

Stories FROM Wonnarua Country



Maitland, Maitland
Regional Art Gallery and
surrounding areas are part
of Wonnarua Country.
Draw or write about being
on Wonnarua Country today.

I am on Wonnarua Country today

Living and breathing the country my ancestors walked is special to me. It strengthens my pride in my First Nations' ancestry and without fail, reminds me what is important — unwavering links to culture. Ancestral connection to where I live and acknowledging it aloud without fear is something generations of my family could not do. They adapted to survive. The sacrifice of their cultural identity lives within the splattering of sacred sites throughout the Hunter Valley, longing to not be forgotten. I feel grounded in the knowledge still existing in the landscape, in the stories still told and the songlines still travelled.

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With thanks to Elise Tonnet.



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