



**Title: "The Giant Rainbow Serpent" by Susan Cook**  
The Giant Rainbow Serpent cannot run but they say that he formed all the mountains, creeks and rivers that we can swim, fish and play in. Next time you see a mountain range if you look hard, you can see where the Rainbow Serpent has been. This painting shows the Rainbow Serpent and the mountain that it has created with the symbols of water and waterholes at the bottom.



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# NAIDOC WEEK

**3-10 JULY 2022** #NAIDOC2022



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## 2022 NAIDOC WEEK COLOURING IN COMPETITION

### ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Susan Cook is a proud elder and Aboriginal Artist from the Iman Tribe. As an Aboriginal descendant, Susan is very close to the earth and the animals on it. "I like to draw my animals with bright colours and happy faces because even though they all look so different they are all friends together and each animal has something good to teach all the other animals and us. As an Aborigine we believe that all people, all animals and all things on this earth are here to help one another'.

Susan is a descendant of Mary Ann, (mother of Maggie Dunn), who is recognised as one of the traditional caretakers in the Taroom area. Susan and her husband moved to Taroom in December 2019, now living in their home on the same hill, Bonners Knobb, where her tribe would often camp and within a few kilometres of the Ah See Lagoon, off the Dawson river, so-named after her Great Grandfather and Great Grandmother who raised their family there and fed the Taroom locals from their market gardens that they had there. It is here in Taroom where Susan gets much of her Spiritual and Artistic inspiration.

Susan says that she does not so much "do" a painting but rather she thinks about her ancestors and their lives and the painting "emerges". Susan painstakingly completes her indigenous art using a stick and thickened acrylic paint, producing an interesting layered painting that tends to "pop out".

Susan will be exhibiting her work at "The NAIDOC Star of Taroom" event to be held at the Taroom Showgrounds on Saturday 23 July 2022.

### CATEGORIES:

- Prep to Grade 2 – "The Giant Rainbow Serpent" by Susan Cook
- Grades 3 to 6 – "The Kangaroos" by Susan Cook

### DATES:

- Friday 24 June - Entries close @ 5pm
- Monday 4 July - Winners announced via Council's website, Facebook page and an email to schools

### ENTRY SUBMISSION:

In person –

- At any of Council's Libraries or Customer Service Centres

Post –

- PO Box 412 Biloela QLD 4715

*NB: all entries will be returned to schools to distribute back to entrants*

### CONDITIONS:

- One entry only per person.
- Judges decisions are final. No further correspondence will be entered into. Pieces will be judged on originality and creativity.
- Entering in the competition automatically declares your approval for entrants artwork, name, grade, school and photograph to be used by the Banana Shire Council for promotional purposes such as in the FOCUS magazine, on Council's website and social media platforms for tourism and other promotional purposes. If you do not wish to provide consent please indicate below. Entries without consent are still eligible for prizes.

### ENQUIRIES:

Banana Shire Council – (07) 4992 9500 - [enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au)

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