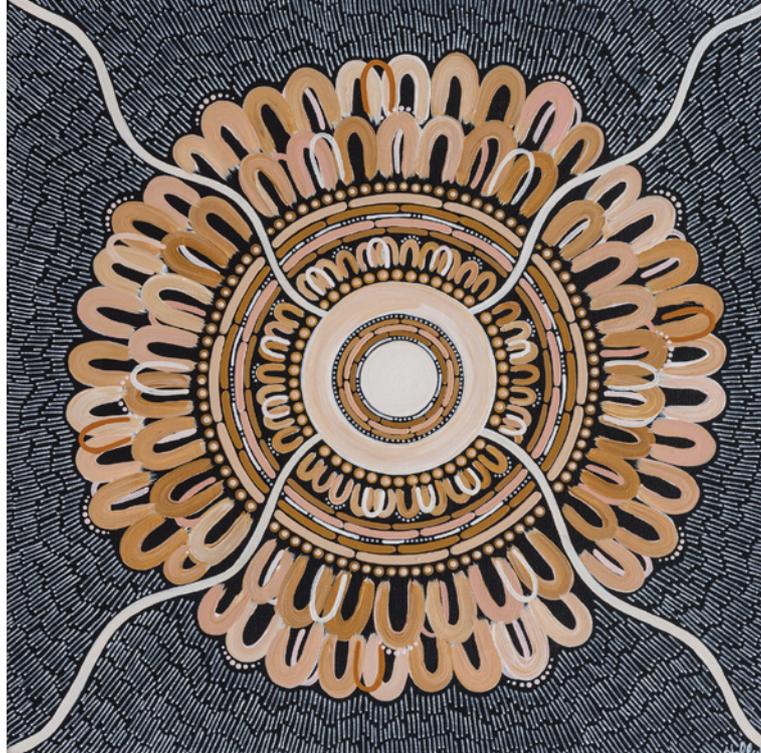




ARTIST
HOLLY
MCLENNAN-BROWN

TITLE
ME FIRST

REGION
YORTA YORTA



Holly McLennan-Brown is a proud Aboriginal woman, who has roots in the Yorta Yorta region, with her father originally from Kyabram. Holly has always had so much pride in her family, her country and her culture. Creativity was always encouraged so strongly in her home by her mum growing up. Her family celebrates and admires art so greatly and she feels lucky to be surrounded by people whose values are so aligned with hers.

Selfishly when she indulges in her paints, she feels safe. She feels still. It allows her to digest the outside world. Painting allows her to transform the feeling of happiness and love into a physical form of matter. But even more beautifully it allows her anxieties, her worries and her heartaches to run through her and come out the other-side light.

This was my first piece of 2024, I wanted to create something that captured my intentions for this year. One of my intentions for this year is to be to be a little selfish, why not! I want to focus on putting me first and following my gut instinct. I created a community circle to represent myself and my community. I wanted to keep the piece simple and by just focusing on my community circle it reminded me of the saying, the grass is greener where you water it. The people inside the circle represent that little voice in your mind, a voice that has been built by the strength and the knowledge of not only ourselves but our community over the years. It's time to follow that voice in confidence and make decisions that make us happy.