

The AWESOMENESS of Mia Hacker

What THEY say...

JANDAMARRA CADD YORTA YORTA DJA DJA WARUNG - ARTIST

"From her individual creative practice through to the influence she has on supporting and empowering others within our creative community. Mia is like a spark to the flame.. A valued activator within our creative community."



SANDY SUR - (LEWETON CULTURAL EXPERIENCE VANUATU)

"Mia Hacker is a creative practice Artist that the Leweton cultural group worked with in the cultural community back in 2012 -2014 around schools on the Sunshine Coast council with arts showcased at festivals as well. These collaborative projects were influential for the Sunshine Coast area Australia and other international communities. Mia also managed Leweton String band artists in South East Qld performances and workshops.



My self working with Mia was a bigger experience that we shared creative process and this collaborative idea to work on traditional music with artwork like weaving carving, writing kids story books, and designing logos on cultural values. This international cultural exchange saw me connecting deeper to my culture with presenting artworks inspired by my first hand knowledge. Mia's role in this collaboration was embedded in our creative practice with lots of conversation. We are currently still continuing with building future plans for creative ideas and cultural sharing from across the seas."

DAVID JOHNSTON - CREATIVE ENTHUSIAST

" 'Mia for mayor'... Intelligent, creative and community minded.. and her nature photos are amazing 🦋"

JULIE HAURITZ - PUBLIC ART CURATOR, CALOUNDRA REGIONAL GALLERY

"I have worked in the arts industry with and alongside Mia for many years. She is a highly motivated and committed professional and brings a calm and passionate approach to what she facilitates and supports. She has worked with many artists and creative industry professionals in an advisory role and a support role. She has been a catalyst for change within the arts community of Cooran and has inspired many artists to showcase their work in the public realm. Working with a number of First Nations artists, she has supported their development to extend their capacity as artists and cultural workers. A dedicated arts and culture creative practitioner, I am honoured to have the opportunity to continue working professionally with her again."



FAITH ROBINSON - CERAMICIST

"I find Mia's work evocative and stimulating and at other times restful and reflective either way Mia delivers and I can't wait to see what she does next. Mia has a wealth of experience as an Arts worker organizing such wonderful events as Floating Land and Tall Trees and many more collaborations with other artists and community and brings them to fruition. Mia comes from a family tree of artisans, painters, writers, ceramicists and musicians and even inventors. Mia is also passionate about indigenous affairs and country. I think her passion and artistic contributions should be recognized and valued as it truly contributes on many levels to all."



MAXINE STIBBE ARTIST, GALLERIST, CURATOR

"Mia Hacker is a fine example of community arts development creator and manager. Always going above and beyond the usual care/implementation factor. Her involvement as Artist and Artsworker is always of an outstanding quality, her process and creativity understandable and accessible to the viewer/ participants. I've had the honour to exhibit and work with her on multiple occasions and every time I'm impressed by her attitude, ideologies and character."



GAIL ROBINSON - PERFORMANCE ARTIST, COMMUNITY CONSULTANT

"Mia Hacker's art practice continues to evolve as she explores connection to family, country and heritage. Using both photography and mark-making, she is currently exploring faces as links to heritage and identity. Mia has exhibited in a number of exhibitions. She has spent the last 6 months concentrating on shade, tone, colour and viewing landscape as critically as faces through both photographic re-interpretation and more traditional mark-making. Mia is a qualified Teacher. She is organized, efficient, practical with huge capacity to problem solve. She has headed up many large events, coordinating grants, committees and volunteers. Her current work has also involved working alongside Brett Leavy of Virtual Songlines as a consultant and community connector to build capacity and engagement of First Nations local community members. Mia is guaranteed to bring both professionalism and creativity to any project she embarks on."



ANITA PETORI - PRODUCER/DIRECTOR - ITCHY FEET MEDIA

"I have known Mia Hacker for over 15 years, and she has been an impressive community member inspiring our children and community through her unique art forms. She has a way of involving the connectivity of people and our surrounding areas. Her art and projects encompass environmental awareness and inspire us to be better human beings."



LANCE HALLS - SINGER/SONGWRITER/DJ

"Mia is a very passionate artist. Through her art Mia displays very unique concept ideas and inspiring perspectives. Her style and approach is both fresh and intriguing. I am always looking forward to each and every project Mia is involved in. Such valuable contributions for the local community."



SANDRA ROSS - AWARD WINNING ARTIST

"Mia Hacker is a wonderfully creative person who tells stories through her photographic artwork, I am thinking in particular of her black-and-white series focusing on the universe, the cosmos and the traveling of stars. Mia has been very much involved in the community where she lives in Cooran. Whenever there is a creative event she is behind it. She initiated and has been involved in the Tall Trees Art Inc. organisation for many years, where she has organised immersive experiences for visitors and visual artists. A Mother, Teacher and a creative spirit, Mia generously spends her time networking, sharing and involving people of diverse cultures in all sorts of creative pursuits."

