

# Aboriginal Artist Collection



**ARTIST** Amanda Hinkelmann

**ARTWORK** Ngurrbul Dark  
(Love)

## ARTWORK STORY

This painting shares a traditional Wiradjuri love story. The story of two young lovers, Pomingalana and Gobbagombalin, from different tribes and opposite sides of the river, who had fallen into a forbidden love. Secretly, they would meet at the river and rendezvous.

After a meeting of elders banished them from seeing each other, they snuck down to the river in the darkness of night and embraced one another in the water. From the dark silence, spears shot from both sides of the river, and the two lovers were killed, embracing each other within the water.

The frogs along the Murrumbidgee still call their names today, mourning the lovers with every croak. From one side, the frogs call 'Pomingalana', from the other 'Gobbagombalin'.

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.

