curtin Springs has been home to the Severin family since 1956, when Peter Severin arrived with his young wife Dawn, their toddler son Ashley and 1,500 head of cattle.

During our tours you can hear how this history has embraced a creative space for the paper production.

Where we make our paper might surprise and fascinate you. There is no big factory here, but instead a building that pays homage and respect to our pastoral and family history – the Old Abattoir. Built in the late 1970's and decommissioned in the mid 1980's, the building and its features appear as though it has been built to purpose for making paper with it's sloped floor and separate cold room.

Almost everything in the building has been recycled or re-purposed from somewhere else on our million-acre station, revealing innovation and inventiveness that only remote living can bring. Timber from desert oak trees killed during recent bushfires is used in displays. The timber fence posts are the original mulga fencing posts from the 1950's – hand cut and drilled by Peter and used on the boundary fence until they were 'retired' to be used here. Old bakers' bread trays store paper moulds and deckles, the vat is an old bath, and even the 15 tonne paper press has been made from the framework of an old truck, old car springs, and a jack found 'down behind the shed'.





How to find us

Not to Scale
 > 100km east of Ayers Rock
 > 360km south west of Alice Springs
 > 220km from Kings Canyon

NORTHERN TERRITORY
 SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ways to see our beautiful handmade paper

How to buy our paper

A limited range of Curtin Springs Paper is available at the Curtin Springs Wayside Inn and via our website. Tour participants have access to the full range of paper products.

Tours run for approx 1 hour

Tours available for groups. Bookings required

Individual travellers Please see our website for current tour information.

Stay with us, various accommodation options available.

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