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### **Discover *The Evolution of the Barba Women and Desert Flower – Polish Factor!* in Bibi Barba’s Stunning New Exhibition**

The Parliament of New South Wales is proud to present *The Evolution of the Barba Women and Desert Flower – Polish Factor!*, an exhibition by acclaimed Aboriginal artist Bibi Barba, on display on the Reconciliation Wall from 2 September to 30 October 2025.

Bibi Barba is a proud saltwater woman of Darumbal, Darkinjung, Cammeraygal, Gadigal and Yuin heritage. With an artistic career spanning more than 40 years, she has gained international recognition for her distinctive ‘Desert Flowers’ motif - abstract, flowing petals inspired by the stories of her grandmother.

The reference to “Polish Factor” acknowledges a significant chapter in Bibi's journey, when she discovered her Desert Flowers had been replicated without permission throughout a hotel in Poland. Bibi's legal battle to reclaim authorship and rights was captured in the documentary *Stolen in Poland*, bringing global attention to the misappropriation of Aboriginal art and highlighting the need for stronger protection of Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property.

Bibi Barba shared her excitement to be exhibiting at NSW Parliament House: “I’m thrilled to be exhibiting at the Parliament of New South Wales. This exhibition celebrates the resilience of the Barba women, and my Desert Flowers carry our stories forward while reminding us of the importance of protecting Aboriginal culture and creativity”.

The Hon Ben Franklin MLC, President of the NSW Legislative Council, said: “Bibi Barba’s work is powerful and profound, and we are honoured to host her exhibition at NSW Parliament. It’s a celebration of culture and a reminder of the need to protect Indigenous art”.

**See *The Evolution of the Barba Women and Desert Flower – Polish Factor!* between 9am and 5pm at the Parliament of New South Wales (6 Macquarie Street, Sydney) from 2 September to 30 October 2025. Entry is free.**

For more information about the exhibition visit: [Bibi Barba](#)

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