



ARTIST
SHERI SKELE

TITLE
GAWARRI
(A LONG WAY
IN BIDJARA)

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 piece recognises the long journey undertaken by Aboriginal people in their search for equality, respect and legal ownership of what is rightfully theirs. It has been a long battle spanning the last 200 years and unfortunately remains a long way to being resolved.