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Ngulagambilanha ("On Returning")

Jessika Spencer

The exhibition *Ngulagambilanha ("On Returning")* is an intimate documentation and sharing of Aboriginal cultural practices in the Southeast region of Australia. Created by Jessika Spencer, a Wiradjuri woman from the three rivers, *Ngulagambilanha* features a collection of photography and fibre art.

The imagery captures candid moments of Elders, Traditional Owners, and Caretakers engaging in cultural practices such as ceremonies, cultural burning, weaving, gathering, and artifact making. Additionally, the exhibition showcases native flowers and plants blooming across the region.

Spencer's photographs are complemented by two sculptural pieces that utilise traditional and contemporary weaving techniques employed by Aboriginal people.

Jessika Spencer is a Wiradjuri woman from the Sandhills of Narrungdera, New South Wales. For over the past decade, she has resided on beautiful Ngunnawal country, where she currently creates art. Being an Aboriginal woman, culture and art go hand in hand. They are intertwined and an ongoing source of inspiration for her. Through her varied art forms, Jessika explores her cultural identity. Jessika is a First Nations photographer, weaver, writer, and activist.

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