

## Media Release

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### Marrambidya Dabaamalang: Murrumbidgee Gathering

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery is proud to showcase the work of the *Hands on Weavers Inc.* in their new exhibition, ***Marrambidya Dabaamalang: Murrumbidgee Gathering***. On display in the E3 art space, this fascinating exhibition takes the mighty Murrumbidgee River as its starting point for gathering ideas and exploring the meaning of connections with community and country.

Each member of the *Hands on Weavers* group has interpreted their environment through weaving, reusing and exploring the use of found materials. Collaboration with each other is reflected in the work, and the artists have worked in pairs and groups creating areas of delight. From the animals that live and reside in trees and sky, to the mighty Murray cod who will grace the windows of the exhibition, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

***Marrambidya Dabaamalang*** draws on the resurgence of traditionally based cultural craft and art practices in Wagga Wagga and the Riverina. It also highlights reconciliation at a local and personal level, featuring several Aboriginal artists, recent migrants and non-Aboriginal artists who have assisted and collaborated together. Join the *Hands on Weavers Inc.* for reconciliation through weaving, sharing and caring for one another.

At the heart of the exhibition is the weaving circle, in which visitors are invited to join, sit and work side by side with members. There is also an area for visitors to contribute to the exhibition – and thus become a part of the journey of working together toward reconciliation in our community.

***Marrambidya Dabaamalang: Murrumbidgee Gathering*** is open to the public from Tuesday 27 May until Saturday 7 June, between 10am and 3pm in the E3 art space at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery. The exhibition will be launched on Wednesday 28 May at 3pm with an afternoon tea - all are welcome to come along, and sit and share our stories of the river.

#### Exhibition Launch

**When:** Wednesday 28 May, 3:00pm – 5:00pm  
**Where:** E3 art space, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery  
**Cost:** Free

#### Exhibition Dates

**When:** Tuesday 27 May – Saturday 7 June, 10:00am to 3:00pm  
(Closed Sundays, Mondays)  
**Where:** E3 art space, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery