



ARTIST
EMMA STENHOUSE

TITLE
DESERT PEA

REGION
NGARRINDJERI



Emma Stenhouse is a proud Ngarrindjeri woman and a contemporary indigenous artist on a journey of self discovery, deepening her connection with her family, exploring her heritage, and inspired by her love of Country. Emma encapsulates her knowledge in her storyworks formed by her deep relationship to land and guided by strong female role models in her community.

Under a blazing hot sun the ground is baked. Shades of orange filter through the gums as it is late in the day. It's a wonder that anything grows out in the desert. The intense heat a reminder that we are all vulnerable to the elements.

Yet, as the season changes the velvety blooms of the Desert Pea sprawl amongst the now brittle bushes, seemingly heading in all directions. A carpet of delicate and vibrant flowers draw you in.

Their deep red petals and black centres are awash with orange of a fading winter sun, and the dust of a desert breeze.