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Standing at the Heart of Seven Generations: An Exhibition Exploring Identity, Culture and Place

Discover the world of Wagga Wagga artist Juanita McLauchlan in her new exhibition, *Standing at the Heart of Seven Generations*. This impressive showcase, running from April 3 to 29, 2024, echoes the essence of the past while resonating profoundly with the present.

Juanita McLauchlan is a Gamilaraay woman living on Wiradjuri country Wagga Wagga. Drawing inspiration from her Aboriginal heritage, McLauchlan's exhibition offers a poignant reflection on the significance of lineage and the enduring legacy passed down through generations.

Through her masterful use of different mediums including collagraph and woodcut prints, soft sculpture, and woollen blankets, McLauchlan intricately weaves together stories, symbols, and traditions, inviting viewers on a journey of cultural discovery and introspection.

The exhibition's title, *Standing at the Heart of Seven Generations* holds a deep significance, serving as a reminder of the responsibility to honour the past, embrace the present, and pave the way for future generations.

"My work helps me to explore my identity, in my community and in my family," said Juanita. "Everything I make is based in the understanding that my history, inheritances, loves and relationships are shaped by Country and by family circumstance".

Member for Wagga Wagga Dr. Joe McGirr is hosting the exhibition at Parliament House.

"I'm proud to be hosting Juanita's exhibition, bringing her work all the way from Wagga Wagga to NSW Parliament House. I encourage all who can to visit this show to experience Juanita's unique and intricate works which honour the richness of our past, the complexities of our present, and the aspirations for our future".

See *Standing at the Heart of Seven Generations* on weekdays between 9am and 5pm at NSW Parliament House (6 Macquarie Street, Sydney) until April 29 in the Fountain Court at NSW Parliament House. Entry is free.

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