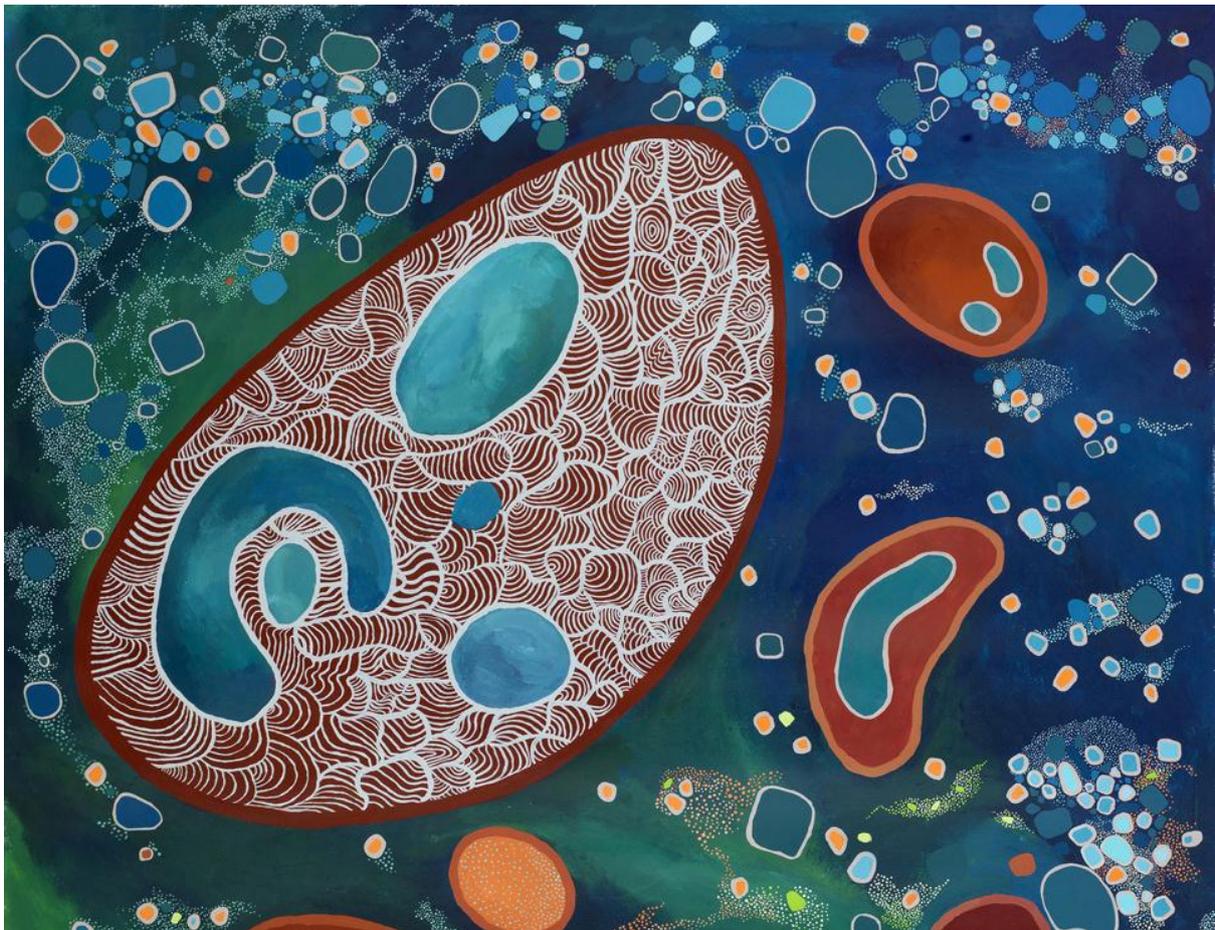


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The 'Munday Wall', Australia's largest Indigenous glass mural to be launched in Perth



'*Munday Swamp*' (detail) by artists Deborah Bonar, Wendy Hayden and Joanna Robertson, has been reproduced on glass to create a spectacular street front mural. Photo: Tony Nathan

Gracing a bustling industrial stretch in Perth's High Wycombe, the *Munday Wall* is an enormous 8 x 9 metre mural featuring an Indigenous painting reproduced onto glass.

On 8 February 2012, a host of arts, design, media and architecture officials will gather for the unveiling of this spectacular glass artwork and Australian first.

The *Munday Wall* is the brainchild of glass company Cooling Brothers, who commissioned artists from Kidogo Arthouse to create a work which would embellish the exterior of their building and showcase their ImagInk ceramic printed glass technology.

"The project was undertaken as something of a collaborative case study, focusing on and deconstructing each stage of our ImagInk process, with the end result showcasing the possibilities of what can be achieved when you combine a stunning piece of art with ceramic printed glass," Cooling Brothers design consultant Will Main explained.

“Working to a size of 8 x 9 metres is a challenge in itself, however by bringing an artist into the mix we are able to work closely together throughout the project to overcome such challenges, and push this exciting new medium as far as we can to create a truly unique and inspirational piece of art.”

“We are extremely happy to be able support local artists by creating an opportunity to produce a lasting artwork printed using our ImagInk technology. From a visual perspective, Abernethy Road is bland and uninspiring, so we are very much looking forward to bringing a bit of colour and movement to an otherwise industrial landscape.” he continued.

Cooling Brothers selected the Kidogo artist trio, comprised of Deborah Bonar, Wendy Hayden and Joanna Robertson, from a high standard of artist entries coordinated by Artsource, Western



The custom built 8 x 9 metre glass façade at Cooling Brothers' High Wycombe premises where *Munday Swamp* will be showcased

Australia's peak visual arts body which acts as a conduit to income earning opportunities.

Home to two galleries and an art school, Kidogo Arthouse is a vibrant Indigenous arts hub located at the water's edge at Bathers Beach in Fremantle, Western Australia.

“As an artist group, we like to strongly link our public art practice to Aboriginal history and land use and the significance of a particular area to the local Aboriginal owners,” Deborah Bonar explained.

“We were inspired by the history of the area where Cooling Brothers is presently located. The Munday Swamp wetlands were a rich source

of food and material resources for Munday's people, the Beeloo Clan. They hunted and camped there, made tools, weapons and ceremonial items, looked after their land and their Dreamings.”

“We want the artwork and its story to educate the viewer about Munday, the Beeloo Clan and their land. The artwork will be quite a prominent feature on the building, and hopefully this will prompt people to ask questions about it and learn the story behind the painting,” Deborah said.

The artwork was printed using ImagInk, Cooling Brothers' digital ceramic printing process, which uses inorganic pigments to create a printed image that is 100% UV stable, making it perfect to withstand a harsh Western Australian summer. The glass was installed by Cooling Brothers' glazing division using cranes and sucker units, and will be lit at night with high powered halogen spot lights.

The *Munday Wall* will be unveiled on 8 February 2012, see the enclosed invitation for full details.

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