

NAIDOC Youth Art Exhibition

An exhibition of artwork by
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
young people in the Mackay Region

Kasey George



Kasey is a 17 year old Aboriginal young man originally from Mt Isa/Normanton area and moved to Mackay with his Mum and 3 younger siblings. Kasey finds painting and drawing very peaceful, relaxing and loves that he can take his time to perfect his art. Kasey likes all the art he has done but the table he painted was the best piece he has done so far. Kasey enjoyed working on the table with local artists, Matt and Jodie who taught him new ideas and skills. The table shows the 3 main parts of Mackay that stand out for Kasey. The sugar cane, beaches and mountain ranges. Kasey wanted to add the Aboriginal, Torres Strait, South Sea Islander and Australian Flags as well as they also stood out to him in the Mackay area.



Yvonne Emery- Gesak



Yvonne is a 17 year old Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander young woman. Yvonne enjoys creating art and takes pride in the pieces she creates. Yvonne is very proud of her culture and loves learning more about the history of her people. One day Yvonne would love to be a pastry chef and open her own shop.



Ernestine Hankin

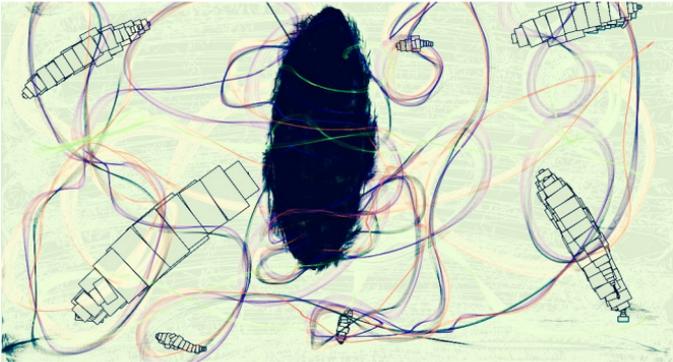


Ernestine is a young Torres Strait Islander whose family comes from Mer and Iama Islands in the Torres Strait, and she loves drawing. She comes from a large, local family and enjoys spending time with her brothers and sisters.

She likes art because it is nice and quiet, and she can use her imagination. Ernestine likes creating artworks that tell a story.

Ernestine finds inspiration in social issues such as environmental and cultural awareness.

Ernestine likes abstract art that mixes nature themes with mechanical or concrete concepts. She especially likes creating art on her iPad because it allows her to use lots of different effects.



Kynan Sanderson



Kynan Sanderson born in Mackay, is a young and upcoming Indigenous/South Sea Islander artist from North Mackay State High School. Young, talented and creative Kynan has a passion for art and aesthetic that he has retained since a young age, and has developed his own unique style of art that he has adapted by studying work from many highly recognised street artists before him. Kynan's contemporary practice follows his inspirations from sub genres of the underground, street culture, basketball, music, sneakers, fashion, cartoons and Japanese animation. Unique to himself Kynan is his own art, and the art he creates is an extension of himself, wishing to pursue a career in the creative industry, Kynan wants to become a true artist to every extent of the word.



Denzel Row Row



Denzel Row Row is a proud Iman, Kullilli man. Denzel was born in Mackay in 2002 but grew up in Blackwater with his Mum, Dad, older brother and two older sisters. Denzel's interests are traditional and modern design painting because he finds it calming and relaxing.

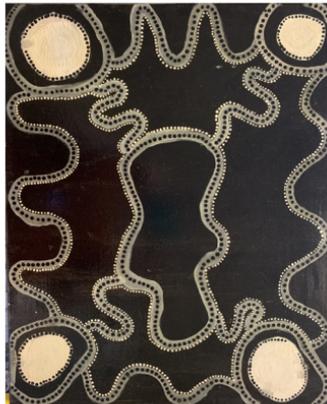


Jermaine Blackaby

Jermaine is 19 years old and a born and bred Mackay local. Jermaine is of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. Jermaine painted the stingray and has mentioned that the stingray is the totem of his mother's family, who are from the Torres Strait Islands.



We acknowledge the inclusion of work other artists in the exhibition who chose not to be identified.



The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships would like to thank you for your attendance at the NAIDOC Youth Art Exhibition.

Thank you to the talented artists who have contributed to this exhibition

If you are interested in purchasing any of the artwork in the exhibition, please contact the Mackay DATSIP office on the contact details below.

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