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Leanne Watson Redpath

Storytelling through art, inspired by country and family

From a young age, Leanne Watson Redpath was inspired to tell stories through painting. Taught by her mother, Aunty Edna Watson and brother, Bundeluk Watson, Leanne is now an award-winning artist and illustrator.

As a proud Dharug woman, Leanne always tells a story through her art. 'The stories that I include are from my country and connected to it.'

Leanne explains, 'Dharug stories relate to our cultural practices. Our art is a part of our culture and tells our stories. I've been taught that we always need stories to pass on and to help share our beautiful culture.'

Leanne's art features in MTA resources such as puzzles, games, dress-ups, cushions, pillows, floor mats, stepping stones, magazine boxes and the award-winning Indigenous Discovery Big Books and Picture Book Bilingual Pack, with a special audio recording in Dharug you unlock with a QR code in each book.

Known in the Aboriginal community as 'Mulgo' meaning Black Swan, Leanne also works alongside a range of Aboriginal groups and consultants specialising in Aboriginal site awareness, education and protection. But at heart, the Black Swan is a storyteller.





Moon Aboriginal Art Recycled Outdoor Mat Kit \$241.45 BW14K1



Counting Indigenous Discovery Big Book

\$44.95 LM16804

Counting Indigenous Discovery Big Book will delight readers by counting and rhyming with Australian native animals as they glide, sprint and swim gracefully across the spectacular artwork by Dharug artist-educator Leanne Watson Redpath.



Aboriginal Animal Peg Sorting Puzzle Kit

\$179.95 JJ006K 8 puzzles

A beautiful collection of 8 animal peg puzzles with artwork by Aboriginal artist Leanne Watson Redpath. The animals range from small to large making these puzzles perfect for sorting, ordering and looking at size.





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Counting Indigenous Discovery Bilingual Book

\$19.95 LM16811

Counting Indigenous Discovery Bilingual Book will delight readers by counting and rhyming with Australian native animals as they glide, sprint and swim gracefully across the spectacular artwork by Dharug artisteducator Leanne Watson Redpath. Explore the authentic Dharug language within this early numeracy, bilingual picture book by Dharug custodian Rhiannon Wright.



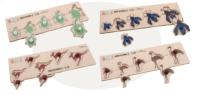


Aboriginal Animal Peg Sorting Puzzles Set 1

\$109.95 JJ006

Aboriginal Animal Peg Sorting Puzzles Set 2

\$109.95 JJ007



Indigenous Discovery Read and Play Pack

\$368.45 LM9150K Pack of 12

Go on a rhyming journey as you discover Australian animals, numbers, colours, shapes and animals in the ocean with stories in both English and Dharug, dress up capes and puzzles all brought to life by the stunning artwork of Leanne Watson Redpath!



Indigenous
Discovery Puzzles
\$146.95 Set of 6
JJ0021 Ocean
JJ0022 Land



Aboriginal Animal Dress Up Cape

\$74.95 LIJKL22K Set of 5

\$16.95 Each

LIJKL22-001 Kangaroo LIJKL22-002 Magpie

LIJKL22-003 Emu LIJKL22-004 Crocodile

LIJKL22-005 Cockatoo



LM9143 Numbers LM9150 Under the Sea



Visual stories are a great way to share knowledge and are key for so many children and adults.



Indigenous Animals Pillows

\$194.95 LIJ035 Set of 6

A set of 6 animal pillows featuring Indigenous artworks by Dharug artist Leanne Watson Redpath and Muruwari John Boney. This beautiful animal pillow set includes Fish, Koala, Platypus, Emu, Snake and Turtle.



Muru Mittigar - Aboriginal Art Matching Game

\$74.95 JJ9002 24 pc

This matching game features Australian animals such as fish, koala, platypus, lizard, snake and turtle and is excellent for matching and memory games, sorting, classifying and learning about the rich and wonderful heritage of Aboriginal culture and art.

See more of Leanne Watson Redpath's art & resources at teaching.com.au



Traditional culture, popular culture & some tropical magic

The lush Daintree Rainforest and Mossman Gorge are some of the tropical surroundings that infuse the rich colours in the work of award-winning artist, Luke Mallie

Luke is of both Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent, with ties to the Kuku Yalanji Nation in the Daintree/Mossman area and Kubin Village on Moa Island in the Torres Strait Islands.

Luke has earned a reputation as one of Australia's best Indigenous artists and designers for his amazing artwork, which is inspired by his family, his culture, tropical surroundings and by more modern themes too (architecture, fashion and advertising).

This rich combination of influences is shown in the wide range of MTA resources Luke has created... from Dreamtime journey table linens and Spirit of Australia foam-filled loungers to Aboriginal art hand-cut wooden dominoes, stained glass rainbow serpents, Indigenous stamps, sand art boomerangs and shrink film animals.

There is vivid colour, energy and pride in Luke's artwork that makes it so distinctive. He enjoys working in a broad range of mediums and through his MTA collaboration, he hopes he can inspire educators and children to discover something amazing in their own lives and perform to their own full potential.





Aboriginal Animal Flag Puzzle - Luke Mallie

\$49.95 JJM005

This beautiful artwork by Luke Mallie of animal designs layered on the Aboriginal flag represents the connection of animals to country.



Aboriginal Art Dominoes

\$74.95 JJ9001 28 pc

These wooden dominoes featuring authentic artwork by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist Luke Mallie are perfect for playing games, sorting, classifying, memory games and learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands culture, animals and history.

Dreamtime Journey Table Linens Set

\$297.45 LIJ2208K 8pc

Dreamtime Journey Table Linens Set will add colour to your room and centre with this set of 4 x Tablecloths (115 cm W x 160 cm L) and 4 x Table Runners (40 cm W x 160 cm L). Designed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist Luke Mallie.



Tablecloth \$52.95 LIJ2208



Table Runner \$34.95 LIJ2207

Shrink Film Animals

\$19.95 CS4004 48pc

Create indigenous animal trinkets, jewellery and decorations with Shrink Film Animals. This pack of 48 pieces feature bespoke designs by Australian Aboriginal artist Luke Mallie.





\$17.95 CS5549 Pack of 20

This Stained Glass Rainbow Serpent craft set features the bespoke design of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contemporary artist Luke Mallie.

I see my work as a resource that creates connection, telling stories through colour, fun and cultural appreciation.



Sand Art Boomerangs

\$18.50 CS6566 Pack of 20

Featuring the artwork of Australian Aboriginal artist Luke Mallie, children are encouraged to learn about Aboriginal culture with our sand art boomerangs.



Indigenous Stamps

\$59.95 SIC005 Set of 6

Learn and play with this set of fair trade Indigenous Stamps featuring six beautifully hand-carved designs of Indigenous Australian animals and is perfect for paper decorating, textiles and clay works.

Foam Filled Lounger **Spirit of Australia**

\$262.95

TFH746-S Sand TFH746-C Ocean

Learn in comfort with this ocean coloured or sand coloured foam-filled lounger. Featuring a wonderful design by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist Luke Mallie, this lounger is a comfortable single sofa-style seat filled with foam.



See more of Luke Mallie's art & resources at teaching.com.au



Sharing Indigenous cultural knowledge through art

The name Billyara comes from this award-winning Indigenous artist's totem, an eagle. With 35 years flying high as an artist, we sat down with Billyara for five fast questions.

What is the inspiration behind your work?

I draw inspiration from the landscape, animals and practices of Indigenous peoples. The colours that feature pop throughout my work as I create themes from coast to bush.

How do you incorporate your cultural heritage into your pieces?

I depict Indigenous cultural knowledge that many tribes and peoples share.

How does your storytelling relate to traditional Indigenous practices?

Indigenous peoples' knowledge has always been shared through storytelling, songs and art. Using knowledge passed down to me, I translate it into a visual piece of art.

How do you balance traditional techniques with contemporary practices?

With modern mediums, the same traditional storytelling goal is there, however techniques can be refined as products improve, making application of layers easier to control.

How does your work play a role in the educational space?

I like to incorporate an educational theme into my artwork, and by having it printed onto cushions, mats or puzzles, it can be incorporated in any setting.



\$209.95 SPP130

This Aboriginal mat features the artwork, Sun Cycle, which depicts how Aboriginal existence has always revolved around the seasons. The photographic printed floor mat features a durable polyester surface and a rubber, non-slip backing. Measures 100 cm in diameter.





Matching Aboriginal Game

\$46.95 FR001 56 pc

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This matching Aboriginal art game features the beautiful artworks of Billyara and includes 56 cards (28 pairs). These beautiful cards are perfect for memory games, sorting, stacking and pattern making.



Aboriginal Art Puzzles

\$157.95 JJ9010 Set of 8

These puzzles are not only wonderful in encouraging young children to develop their fine motor skills and hand and eye coordination but allow them to explore Indigenous culture, art and history through play. Each tray puzzle measures 20cm wide x 15cm long and have six pieces.





Uncle Tigers Country Mat

\$282.95 SPP14

This large carpet features the painting Uncle Tiger's Country by Wiradjuri artist Billyara. The carpet is printed on durable rubber backed fabric. Measures 100 x 200 cm



Aboriginal Art Poufs

\$587.95 SPP330 Set of 5

A set of 5 low and soft seats featuring authentic Aboriginal art by artist Billyara. Each of these Aboriginal art poufs measures 30cm in diameter x 20cm high. These poufs each feature a soft, polyester cover and a non-slip PVC base.



Round Aboriginal Art Puzzles

\$125.95 JJ9020 Set of 3

Regeneration Mat \$167.95 LIJ2066

A beautiful floor mat depicting the regeneration of the land from an Aboriginal

A beautiful set of 3 round Aboriginal art puzzles by Aboriginal artist Billyara featuring artworks Regeneration, Sun Cycle and Spirit Totems, Each puzzle measures 30cm in diameter and include nine pieces.



Welcome to Country Recycled Outdoor Floor Mat

\$94.95 BW09

This Aboriginal floor mat is made from 100% recycled plastic. This beautiful and colourful mat features the artwork "Welcome to Country" by Billyara which represents a smoking ceremony, and includes the different leaves used in the ceremony. This double-sided Aboriginal floor mat measures 180cm in diameter.



Dreamscape Aboriginal Wall Hanging

\$34.95 LIJ052

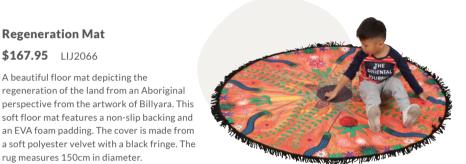
This beautiful Aboriginal wall hanging features the painting 'Dreamscape' by Wiradjuri artist Billyara. This Aboriginal wall hanging is made from polyester velvet and is slightly padded. It measures 78cm wide x 60cm high and includes loops for hanging.



Aboriginal Round Cushions

\$94.95 LIJ2068 Set of 4

A set of four beautiful round Aboriginal cushions featuring artwork by Billyarra and Charlie Wicking. Each velvet polyester cushion features soft padding and has a removable outer cover. The covers are machine washable in cold water. The Aboriginal cushions each measure 60cm in diameter.



rug measures 150cm in diameter.

My artwork can be used as both a visual teaching tool and functioning piece of décor.



\$125.95 BW05-K

Featuring the artwork Yarning and Learning Circle by Billyara, this Aboriginal yarning circle mat measures 180cm x 180cm. The yarning circle mat is made from recycled plastic, is fade resistant and can be easily hosed for cleaning.

Yarning and Learning Circle Mat & Non-slip Mat

\$83.95 BW05

See Billyara's art & resources at teaching.com.au

Three Rivers Floor Mat & Non-slip Mat

\$157.45 BW01-K

Featuring the artwork Three Rivers by Billyara, this mat is made from 100% recycled plastic, and can be used outdoors. It is UV and water-resistant and can be hosed off for an easy clean. The mat measures 180 x 300cm.



Songline Indigenous Cushions

\$147.45 LIJ008K Set of 3

A set of 3 Aboriginal cushions feature the Songlines artworks from Wiradjuri artist Billyara. These Aboriginal cushions feature removable, polyester velvet covers and thickly padded inserts. Pillows measure 50cm.





Turning passion for Indigenous perspectives into beautiful resources

As a mum of primary school aged children and a proud Dunghutti woman, Debbie Hoger of Riley Callie Resources wanted to play her part in creating an educational environment where children can grow up in a world that not only includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives but celebrates First Nations cultures.

Riley Callie's product range features Indigenous educational flashcards that include Aboriginal Topic Cards, Bush Food Snap and Aboriginal Tools Memory Cards. Storytelling is central to how these cards can be used in the classroom, with each set designed to tell a story about Aboriginal culture, history and knowledge.

'We developed these resources with teachers in mind. We put thought into how we could best present information and knowledge about Aboriginal culture, in an easy-to-use format that children can pick up and learn from, and teachers can feel confident using in their classrooms', Debbie continues.

The goal of Riley Callie Resources is to spark interest in children learning more about Aboriginal culture. Debbie adds, 'We also want to contribute towards truth-telling in the classroom, so that children can be equipped with the knowledge to form an inclusive understanding of Aboriginal people, communities and culture'.





Bush Food Garden Sign

\$26.95 RICA1003

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Featuring stunning artwork by Gamilaraay artist, Mirii Designs, this sign features Aboriginal symbols that tell the story of bush tucker and the connection to Country. The perfect way to welcome visitors to your bush food garden! Made from 5mm corflute material and has two plastic eyelets for hanging. Suitable for outdoor displays and measures 30 cm x 42 cm.



Aboriginal Symbols Sign

\$26.95 RICA1002



Aboriginal symbols can be used to express stories around hunting and tracking, animals, connection to country, and people and community. This PVC banner is perfect for group activities or for displaying indoors or outdoors. Measures 42cm x 30 cm.



Acknowledgement of Country Sign

\$26.95

RICA1000 Neutral RICA1001 Blue

This banner will allow you to recognise the traditional owners of the land in which you learn and play. Made from PVC materials that can be used indoors or outdoors, measures 42cm x 30cm.



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Teen Yarn Cards

\$34.95 RICA6250

These cards contain 60 thought-provoking questions across 20 cards designed to spark interesting conversations and dialogue with teens. Each question is simple but has the potential to start deeper conversations around that topic. They also contain 10 affirmation cards to help build up your teen and encourage positive thinking and confidence. Pack includes 30 cards. Card size is 7.5cm x 10.5cm.



Yarning Cards

\$34.95 RICA6243

Yarning and story-telling are beautiful ways of learning and an important part of First Nations culture. These cards contain 60 fun questions designed to spark conversations and dialogue with children. They also contain 5 special Aboriginal Learning Provocation Cards. Pack includes 25 cards. Card size is 7.5cm x 10.5cm.







Number Flash Cards

\$34.95 RICA6267

These number flash cards help children have fun learning to count 1-10. Each number is represented numerically, visually and in written form featuring beautiful authentic Aboriginal illustrations. Set of 30 cards.





20 Aboriginal Symbols Sign

\$25.95 RICA1465

Engage children in learning about Aboriginal symbols and together explore Indigenous perspectives with this bright and colourful rainbow Aboriginal Symbols Sign showcases 20 symbols.



It's about empowering the next generation to become informed, inclusive learners.



Bush Foods Snap - Saltwater Country

\$32.95 RICA4471



With this fun snap or memory game children can learn about some Australian native plant bush foods found on Saltwater Country.



Aboriginal Cultural Cards Pack

\$132.45 RICA1319K Set of 4

Research, explore and play as you gain an understanding of Aboriginal culture and history. Includes 4 sets of cards which can be used for games, discussions, research topics, art inspiration and more.







Aboriginal Symbol Cards

\$34.95 RICA1302

A beautiful set of 20 Aboriginal Symbols cards. The easy way to increase the cultural insight of children is by teaching them some commonly recognised Aboriginal symbols. Symbols play an important role in cultural transmission of information and are a special way in which Aboriginal stories are told and shared.

See more of Riley Callie's resources at teaching.com.au

John Smith Gumbula

From ancient spiritual symbols to mixed medium contemporary art

A force of nature, multi-award winning artist John Smith Gumbula is a proud descendant of the Wakka Wakka/Gurang Gurang people. For more than three decades, he has been passionately involved in the arts, creative expression and cultural activities of his people.

'When I was young, I spent 6 months in a plaster cast and 12 months on my back and in a wheelchair. I was given a box of pencils and a drawing pad and that was where it all began.'

Using rich earthy tones and vibrant colours, Gumbula's art portrays spiritually significant symbols, motifs and images of flora and fauna. 'The native animals of Australia have had an important ancient spiritual connection to our people and country for over 60,000 years', Gumbula adds.

MTA resources that feature the artwork of Gumbula include Billabong Dreaming cushions and floor mats, Aboriginal art puzzles, land and marine animal cushions and Billabong Sacred Place outdoor cushions.

'As a Wakka Wakka man, I am proud of my Aboriginal heritage and diverse creative Indigenous professional achievements over many years. My contemporary Aboriginal art resonates deep in my heart, soul and spirit, connecting me physically and spiritually to country.'

















Gumbula Aboriginal Art Puzzles - Bright

\$72.95 JJ050 Set of 4

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These Aboriginal art puzzles feature bright, authentic artworks. These hand-cut puzzles are all slightly unique. Each puzzle features an authentic artwork by John Smith Gumbula. Each tray puzzle measures 20cm wide x 15cm long. They all include six pieces.

Gumbula Aboriginal Art Puzzles - Neutral

\$72.95 JJ051 Set of 4

These Aboriginal art puzzles feature bright authentic artworks. These hand-cut puzzles are all slightly unique. Each puzzle features an authentic artwork by John Smith Gumbula. Each tray puzzle measures 20 cm wide \times 15 cm long. They all include 6 pieces.

Gumbula Indigenous Animal Cushions

\$336.45 LIJ21002K Set of 14

A set of fourteen stunning Indigenous Animal Cushions featuring artwork by John Smith Gumbula. Each cushion is made from soft fabric with a velvet feel. Cushions include a thickly padded insert and measure approx. 40 cm – 48 cm.



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My focus lies in creating ethical Indigenous art practices in Australia and on the world stage.

Gumbula Billabong Outdoor Cushion Kit

\$314.95 LIJ2082K Set of 2

A set of 2 beautiful outdoor cushions featuring artwork from John Smith Gumbula. These billabong cushions each measure 75cm wide x 75cm high and are waterresistant and UV and fade-resistant.



Billabong Dreaming Outdoor Cushion Cover

\$104.95 LIJ2083P 75cm

Sacred Place Outdoor Cushion Cover

\$104.95 LIJ2082P 75cm



Dreamtime Country Sacred Lands Indoor Floor Mat

\$369.95 SPP134

Stunning artwork 'My Country, Sacred Place' created by John Smith Gumbula has been digitally printed on to this short weave polyester mat. Measures 200cm L \times 140cm W.



Darambal Country Indoor Floor Mat

\$299.95 SPP135

An amazing printed floor mat showcasing the artwork 'Darumbal Country' by Aboriginal artist John Smith Gumbula. Measures $200cm L \times 127cm W$.



Aboriginal Animal Matching Cards

\$49.95 FR002



These beautifully illustrated Aboriginal animal matching cards designed by John Smith Gumbula are a fabulous Aboriginal educational resource. Perfect for encouraging children to learn about Aboriginal culture and history.

See more of John Smith Gumbula's art & resources at teaching.com.au



Bayadherra

Promoting cultural awareness and education through art

Bayadherra is a group of emerging artists to watch! With a mission to promote reconciliation, cultural awareness and understanding by reflecting their First Nations heritage in authentic contemporary art pieces, Bayadherra is 100% Aboriginal-owned and operated – and making a stunning impact.

The group is founded by proud Yorta Yorta brother and sister Luke and Siena Tieri, descendants of the James Family from Shepparton, Victoria. Their grandfather Glenn James OAM is recognised as the first Indigenous man to umpire Australian rules football in the AFL!

'In Yorta Yorta language, Bayadherra means turtle, the spiritual animal totem of the Yorta Yorta clan', Luke and Siena explain. The name reflects their Aboriginal identity and connection to community and Country.

MTA collaborated with Bayadherra to create a beautiful Creatistics art smock featuring one of Luke and Siena's art pieces entitled Dungala Woka ('River land'). 'The Dungala is the heart of the Yorta Yorta Nation and symbolises our connection to Country, culture and community'. With MTA educators, it's already a crowd pleaser with its gorgeous colours, design and meaning.

Through their art, Bayadherra hope to promote cultural awareness and convey an important message. 'We must care for Country and Country will care for us.'



Our mission is to promote reconciliation and cultural awareness through our contemporary art

art & resources at teaching.com.au



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Bayadherra Toddler Long Sleeved Smock

\$94.95 CS6579K Pack of 10 **\$9.95** CS6579 Each

Designed in collaboration with Bayadherra which is founded by proud Aboriginal Yorta Yorta brother and sister Luke and Siena Tieri. Quality polyester 210 denier long sleeved art smock. Suitable for toddlers aged between approximately 1-3 years old. The artwork story and sizing can be found online.



Bayadherra Junior Long Sleeved Smock

\$114.45 CS6578K Pack of 10 **\$11.95** CS6578 Each

Quality polyester 210 denier long sleeved art smock. Suitable for children aged between approximately 3-6 years old. The artwork story and sizing can be found online.



Charlie Wicking

Art inspired by the natural environment, from the rainforest to the sea

Born in Mackay, Queensland, Charlie Wicking is an amazing artist who has been painting for around 25 years now. She also works in early childhood education so knows the power of inspiration through nature and art.

'The Traditional Custodians of the land here and surrounding districts are the Yuibera, Barada Barna and Widi Tribes. I am a descendant of Aboriginal and South Sea Islander people of this area, and my South Sea Islander family came from the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu', Charlie explains.

Living in a coastal area, Charlie is inspired daily by her natural environment, particularly the sea. This local inspiration is reflected in her artworks with her colourful and vibrant style.

'I value my ancestral past and acknowledge my descendants proudly. I love the area I live in, the wonder of the rainforests, the beauty of the sea, the harshness of the earth, when nature is at its hottest. It provides me with a muse that I can't get enough of'.

Charlie is passionate about protecting the land and sea where we live and play. 'Once it's gone, it's gone. If we protect country, country will protect and provide for us.'

Aboriginal art resonates deep in my heart, soul and spirit, connecting me physically and spiritually to country.'



My home is my sanctuary and provides me with a muse that I can't get enough of, the inspiration for my art.



Clown Fish Recycled
Outdoor Mat

\$109.45 BW08 180cm diameter





Coral Trout Outdoor Cushion \$208.40 LIJ049 100 x 100 cm



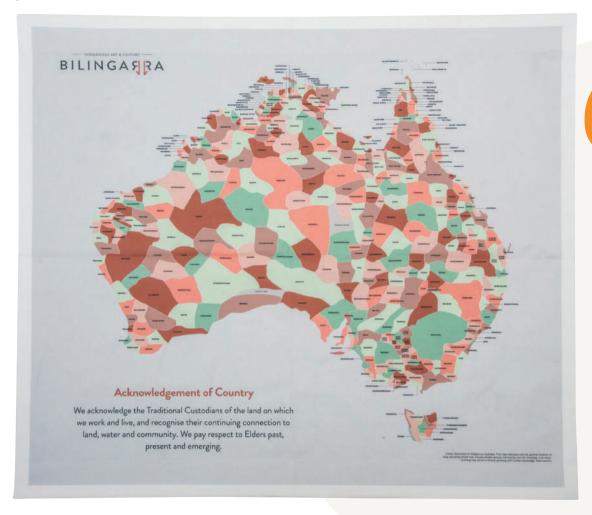
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See more of Charlie Wickings's art & resources at teaching.com.au

First Nations and Languages Wall Hanging

\$314.95 BILI001



Designed by Brett Groves, this First Nations and Languages Wall Hanging attempts to represent all the languages, tribal or nation groups of Indigenous Australia and pay respects to the traditional custodians of the land in which we live.

MTA is proud to work with these First Nations creators



Leanne Watson Redpath
Dharug Country



Luke MallieKuku Yalanji Country and Kubin (Moa) in the Torres Strait Islands



Billyara Wiradjuri Country in Cowra NSW



Debbie HogerA proud Dunghutti woman, living on Gubbi Gubbi Country



John Smith GumbulaA proud descendant of the Wakka
Wakka and Gurang Gurang people



Luke and Siena Tieri Bayadherra, Yorta Yorta Country



Sherren GrossMinjerribah in Quandamooka
Country



Brett GrovesA Wiradjuri born man, living on Dharug and Gundungurra land



From Yuibera, Barada Barna and Widi Country, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

