



**BOWARRING MENTOR PROGRAM
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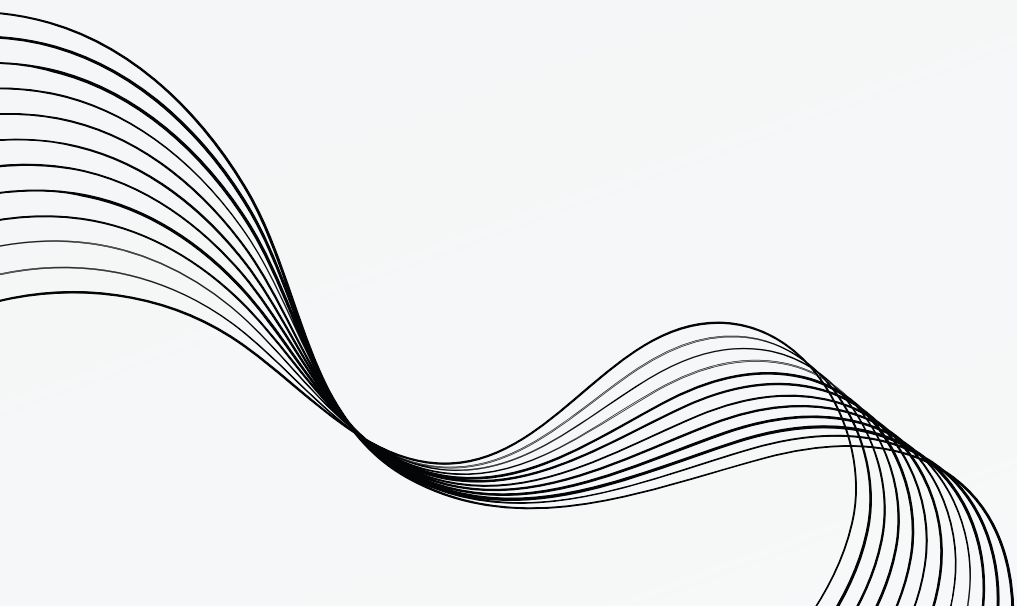


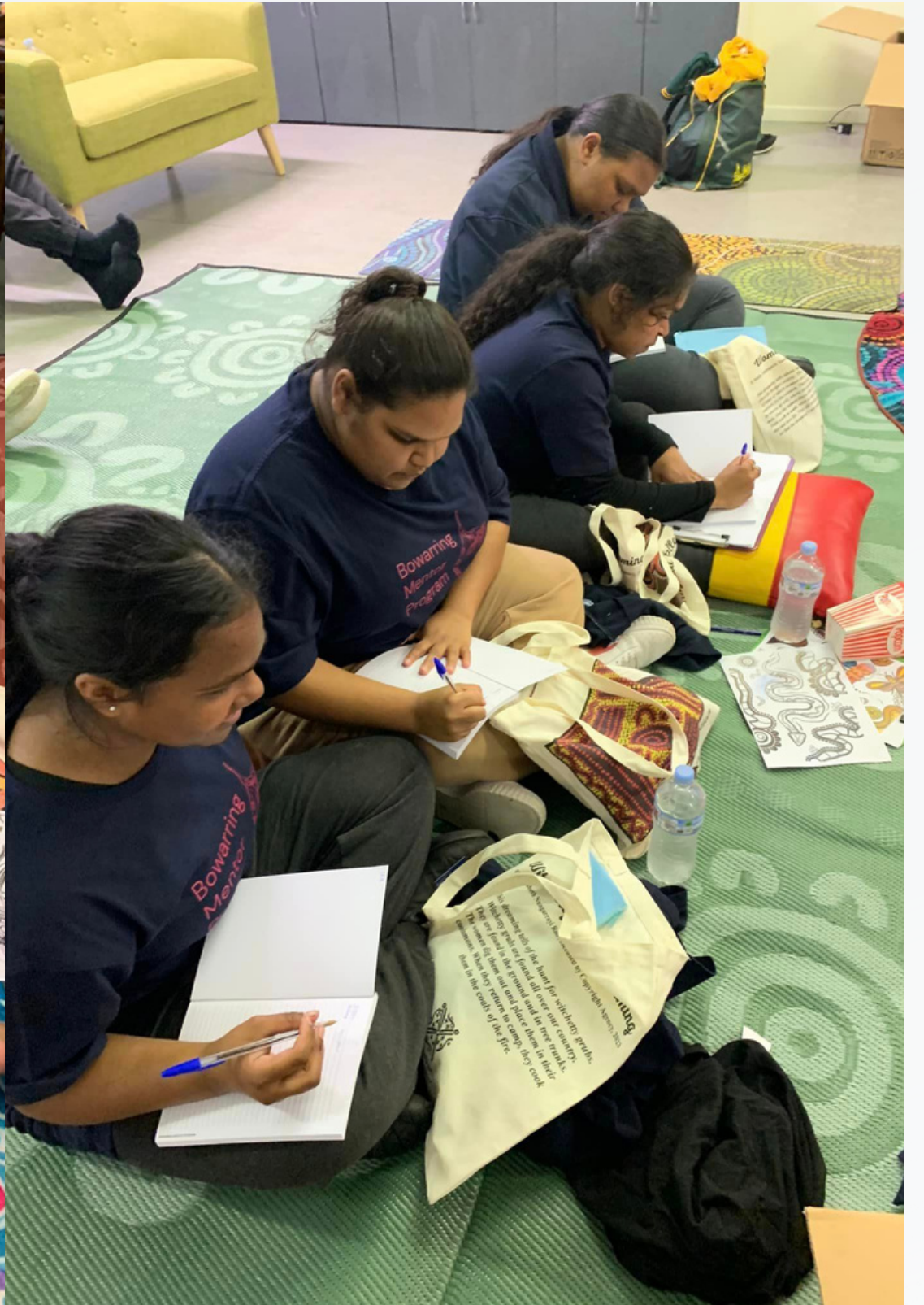
The Bowarring Mentor Program was for the kids to have somewhere they feel safe, to be themselves and express their feelings, while also building on their confidence, connection and culture.

Some of the activities included:

- Yarning Sessions with Elders
- Storytelling
- Weaving Workshop
- Painting
- Dhungala Paddle Steamer Excursion

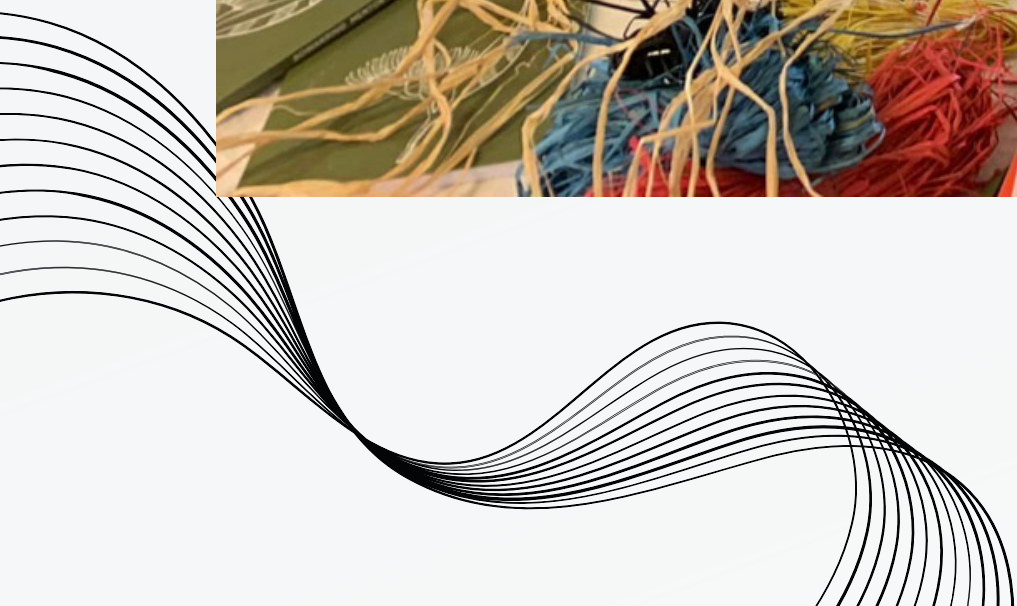






At the weaving workshop we had the pleasure of having Aunty Niecey and Tanya Flower showing the children their weaving skills and stories. Aunty Niecey brought in many beautiful baskets to show the kids, but one of them was a very special weaved basket that has been passed down to her that is over 100 years old. The group were very honoured to be able to see it and for the kids to see something that has been a part of our culture over many generations. Tanya also showed the kids the work she's done and the weaving techniques that she has been shown from her country in FNQ and how special weaving is to her too.







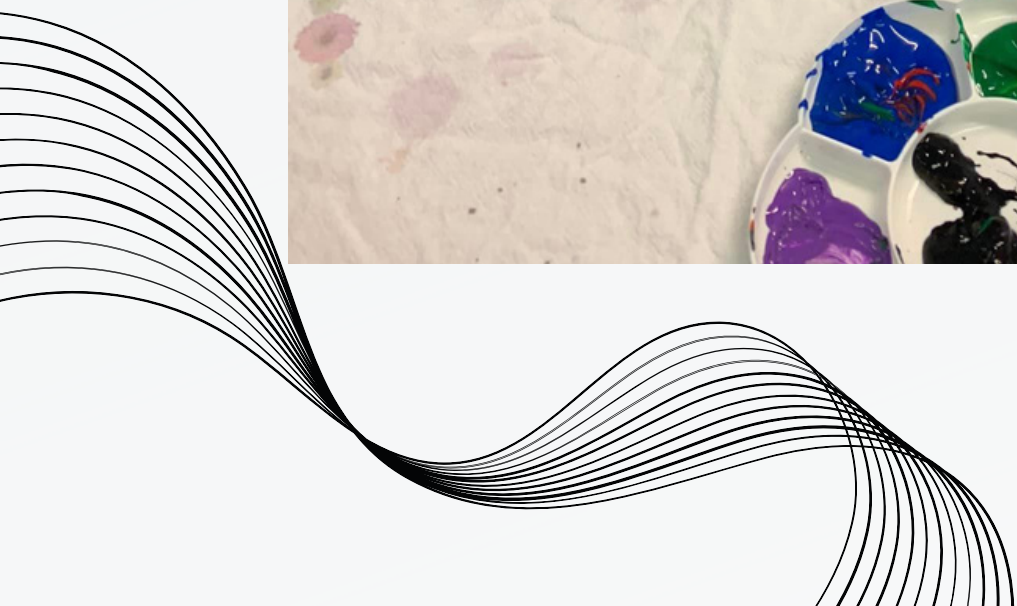
We had the very talented Kevin Williams, a proud Waradjuri man, come and speak to the kids about his Art and about the stories and meanings behind some of his paintings that he brought in to show the kids.

He spoke about how art can tell a story and encouraged the kids to explore their creative talents and put them on their canvases.

The kids all produced amazing pieces of work and put so much thought into what they were going to paint.







The Bowarring Mentor Program went on an excursion with 23 kids on the PS Canberra Paddle Steamer and the kids loved it. They all got boat hats and wore them for the whole ride.

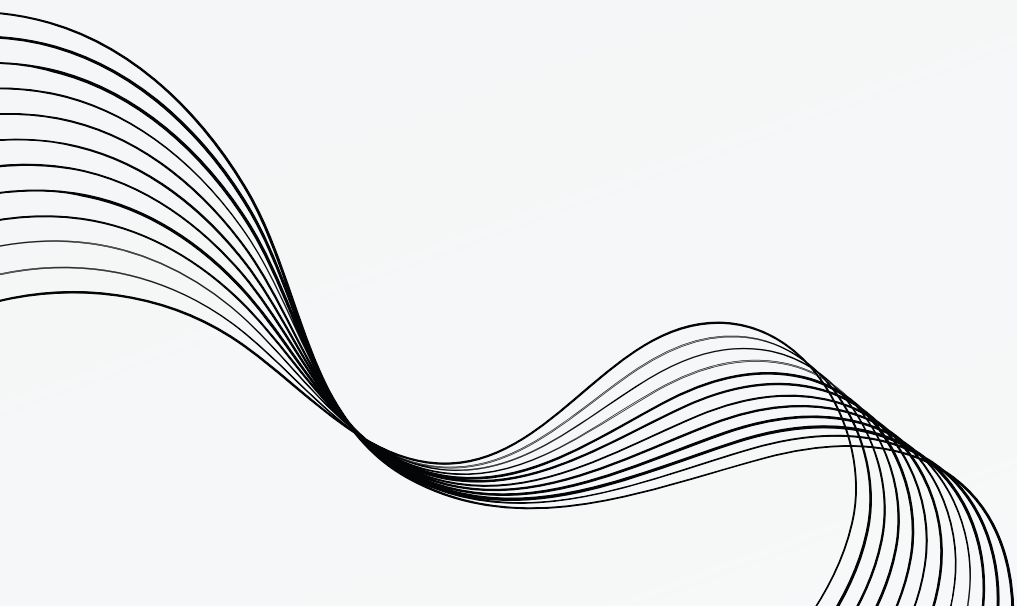
It started with morning tea in the park before boarding the boat. For some of the kids this was their first time on a Paddle Steamer. They asked the boat crew lots of questions while watching them fuel the boat.

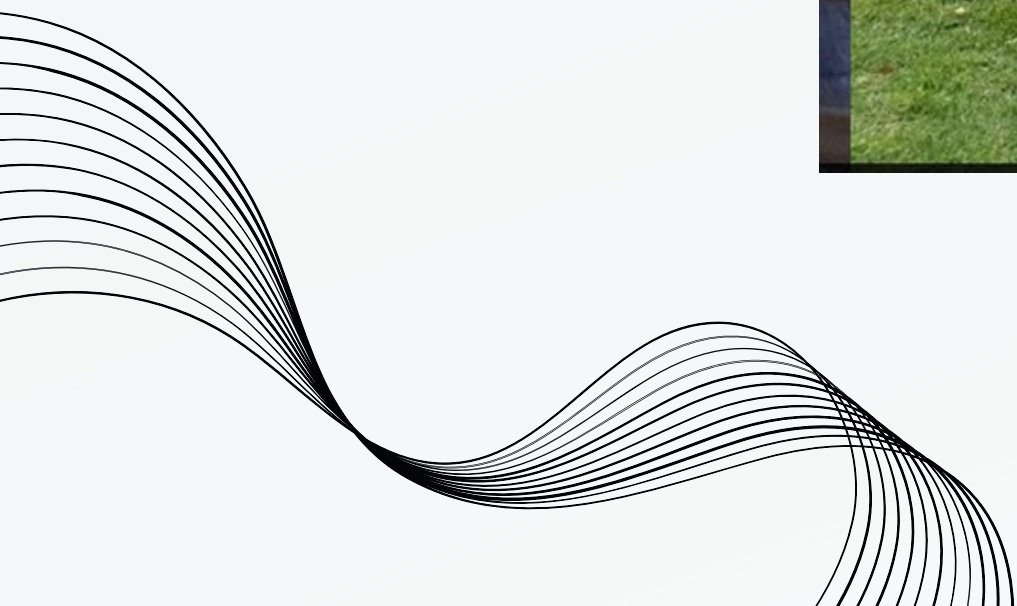
The staff [@murrayriverps](https://www.facebook.com/murrayriverps) were all so great and answered all the kids questions and encouraged them all to come back again.

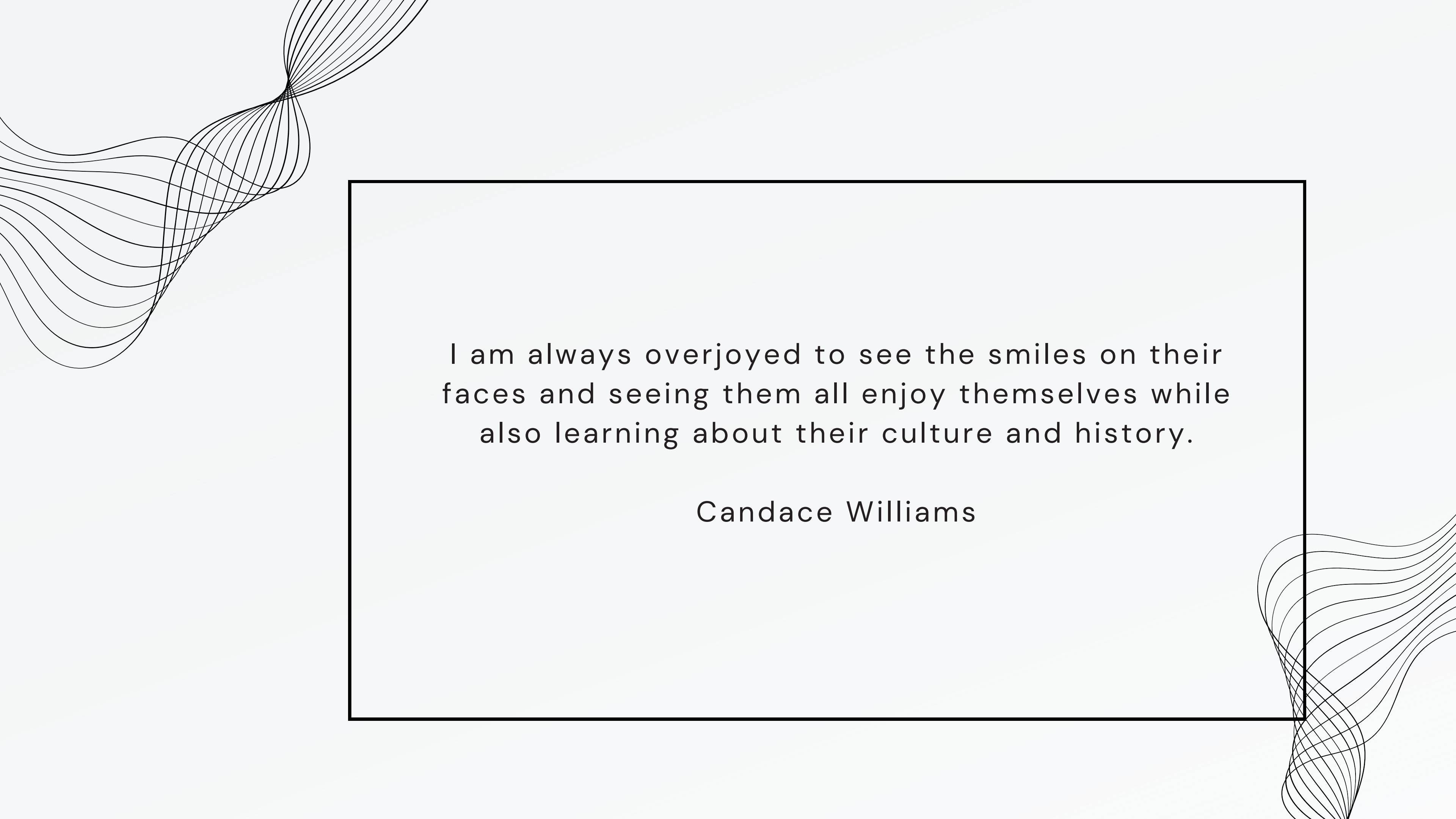


Bowarring Mentor Program will be having a special session for our Program this week as we travel up the Dhungala on the Canberra Paddle Steamer followed by lunch in the park. Very excited

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I am always overjoyed to see the smiles on their faces and seeing them all enjoy themselves while also learning about their culture and history.

Candace Williams

