

Aboriginal Artist Collection

ARTIST Amanda Hinkemann

ARTWORK Wiinyugamin



ARTWORK STORY

'Bushfire'

The bushfires of January 2020 are represented within this artwork.

The destructive and damaging way in which the fires swept across country and devastated the lands.

It represents the idea that had traditional methods of fire use been implemented, the hills around my home and the land in which me and so many other live, could have been saved.

Fire as a tool is extremely powerful, but it must be respected, harnessed, understood. Or fire becomes the enemy.

Fire was the enemy. A strength turned against us.

We teach our young how to respect and understand fire. We couldn't teach the powers, and the fire became the power against us.

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.

