Cowara Bird Project 2023 - Contributing Artists



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Vivian Brockman-Webb – Wardandi Cultural Consultant

Vivian is the local Wardandi Matriarch as well as an Artist. Vivian has been an active elder in the south-west community, contributing to a vast range of knowledge sharing opportunities in the region.

Mitchella Hutchins – Wardandi Cultural Consultant

Mitchella is a prominent Wardandi custodian, Artist and businesswoman in the south-west area. Mitchella plays a vital role in sharing Wardandi culture, knowledge and language to the wider community.

Cara Ratajczak – Weaving Stories of Boodja, Co-Project Owner

Cara completed her Honours in Fine Arts (Textiles) in 2000 and has used her passion for creating to engage in an array of community arts & design projects. She is passionate about connecting children to our natural environment, Wardandi culture & their innate creativity.

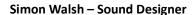
Michelle Bretherton – Weaving Stories of Boodja, Co-Project Owner

Michelle from Sunlight Weaver is a weaver and basketry artist who has been practising since 2014. She is dedicated to creating opportunities for children to explore their creativity and their connection to their natural surrounds & Wardandi culture.

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Janine Oxenham - First Nations Choreographer

Janine Oxenham is a Malgana Yamatji woman from the Shark Bay area in WA. She has studied dance at both NAISDA college, NSW and WAAPA, WA. She has choreographed and performed as a freelance contemporary Indigenous dancer for numerous festivals and projects in Regional & Metro WA.



Musician, Composer, Sound Designer, Synthesist, Artist, Performer and Autodidact, Simon Walsh creates wild new sound worlds with a vast spectrum of atmospheres and playful patterns, from minimal to technically complex structures and unique timbral textures.

Cynamon Aeria – Puppet Maker/Artist

Cynamon Aeria from Wild Art Weaving is a Natural Fibre Artist and Sculptor, who uses natural fibre and reclaimed materials to create woven sculptural artworks and installations.

Sandy McKendrick - Puppet & Puppetry Consultant

Sandy is an Artist, Puppeteer and Performing Artist. Sandy's company Sandpiper Productions is a project based company producing and performing multimedia theatre and arts based projects in Australia and Internationally.

Elaine Clocherty – Land Artist

Elaine created the large Cowara ephemeral artwork with Vivian, Mitchella & the kids of Cowaramup Primary School at the launch of the Cowara Bird project at the school's NAIDOC celebration.





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