

Certificate of Authenticity

This certificate is to state that Michael Bogie is a Wiradjuri Aboriginal man and artist.

Artist – Mick Bogie

Born – Wagga Wagga, NSW

Catalogue no. A012

Mick's Aboriginal heritage is the Wiradjuri people not far from the town of Nyngan on the Bogan River in northern NSW.

Title: - "land is country, country is self"

This painting is about the 2020 NAIDOC Week theme, "ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE". The full phrase being; "Always was, Always will be Aboriginal land". It recognizes that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. This artwork is my way of expressing a fundamental understanding about the truth of Australia and our nation's history. The importance of historical truth-telling by accepting past wrongs by inviting people to listen to our stories and learning from over 65,000 years of knowledge. To acknowledge, accept and recognise the impacts on our First Nations peoples is the key to reconciliation and ensuring we all heal as a nation. It is a painting of our Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes and our connection to these lands. It expresses and recognizes that sovereignty has never been ceded.

Signed _____

Mick Bogie.