

# Brandon Butler

(GABA ART)

**Born:** 06/02/1990

**Region:** Central Queensland

I Brandon Butler born and currently based in Rockhampton, Central Queensland, Australia. I am a proud Aboriginal and South Sea Islander man. My Cultural Background includes Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, Gunggarri, Gangulu, Iman, 1st Nation Australian and South Sea Islander (Tanna Island, Vanuatu).



## *“Hydrogen Central”*

*Digital Artwork*

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This artwork is a representation and acknowledgement to the traditional custodians of the Gladstone region. The artwork displays the strong connections to country, energy, water, wind and sun. The artwork “Hydrogen Central” displays the process of how a fuel cell uses the energy of hydrogen to produce electricity.

The artwork has been done predominately with shades of blue to represent water. Water provides life to all and is culturally significant to all aspects of life. The use of water can be used in many ways, one being the production of energy. Which is the focal point of this artwork displayed by the water drop in the centre of the piece. Within the water drop the green segment displays the symbol of kinship. This is my interpretation of Hydrogen Central fostering strong and meaningful relationships with First Nation communities within the Gladstone region. The top part of the water drop represents the waterways within the Gladstone region. The four U shapes to the left of the water drop display the four traditional landowner groups: Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Bailai and Taribelang Bunda.

The three circles coming off the right side of the water drop each depict a different element. The top circle is a symbolic representation of wind, the middle circle is a symbolic representation of sun, and the bottom circle is a symbolic representation of water. The orange symbol is a further extension of kinship to support ongoing research and development, encouraging collaboration between industry, university and the community.

The dot formation flowing down the left side of the artwork further displays the significance of water through the symbol of running water ways. The crosshatching beside the flowing waterways symbolises strength and unity. This demonstrates the significance of all working collaboratively to reach optimal performance.

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