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Information

Spirit In Bark is a showcase of artistic expertise grounded in cultural tradition.

Featuring works from Elcho Island Arts, Maningrida Arts & Culture and for the first time, *Ömie Artists*, *Spirit in Bark* recognises the important role of bark in the continuation of tradition and as a contemporary art form.

Spirit in Bark explores the shared experiences of First Nations peoples, drawing parallels between bark paintings, carvings and sculptures from Arnhem Land and bark cloth from the Oro Province of Huvaimo, Papua New Guinea.

The striking iconography of nioge (bark cloth) is imbued with symbolism, often depicting the *Ömie* creation story of how the very first sihoti'e nioge (mud-dyed barkcloth) was created by Suja, the first *Ömie* woman and mother of the world, under instruction from Mina, the first *Ömie* man. Similarly, the intricate line work of doloppo bim (bark paintings) by artists from Maningrida depict creation stories specific to Kunibidji Country and explore djang, the on-going life force of existence.

"The Spirits of my Ancestors communicate with me directly. They encourage me to paint bark cloth and encourage the other women to paint, to keep the old designs alive so that our culture remains strong. Our Ancestors are taking very good care of us!"

- Mala Nari (Matosi), Savodobehe Art Centre

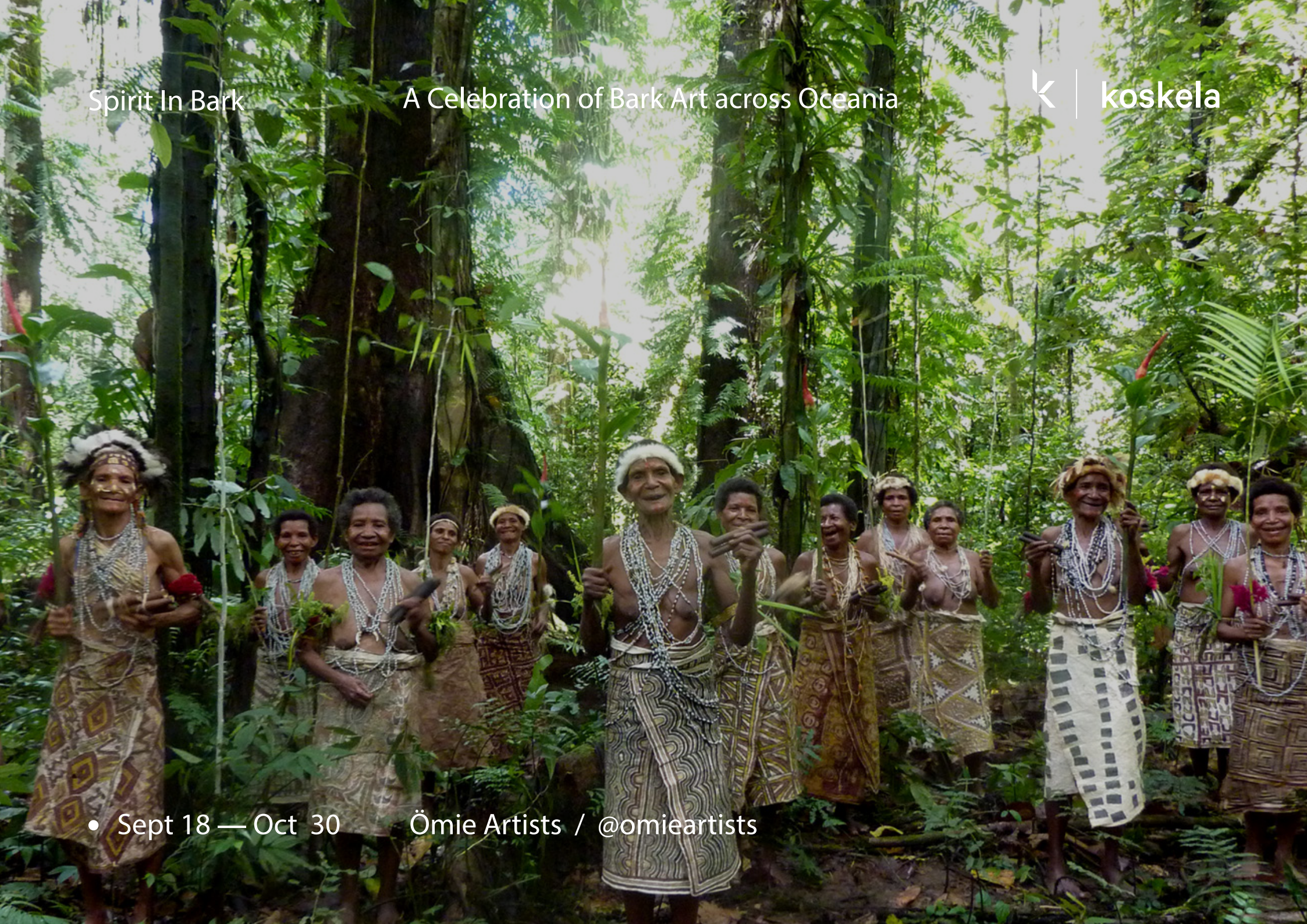
From the Dhuduthudu [Frogmouth owl's] wooden sculptures carved by Elcho artists, Judy Manany and Susan Djul'djul to the collection of mimih and wurum spirit sculptures from Maningrida, *Spirit in Bark* highlights the versatility of bark as a medium and cultural communicator.

Koskela is proud to bring together First Nations cultures from across the Oceania to showcase the rich and diverse history of bark. *Spirit in Bark* is landmark exhibition for the Koskela Gallery, marking the first of our collaborations with a Papua New Guinean art centre and the medium of bark cloth.

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Wo'ohohe - ART-OA-17-027
Ömie Artists
Brenda Kesi (Ariré)
nioge (bark cloth)
104cm (H) x 70cm (W)
\$2,382.00



Dahoru'e, tuböre une, buboriano'e, ohu'o sabu ahe
ART-OA-19-001
Ömie Artists
Botha Kimmikimmi (Hirokiki)
nioge (bark cloth)
108cm (H) x 43cm (W)
\$2,144.00



Ujawésoru'e (Asimano'e, taigu taigu'e, odunaigo'e ohu'o
'vinohu'e/siha'e) - ART-OA-16-017
Ömie Artists
Dapeni Jonevari (Mokokari)
nioge (bark cloth)
129cm (H) x 54cm (W)
\$2,620.00



Dahoru'e ohu'o tubore une - ART-OA-13-039
Ömie Artists
Mala Nari (Matosi)
nioge (bark cloth)
115cm (H) x 90.5cm (W)
\$2,620.00



Sodirejé - ART-OA-11-010
Ömie Artists
Artist: Jean-Mary Warrimou (Hujama)
nioge (bark cloth)
111cm (H) x 84cm (W)
\$2,620.00



Vahuhu sine - ART-OA-18-044
Ömie Artists
Flora Oviro (Anu)
nioge (bark cloth)
111cm (H) x 85cm (W)
\$2,620.00



Mahudanö'e, mahu ane bios'e, hin'e baje ohu'o nyoni han'e
ART-OA-18-047
Ömie Artists
Linda-Grace Savari (Majaré)
nioge (bark cloth)
91cm (H) x 120.5cm (W)
\$3,334.00



Mododa'e diburi'e biojë'oho - ART-OA-13-000
Ömie Artists
Ilma Savari (Ajikum'e)
nioge (bark cloth)
113cm (H) x 53.5cm (W)
\$2,382.00

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Buboriano'e, siha'e, bureji sor'e, bumare edw' é, vavodeje ja'e, vé'i ija ahéohu'o visuano'e - ART-OA-16-043

Ömie Artists

Lillias Bujava (Kausara)

nioge (bark cloth)

139cm (H) x 69cm (W)

\$2,620.00



Siha'e, nuni'e ohu'o sigaru an'e - ART-OA-11-127

Ömie Artists

Barbara Rauno (Inasu)

nioge (bark cloth)

129cm (H) x 70cm (W)

\$2,382.00



Siha'e ohu'o visue'ija ahe - ART-OA-11-023

Ömie Artists

Damalas Aréka (Badaru)

nioge (bark cloth)

146cm (H) x 64cm (W)

\$2,620.00



Dahoru'e, buboriano'e ohu'o sabu ahe - ART-OA-19-003

Ömie Artists

Janet Evari (Joujé)

nioge (bark cloth)

110.5cm (H) x 89cm (W)

\$2,620.00



Hartu'e ohu'o sabu ahe - ART-OA-15-088

Ömie Artists

Pennyrose Sosa

nioge (bark cloth)

113cm (H) x 53cm (W)

\$2,144.00



Garore sigove'é, taigu taigu'e ohu'o jö'o sor'e - ART-13-047

Ömie Artists

Felicity Oviro (I'dit)

nioge (bark cloth)

104.5cm (H) x 76cm (W)

\$2,382.00



Vaigu dere, jji'e, dahoru'e ohu'o buborianö'e - ART-OA-19-004

Ömie Artists

Jami Sare

nioge (bark cloth)

124.5cm (H) x 63.5cm (W)

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Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101144
Elcho Island Arts
Judy Manany
Earth pigments on wood
22 x 8cm (H) x 8cm (W)
Price: \$535.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101147
Elcho Island Arts
Judy Manany
Earth pigments on wood
24cm (H) x 9.5cm (W) x 8.5cm (D)
Price: \$556.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101150
Elcho Island Arts
Judy Manany
Earth pigments on wood
22.5cm (H) x 7.5cm (W) x 8.5cm (D)
\$556.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101151
Elcho Island Arts
Judy Manany
Earth pigments on wood
23cm (H) x 8cm (W) x 7.5cm (D)
\$556.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101153
Elcho Island Arts
Judy Manany
Earth pigments on wood
22cm (H) x 9cm (W) x 7.5cm (D)
\$556.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101156
Elcho Island Arts
Judy Manany
Earth pigments on wood
20.5cm (H) x 7cm (W) x 8cm (D)
\$500.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101158
Elcho Island Arts
Judy Manany
Earth pigments on wood
19.5cm (H) x 8cm (W) x 8.5cm (D)
\$500.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101161
Art Centre: Elcho Island Arts
Judy Manany
Earth pigments on wood
18.5cm (H) x 8cm (W) x 7cm (D)
\$500.00

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Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101248
Elcho Island Arts
Judy Manany
Earth pigments on wood
29.5cm (H) x 10cm (W) x 9.5cm (D)
\$756.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101293
Elcho Island Arts
Judy Manany
Earth pigments on wood
24cm (H) x 8cm (W) x 7cm (D)
\$556.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101294
Elcho Island Arts
Susan Djul'djul
Earth pigments on wood
23cm (H) x 7cm (W) x 5.9cm (D)
\$365.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101295
Elcho Island Arts
Susan Djul'djul
Earth pigments on wood
21cm (H) x 7.5cm (W) x 6.5cm (D)
\$345.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101296
Elcho Island Arts
Susan Djul'djul
Earth pigments on wood
19cm (H) x 8cm (W) x 9.5cm (D)
\$315.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101297
Elcho Island Arts
Susan Djul'djul
Earth pigments on wood
19cm (H) x 8.5cm (W) x 10cm (D)
\$356.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101298
Elcho Island Arts
Susan Djul'djul
Earth pigments on wood
19.5cm (H) x 6.5cm (W) x 6.5cm (D)
\$315.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-101299
Elcho Island Arts
Susan Djul'djul
Earth pigments on wood
19.5cm (H) x 7cm (W) x 6cm (D)
\$300.00

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Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-01
Elcho Island Arts
Susan Djul'djul
Earth pigments on wood
23cm (H) x 8.5cm (W) x 9.5cm (D)
\$356.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-02
Elcho Island Arts
Susan Djul'djul
Earth pigments on wood
21cm (H) x 8cm (W) x 9.5cm (D)
\$335.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-03
Elcho Island Arts
Susan Djul'djul
Earth pigments on wood
21cm (H) x 6cm (W) x 6cm (D)
\$300.00



Worrwurr (Owl) - ART-EI-21-04
Elcho Island Arts
Susan Djul'djul
Earth pigments on wood
19cm (H) x 6cm (W) x 6cm (D)
\$300.00

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Djomi - ART-MAC-201-21
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Cameron Kawurikku
Bark Painting
97cm (H) x 27cm (W)
\$874.00



Namorrroddo (a profane spirit) - ART-MAC-1826-19
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Ruth Bindeidbal
Bark Painting
101.5cm (H) x 45cm (W)
\$874.00



Buluwana at Dilebang - ART-MAC-1542-19
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Apphia Wurrkidj Aphi Lindjuwanga
Bark Painting
122cm (H) x 34cm (W)
\$1,398.00



Wak Wak - ART-MAC-243-21 (Right)
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Rosina Gunjarrwanga
Bark Painting
113cm (H) x 20cm (W)
\$842.00



Wak Wak - ART-MAC-244-21 (left)
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Rosina Gunjarrwanga
Bark Painting
86cm (H) x 25cm (W)
\$842



Namarrkon (the lightning spirit) - ART-MAC-382-20
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Paul Namarinjmak Nabulumo
Bark Painting
101cm (H) x 48cm (W)
\$1,588.00



Wak Wak - ART-MAC-209-21
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Deborah Wurrkidj
Bark Painting
125cm (H) x 40cm (W)
\$1,350.00



Jima Jima (waterlily) - ART-MAC-838-14
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Tommy Steele and Tony Steel Gondorra
Bark Painting
159cm (H) x 60cm (W)
\$2,270.00

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Untitled - ART-MAC-178-21
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Jack Nawilil Docherty Yurrulbbirri
Bark Painting
78cm (H) x 32cm (W)
\$921.00



Miparr - ART-MAC-1282-19
Maningrida Arts & Culture
David Brian
Bark Painting
113cm (H) x 40cm (W)
\$1,397.00



Mimih Spirit - ART-MAC-1437-18
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Eleazer Nangukwirrk
Carved wooden sculpture
85cm (H) x 5cm (W) x 5cm (D)
\$238.00



Mimih Spirit - ART-MAC-402-21
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Moses Wurrkidj
Carved wooden sculpture
101cm (H) x 3cm (W) x 2cm (D)
\$159.00



Mimih Spirit - ART-MAC-403-21
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Moses Wurrkidj
Mimih Spirit
100.5cm (H) x 3cm (W) x 3cm (D)
\$159.00



Yawkyawk - ART-MAC-2750-18
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Ken Djungkidj
Carved wooden sculpture
190cm (H) x 5cm (W) x 5cm (D)
\$664.00



Mimih Spirit - ART-MAC-97-18
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Charlie Nanguwerr Nangukwirrk
Carved wooden sculpture
142cm (H) x 3cm (W) x 3cm (D)
\$397.00



Mimih Spirit - ART-MAC-98-18
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Charlie Nanguwerr Nangukwirrk
Carved wooden sculpture
166cm (H) x 3cm (W) x 3cm (D)
\$397.00

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Wyarra - ART-MAC-1689-18
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Charlie Nanguwerr Nangukwirrk
Carved wooden sculpture
120cm (H) x 3cm (W) x 3cm (D)
\$318.00



Wurum (fish increasing spirit) - ART-MAC-371-20
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Yolanda Rostron
Fibre Art
166cm (H) x 21cm (W) x 6cm (D)
\$572.00



Wurum (fish increasing spirit) - ART-MAC-372-20
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Yolanda Rostron
Fibre Art
161cm (H) x 16cm (W) x 6cm (D)
\$572.00



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