



**ARTIST**  
**SHERI SKELE**

**TITLE**  
**FORAGING**

**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, lagoos, 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 a foraging harvest of local natives, sticks and whatever the local bush turkeys can find to build their nests. Bush turkeys are a protected species and build their nests all over the coastal landscape.