

Exploring Art and the Natural World

For Our Future



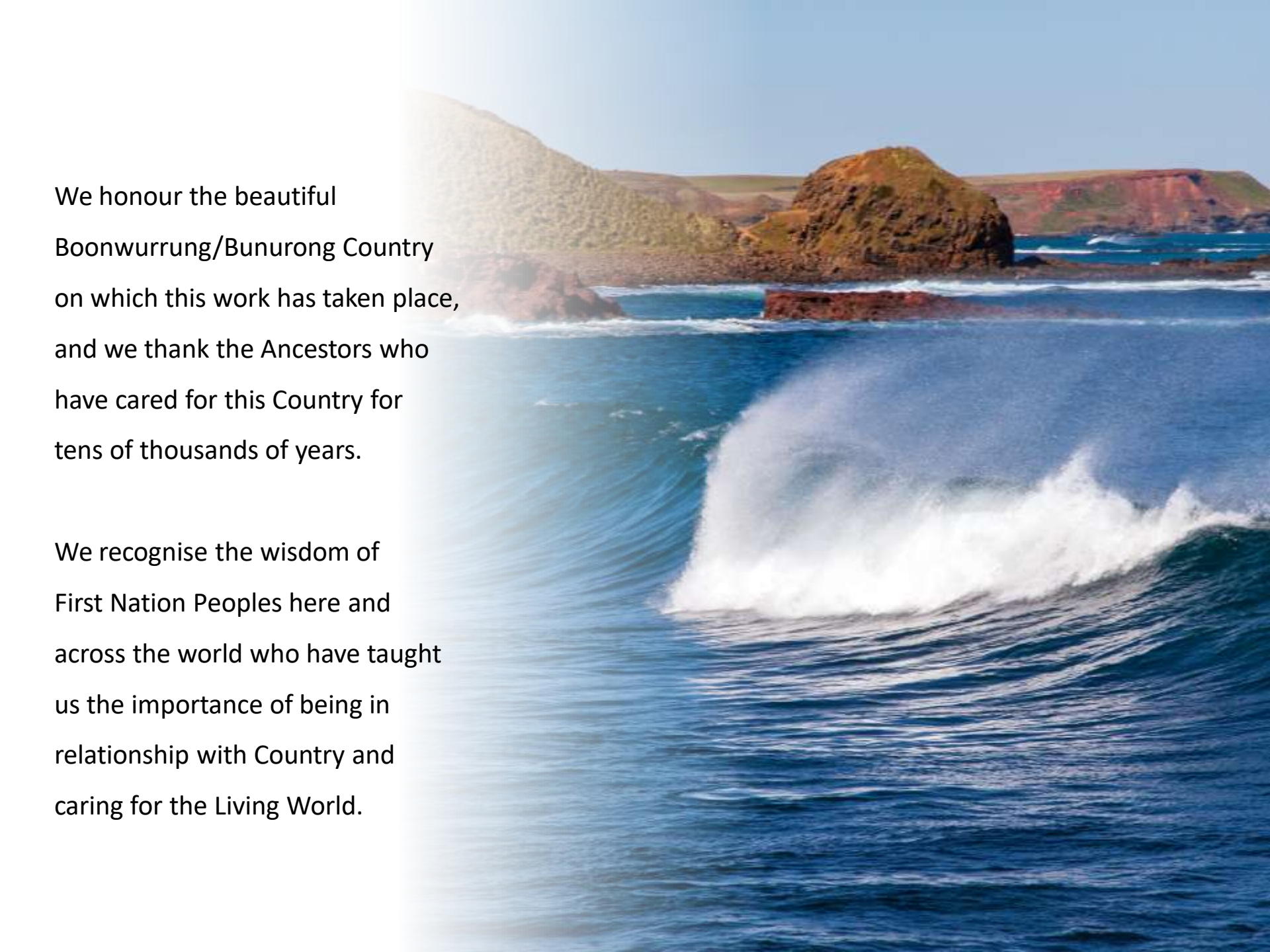
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We honour the beautiful
Boonwurrung/Bunurong Country
on which this work has taken place,
and we thank the Ancestors who
have cared for this Country for
tens of thousands of years.

We recognise the wisdom of
First Nation Peoples here and
across the world who have taught
us the importance of being in
relationship with Country and
caring for the Living World.



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Featuring artworks by ...

Aunty Elizabeth Dalton, Karen Francis,
Shelley Gray, Kate Harmon, Bronwen Kilpatrick,
Josh Latham, Hannah Mackay, Shelley McAuliffe,
Kim McIntyre, Susan Lee, Sunny Lynch,
Kara Redmond-Jackson, Emily Mullaney,
Vanessa Redgen, Kawa Steer and Carers

Co-Curators Laura Brearley and Kate Harmon

Photos Geoff Ellis and Laura Brearley



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Painted with a feather and natural dye

Aunty Elizabeth Dalton (GunaiKurnai)



Exploring Art students at BCAL have been making works of art and writing poetry for local exhibitions and for sending overseas within a Creative Message Exchange taking place between artists, children and First Nation Elders.



The Beach

Aunty Elizabeth Dalton

Beauty of the land

Love of the ocean

Simple

Breathtaking

Extraordinary





Nature is Beautiful

Shelley McAuliffe

Nature is beautiful

In nature I feel safe, comfortable and alive

Grasses of all different sizes and colours

Gum leaves shaped like the moon

I love walking in the bush

I love all living beings

Calm
Flow
Ripple



Falling Leaves

Kara Redmond

Autumn has come and night is here

After dark, a light wind blows

The wind is blowing the leaves off the tree

The leaves dance to the ground

The tree is bare now

Winter is on its way







Kawa Steer



Colours of the Living World

Kara Redmond

My favourite colours are green, black and white

Green is a calming colour

The colour of trees and grass

The colour of the leaves of plants

I like black and white too

They are the colours of difference

The colours of the world

They show two sides

They complement each other

They go with all other colours

When I see green, black and white together

It makes me think of the Living World



Karaburra the Kookaburra



Sharing the Joy

Kara Redmond

Where I used to live

There were a lot of kookaburras

I would hear them in the morning

Singing to the new day

Laughing with me

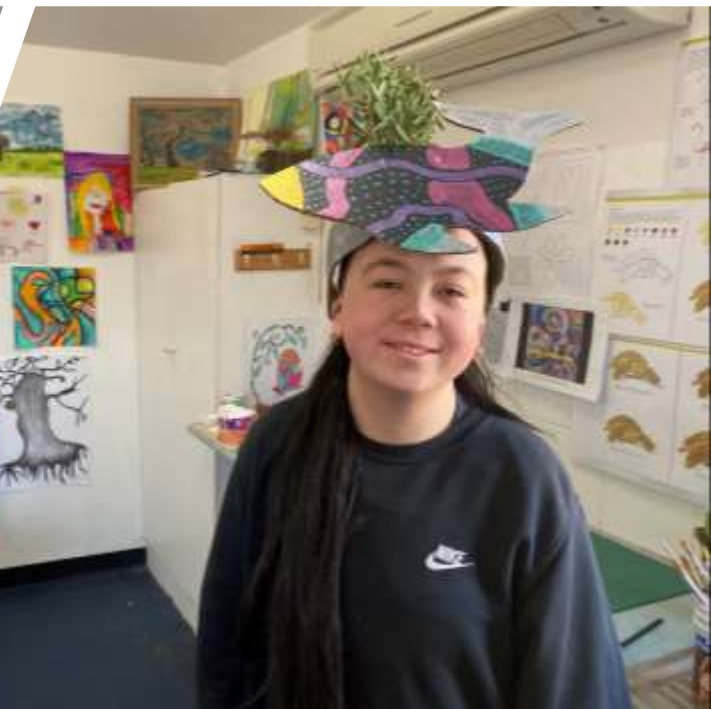
Laughing at the world

Sharing the morning together

Sharing the joy of being alive











Seabirds Dancing

Karen Francis

Ocean deep and blue
A calm and open sea
Clouds drifting slowly by

The sun is high
Feathered seabirds are
Dancing across the sky





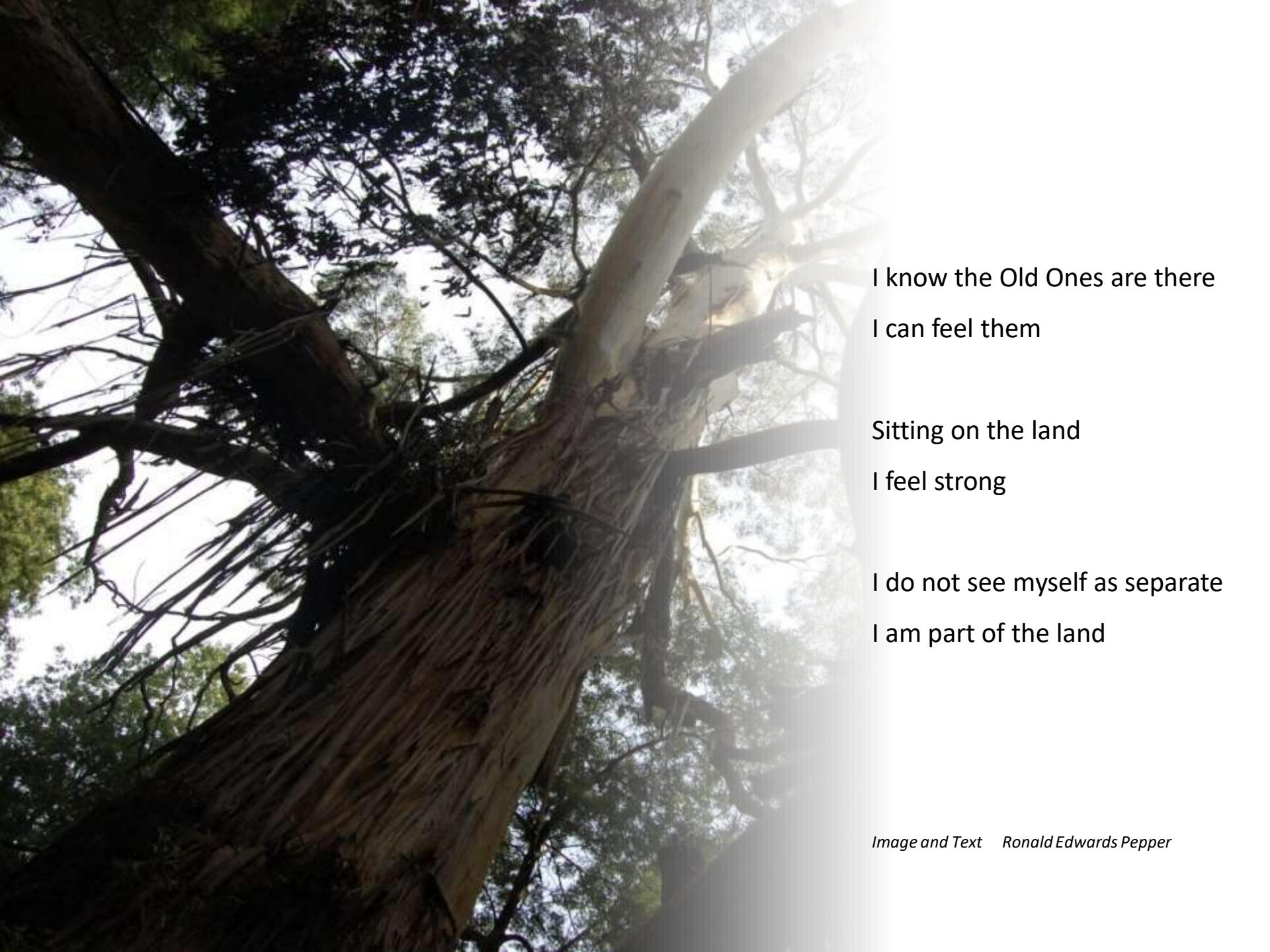
Good Luck Shearwaters



Image Geoff Ellis







I know the Old Ones are there

I can feel them

Sitting on the land

I feel strong

I do not see myself as separate

I am part of the land

Image and Text Ronald Edwards Pepper





Spirit Men Spirit Women

Aunty Elizabeth Dalton
(GunaiKurnai)

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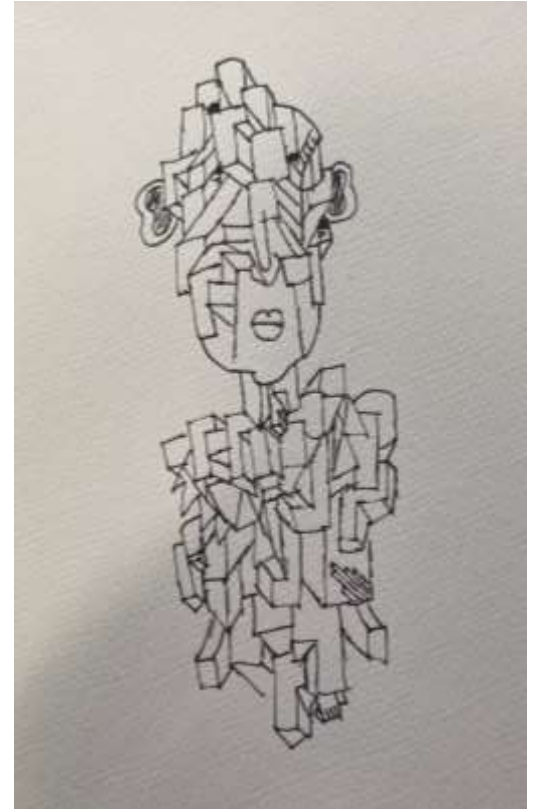
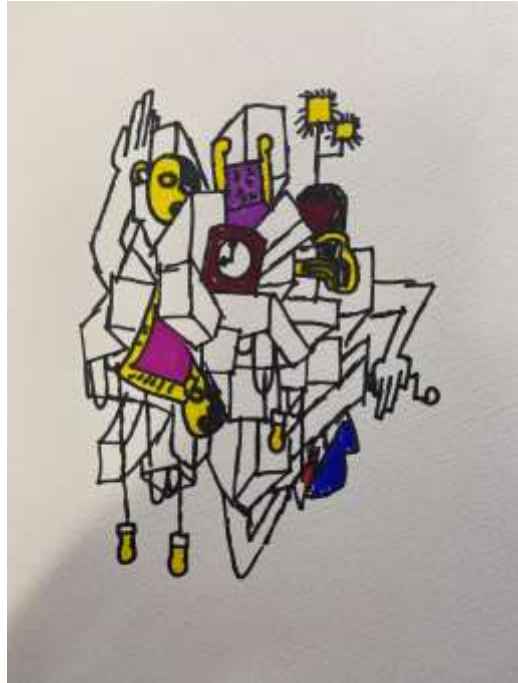
Ancestors from the Past

Bringing different gifts to you

Colours

Light

Most of all ... Love





Rainbow Tree

Kate Harmon

Dynamic

Colourful

Powerful

Happy

Rainbow Tree

Expressing

Acceptance





Sunny Lynch



Sunflower

Kara Redmond

Seeing a sunflower makes you happy

The bright colours

The yellow petals

The shining face

Standing out against the blue sky

The green leaves

When you see a field of sunflowers

It's like walking in a field of happiness



Seascape

Hannah Mackay

Birds are peaceful
Gliding in the air
They make me feel free

The sunlight is vibrant and warming
The bright blue of the ocean is calm and safe
I feel invigorated

Underneath it all is the Earth





Symbol of Earth Creature



Leaves
Magic
Mystery
Mythology
Creature of the Earth

Emily Mullaney



Quote of the Day
'The average fairy lives for around 1000 years.'





Earth is Watching

Kate Harmon

Looking out over the Earth
There is Heart and Music
Colour, Movement and Depth

The Soul of the Earth
Soul of the people
Connected

Underneath it all
is the Earth
Earth is watching



Images Geoff Ellis

Chaos

Kate Harmon

Earth is screaming

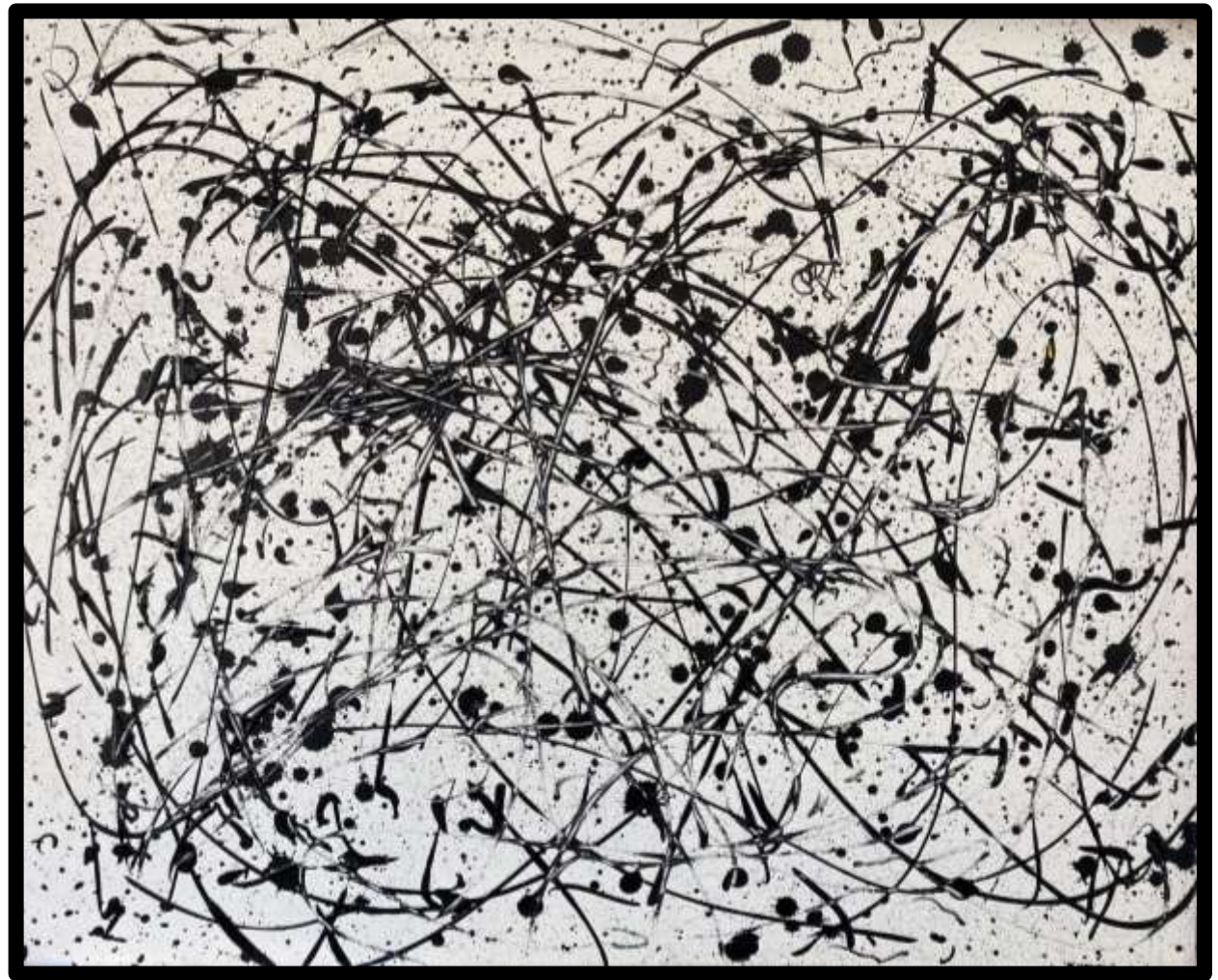
Earth is crying

Bombs are dropping

People are running

Pain and chaos

Death and destruction



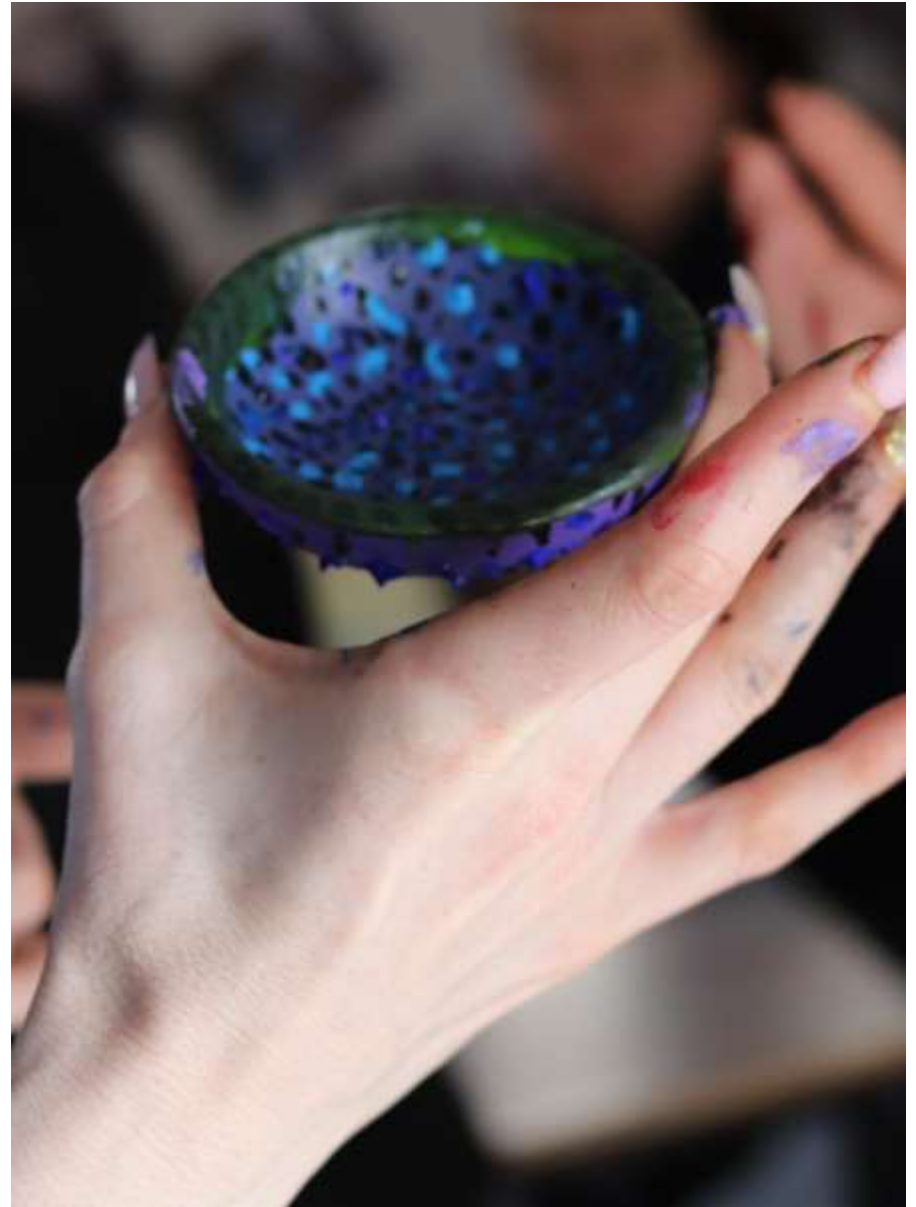






Sue Lee







Earth is Healing

Kate Harmon

Reconnecting

Peace

Trees coming back to life

Life is returning



Out in the Community



Exhibition and Deep Listening Circle, Wonthaggi Library

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