

# Artist Collection



**ARTIST** Joedie Lawler

**ARTWORK** Connection to the River Neutral

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## ARTWORK STORY

This represents Biripi peoples connection to Djarii Bila or Taree river. It is a significant river that is like the blood of the valley. It feeds our land, it is a direct connection to the mountains and the sea and it provides my people with food and cleansing. It is the beginning of the journey for the Mullet as they live and grow in this system until the waters change in the winter, the hairy grubs start to travel and the mullet travel north up our coast to the next river mouth. Our fisherman chased the mullet hauling them to the shores of our beach, Crowdy Bay and all the people gathered to help and share the mullet.

Biripi Artist and traditional weaver, Joedie Lawler brings immense passion and heart to each one of her contemporary masterpieces. As well as a series of spectacular Aboriginal paintings, she has also delivered various commercial commissions using raw materials such as glass and fabric. Since learning her craft from a young age, closely taught by her grandmother in Taree, Joedie continues to express her views and thoughts through her original works of art. Using knowledge and experience from her upbringing, Joedie's pieces often reflect her interest in human connection and environmental importance. No matter what she creates, Joedie hopes every viewer can connect with her work and find just as much peace in it as she feels the moment she puts paint to canvas.



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