

Dameion Kennedy

## Artist Statement

Dameion Kennedy - Traditional Paarkinti (Barkindji) - Darling River People.

I have been making aboriginal artefacts since I was 17 years old. Ranging from handmade burl bowls, Didgeridoos, tapsticks, spears, etc.

Being a traditional aboriginal man, I enjoy making my artefacts as it is my way of still connecting with the land. My ancestors have been doing this for thousands of years, and although times have changed from then to now, I feel being able to provide work is a gift and a talent that relaxes me. Whilst making artefacts this allows me to take the time to think of my ancestors and how they made and done their trading many years ago to provide for their families.

My handmade bowls are made from a parasite that forms as lumps on the sides of the big old River Red-Gums. By removing these it actually helps the trees as it heals back over. All the bowls are different, there are no two bowls the same so in purchasing one of these bowls you can be guaranteed a one of a kind.

These bowls come from trees that are hundreds of years old, and for that reason they are precious as they have seen and heard many stories from my people.