



Kuranda Water Tanks Mural

Rainforest Aboriginal People's Cultural Arts Project

Project Team Leaders
Tanique Brim (Buluwai Cultural Arts Director)
Imogen O'Neil (Art of Ion)
Funding required

Version 1

THEME: Kuranda and the Wet Tropics Rainforest has an abundance of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife species. Willie has suggested the design includes local threatened and extinct species, including all the fish species that have been locally extinct since the 1970's, for education purposes.

SKILLS TRANSFER: Local senior school students with interest in learning mural painting skills can be invited to apply to participate in the project. Limited places.

DOCUMENTATION: Project video / photographed for video documentation of community amenity project.



TANK ONE

Aquatic species including platypus, fishes, frogs, etc

TANK TWO

Terrestrial species including cassowary, tree kangaroos, birds, mammals, etc

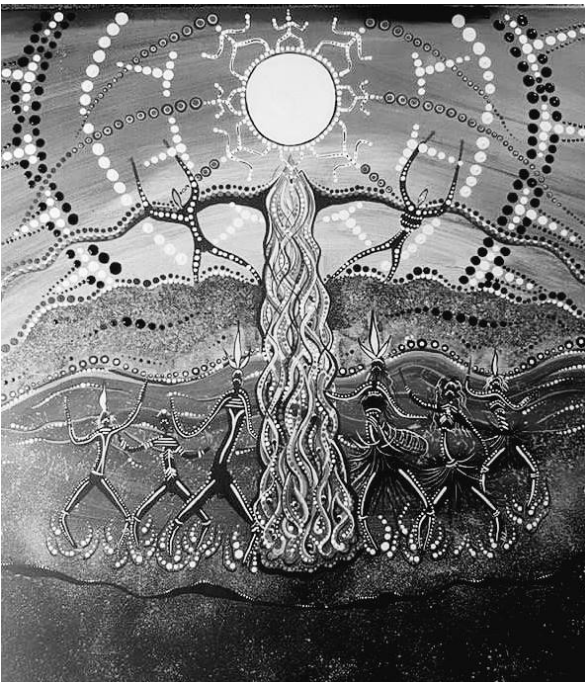




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Tanique Brim is a visual artist and has participated in many cultural art projects, including the Laura Dance Festival T-Shirt design “Fire Dreaming Painting: *Cleanse. Warmth. Regrowth. Light. Dance*” (pictured bottom left)

Imogen O’Neil is a regionally renowned visual artist with a long list of outdoor works for events and festivals, as pictured here with the turtle centre-piece she created for the ReefBeat Festival (pictured right).



CENTREPIECE: Kuranda artist Imogen O’Neil has constructed a large turtle sculpture for the ReefBeat festival, being held at the Cairns Showground this weekend.

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Turtley incredible art for ReefBeat

A FAR North artist has created a giant turtle sculpture with a head big enough to stand in to raise the roof for the ReefBeat music festival.

Imogen O’Neil of Art of ION at Kuranda was tasked with creating the turtle centre-piece to represent the theme of protecting the Great Barrier Reef.

She used materials from around the Far North, including bamboo to create the framework, palm wraps for the beak, woven fronds for the shell and recycled foam rubber for the body.

“To me, turtles represent protection, and they’re such beautiful, gentle creatures that make a perfect symbol for the

Reef we need to protect,” Ms O’Neil said.

ReefBeat festival kicks off today, from noon to 10pm at the Cairns Showgrounds.

It features blues guitarist Ash Grunwald, brass ensemble Bullhorn, and DJs Lickweed and OPIUO, joined by local favourites DrewBoy and DJ JeremyJ.