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Harmony in the waters

This art piece represents healing our country, land, and waterways Titled "HARMONY IN THE WATERS ." The artwork depicts a vast landscape with traditional colours that represent the diverse colours of Australia. I have used earthy tones of red, yellow, and brown to symbolise the rich history of the country and the ancestral connection to the land. The centre of the painting community connection to our country, and moves out to the land and waterways and the importance of preserving and healing it. The art piece has additional elements that contribute to the healing narrative. In the centre, a gathering of indigenous people, around the circle, represents unity and collaboration towards healing the land and waterways. Their presence reminds viewers that restoring the country requires acknowledging and valuing the traditional knowledge, customs, and connection to the land held by Aboriginal peoples. This piece incorporates traditional aboriginal art techniques, such as dot painting, to portray an intricate network of rivers, oceans, land and communities. Each dot represents the sacredness and purity of these natural resources. The blues used for the water convey a sense of tranquility and renewal, symbolising the potential for healing and restoration. Surrounding the river, the artist portrays a diverse array of plant and animal life. Seashells, Bush tucker, wildflowers, and grasses, are meticulously depicted with intricate patterns and colours, representing the resilience of the land. The artist also includes native animals like kangaroos, emus, emphasising the importance of preserving their habitats and connection to the waterways and land. In the background, distant hills and mountains represent the larger Australian landscape, reminding viewers of the vastness and interconnectedness of the country. The artist highlights the significance of acknowledging and healing not only specific areas but the entire country, from the coast to the outback. "Harmony in the Waters" communicates the importance of healing our country, land, and waterways through a visually striking representation of interconnected ecosystems, native flora and fauna, traditional indigenous practices, and the unity required to initiate meaningful change. It serves as a reminder of the responsibility we all hold in preserving and restoring the natural balance and harmony of our environment.