



Kaylah Minter, Kayla Smith, Jarna Smith and Taryn Minter at the Gilcreek Scout Camp on Saturday.

# Group aims to keep local language alive

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THE Wirlomin Noongar Stories and Language Project is helping elders and their school-aged children gain the resources they need to help them speak their local language.

The second stage of the project, which helps Noongar families share their traditional creation stories and regenerate the local dialect, was in full swing at the Gilcreek Scout Camp on Saturday.

Committee chair Kim Scott said a highlight of the workshop, which is sponsored by Healthways and the Respect Yourself, Respect Your Cul-

ture message, was the transmission of ancestral stories and culture from elders to younger generations.

"The family passionately re-told and discussed each of the stories, how best to share them with the wider community as well as their own youth and children, and which Noongar spelling and style of English was best," Mr Scott said.

"Cultural elders like Hazel Brown and Russell Nelly shared stories that have been read from the landscape by thousands of generations with their own great-great-great-great-grandchildren."

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