

PRACTITIONER STATEMENT

My art piece is representing my culture and identity. The symbols in this artwork are sufficient to me. I created the piece on a large canvas and used acrylic paint.

My artwork is a combination of dot painting and symbols that is influenced by my culture. The starting points I had to achieve in order to create my art piece were to gather ideas. Out of these ideas I selected three main ideas and then limited it down to one. After my decision I then gathered source images that related to my idea. Then I created some conceptual drawings in order to plan my final piece.

I wanted my artwork to be a tribute to my grandfather who has passed away; he is represented by the swan that is flying over Lake Alexandrina, located near Raukkan where my Ngarrindjeri culture and I are from. The U shape symbols are the people who are related to my grandfather. The medium size circles represent the campfires because fire represents life and keeping my grandfather's legacy and our culture alive is really important to me. The red lines are the bloodlines used to connect the people with the lake. All together the meaning is that my grandfather is connected to the people through the bloodlines with a beautiful sunset of Lake Alexandrina bring us all together.

I personally think this piece was a good idea because of the personal connection. I am very proud of my final product as I accomplished things that were out of my comfort zone.