

Aboriginal Artist Collection

ARTIST Amanda Hinkelmann

ARTWORK Marrambidya Bila Turquoise
(The Murrumbidgee River)



ARTWORK STORY

Marrambidya Bila is my ode to home, and the Murrumbidgee River that intersects it, carrying and bringing life. When the pressures of modern day threaten to overwhelm, this is a place I can return to and find peace.

The Marrambidya takes me back to my childhood, but especially those teenage years, and the freedom of summer holidays. Summers of rope swings and mozzie bites, sandy towels and devon sandwiches, hot chips and staying out all day long.

We would dash up the hot dirt to the top point of the river, springing into the stream and letting it carry us all the way to the bottom. Over and over again we would happily loop.

I remember the endless, effortless pleasure that the river gave us, but I also remember and maintain a deep respect for the strength of the Marrambidya.

Born on Wiradjuri Land in Wagga Wagga, Amanda is an exceptionally passionate and talented Aboriginal artist who has been creating breathtaking original artworks from her studio under the moniker 'Because of my Four' for many years now. Amanda's artworks share stories of resilience, strength, and the power of women. She draws inspiration from her hometown of Wagga Wagga, her family, and the Dreamtime - displaying Aboriginal culture and storytelling in her own contemporary Aboriginal art style, developed through impatience, intuition, and an innate desire to create at all costs.

