Spinifex State College

Peacock of the Lake

Our connection to Indigenous culture is reflected through our respect for Country, storytelling, and the deep relationship between people, place and community. As a wearable art piece from Mount Isa, *Peacock of the Lake* explores how stories, nature and culture come together to create a sense of belonging.

Peacock of the Lake captures the spirit of the peacock and its unexpected place within the story and identity of Mount Isa. An introduced bird to Kalkatungu Country, the peacock has adapted to our harsh, dry landscape and made its home around the lake. Its vibrant presence contrasts with the red earth, dust, heat and vast skies of the outback. Over time, this unlikely bird has become a familiar and much-loved part of the Mount Isa landscape and community.

Inspired by the peacock's magnificent feathers, we designed and created this dress to express its beauty through colour, movement and texture. Deep blues, rich greens, shimmering fabrics and touches of gold reflect the vibrancy of its plumage. Flowing fabric evokes the movement of its tail, while carefully placed feathers and intricate embellishments recreate the distinctive "eyes" that catch and reflect the light.

Peacock of the Lake brings together creativity, craftsmanship and storytelling to explore adaptation, memory, place and belonging. It celebrates the contrast between the ruggedness of the outback and the unexpected beauty that has found a home within it.

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Wire, Peacock Feathers, Silk Fabric, pipe cleaners, gold balls and gems