

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Ngambaa** David O'Neill

The strength and vitality of Indigenous culture in Wagga Wagga is on show once more, in **Ngambaa**, an exhibition of recent work by local Indigenous artist David O'Neill. **Ngambaa** showcases the cultural knowledge that has been handed down to David from generations of elders, as well as drawing upon David's own experiences of life in Wagga Wagga today. This vivid display features a range of paintings on canvas and on emu eggs, in a wide variety of styles that share an underlying respect for Indigenous tradition and country. **Ngambaa** also includes several textile works, and the diversity of David's work on display in this exhibition is a reflection of the richness of local Indigenous culture.

The pride and responsibility that David O'Neill holds for his culture are key to appreciating the works on display in **Ngambaa**, which stands for 'mother'. The vibrancy of the themes that resonate throughout the works in this exhibition clearly echoes the vigour and energy that animate Indigenous culture in Wagga Wagga and the region. **Ngambaa** continues this tradition, keeping alive the stories of country for future generations as they have been passed down through a culture of sharing and caring for country and people.

This exhibition is dedicated to David O'Neill's *Ngambaa*.

#### **Opening**

**When:** Thursday, 11 February, 6:00-8:00pm

**Where:** E3 art space, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

**Cost:** Free

**Exhibition Dates:** 11 – 21 February, 2010

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