



ARTIST
SHERI SKELE

TITLE
COUNTRY ENERGY

REGION
BIDJARA



A proud Bidjara woman and a contemporary Aboriginal artist sharing her culture, experiences and hopes for healing our history through her knowledge and storyworks. Sheri began painting as a way to connect with her culture and quickly realised that it was also an incredibly meditative and spiritual experience for her. She calls her artworks *bigi nagala*, which means 'I am dreaming' in Bidjara. Her land spans across South West Queensland and is home to substantial Indigenous cultural heritage, Indigenous healing places, undisturbed natural bushlands, lagoons, wildlife and ancient waterways. She feels a deep connection to her Aboriginal heritage, the earth, country and spirit, and feels privileged to be able to share her stories and culture through her artwork.

This artwork represents moving into the dry season which is the best time to get out in the big open sky. The weather becomes cooler, the rain moves on, the murky waters clears up and fish start biting again. The best thing about being in the country energy is learning how to slow down, tune in and look and listen more closely to the sounds and sights of nature.