



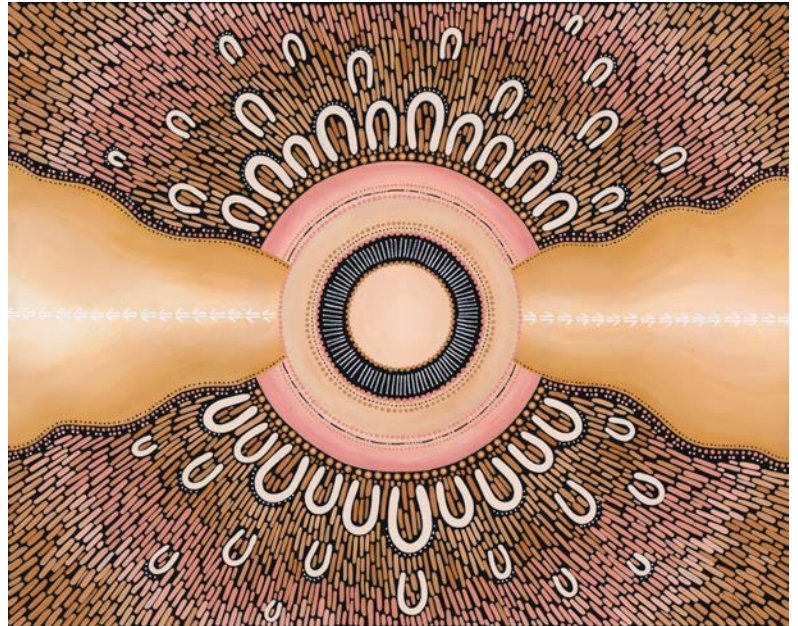
### **HOLLY MCLENNAN-BROWN**

My name is Holly and I am a proud Aboriginal woman. I've always had so much pride in my family, my country and my culture and I consider myself so incredibly blessed.

Creativity was always encouraged so strongly in my home by my mum growing up. I am an only child so I was lucky to spend many hours drawing, colouring and painting one on one with her. I remember dreaming so young to one day colour inside the lines so perfectly just like she did. My family celebrates and admires art so greatly. I feel lucky to be surrounded by people whose values are so aligned with mine.

I feel that my art is gentle and soft spoken. It makes people perceptive to conversations that may not have been had before. I love the curiosity it encourages, how it opens minds to more. I love that it promotes more education which turns to understanding.

Selfishly when I indulge in my paints, I feel safe. I feel still. It allows me to digest the outside world. Painting allows me to transform the feeling of happiness and love into a physical form of matter. But even more beautifully it allows my anxieties, my worries and my heartaches to run through me and come out the other-side light.



### **TITLE EXPRESS YOURSELF**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This piece represents the expression of energy. With the circle in the middle representing you and your community, you can see energy expelling from either side. This is an encouragement to express who you are and be confident in that.