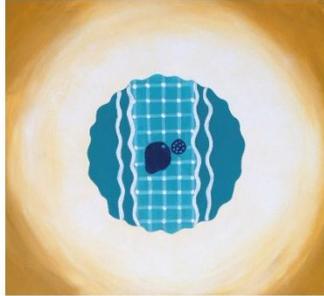


## Yandaarra - what does the representation mean for us?

### Yandaarra



### *Shifting camp together*

#### *The river, north to south?*

Rivers are deeply significant in Gumbaynggirr Country. They are eternal, never static, always flowing. The river holds the past, present and the future within it. The water from the river is the water ancestors have drunk, we drink and people in the future will drink. It is an essential element of life and connected to women and birth.

The north to south flow of the river represents the connections between Gumbaynggirr Country and other people and places including between Bawaka Country in the north, Gumbaynggirr Country here and Awabakul and Worimi Country to the south. The research team lives and works on these Countries.

#### *The rocks in the centre?*

The rocks in the river represent Gumbaynggirr Country, the living breathing past, present and future as one.

#### *The web of connections, lines and dots?*

The lines and dots represent a web where everyone and everything is connected. It is the weaving together of lives, of Country and those things coming together. The points represent elders, us, the youth, everything. All beings. The web of life. The connected lines also represent a fish trap thrown over the river, an important part of sustaining Gumbaynggirr people and Country.

#### *The fluid circle?*

The fluid circle that encloses the river represents the ever-changing circle that is Yandaarra. It moulds, forms and recreates. People will move in and move out of Yandaarra and this is what keeps it strong and eternal.

#### *The outer glow?*

The glow that surrounds the river, the rocks, the web of connections, represents light. The light is the source of everything. It makes Yandaarra possible. It is the telling of this story in the here and now. It is the understanding that this story of Yandaarra will keep unfolding. It is listening to the old fellas. It is shifting camp together.