



Image: North Coast Women's Art Group, Aunty Jude Hammond (Gunggari/Kamilaroi), Jaiva Davis (Gubbi Gubbi)

PRIMARY TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCE

Supporting and connecting
teachers and students
with art and ideas.

Contemporary Songlines

Dhakkan/Mundagudda
(Rainbow Serpent) and
Maroochy (Black Swan) Project

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In honour of NAIDOC week, Caloundra Regional Gallery is exhibiting Contemporary Songlines: Dhakkan/Mundagudda (Rainbow Serpent) and Maroochy (Black Swan) Project from the 21st of June to the 18th of August 2024. This year-long project has been a collaboration between artists and First Nations students and youth, developed in response to First Nations regional artists' collective stories and culture.

The project creator is lead and cultural arts project curator Aunty Jude Hammond (Gunggari/Kamilaroi) working with Jaiva Davis (Gubbi Gubbi), Project First Nations Cultural Arts Trainee. Four schools across the region have also been involved in the project: Burnside State High, Caloundra State High, Maroochydore State High and Noosa District State High in addition to Integrated Family and Youth Services Youth (ifys) Youth and First Nations Women's Art Group from North Coast Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health.

As part of the project, artists have created individual ceramic/metal Songline sculptures. These works share the artists' connections to place, people and ancestors, featuring Totems representative of Country or in respect of Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi flora and fauna.

Using this resource

Activities in this resource encourage you to make connections with the Australian Curriculum for Visual Art by exploring and responding to the artworks and by developing an understanding of relevant practices and skills. Some activities will also require you to create and make artworks or to consider how artworks can be presented.

The following process may be effective:

1. Look closely at each artwork. Think about the connections that you can make with it.
2. Look at the artist, title, year the work was made, and materials used.
3. Think about the art making processes (how the art materials were used).
4. Consider how the work is presented or displayed.
5. Attempt the activities provided.

Activities

1. Spend some time looking closely at the Songline sculptures.
 - What did you notice first?

 - What do you notice after looking at the artwork further?

 - What materials do you think the artists might have used?

 - How has the work been presented or displayed in the gallery space?

2. What are some similarities and differences between sculptures in the show?

3. See if you can locate the following animals and objects. Tick them as you find them.

- A fish
- A swan
- A whale
- An octopus
- A bird
- A starfish
- A Coolamon (a vessel used for gathering and carrying)

4. Draw one other animal or object that you can see.

My Story

Make connections with the artwork by reflecting on your own story.

- Who, what and which places are most important to you?
- What would you like others to know about you?

Write a brief story about who you are in the space below.

Activities Continued

8. Have you ever used clay? Sketch what you have made.

9. Predict how these works might have been made from clay.

10. What questions would you like to ask the artists about their sculptures?

11. Watch the Rekindling video. Describe some ways that participants shared stories and culture through this process.

12. What have you learnt about the artists' culture by looking more closely at these sculptures?

Bibliography

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