



2023 INDIGENOUS JERSEY DESIGN COMPETITION

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Dragons Reconciliation Action Plan committee, players and staff would like to invite artists from within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to become a key part of the 2023 Indigenous Round celebrations by submitting a painting design for consideration to be incorporated with the 2023 Dragons Indigenous Jersey and associated supporter's merchandise.

DESIGN BRIEF

The Dragons are committed to reconciliation and genuine truth telling. We feel there is a lot of blurring on Aboriginal history around early contact. By and large, perceived in text, throughout history, Aboriginal Peoples were passive, weak and accommodating. There is very little in European text that shows the truth about the Aboriginal warrior and the battles that ensued for the protection of their lands and kin.

One of the more notable and famous skirmishes in this area occurred around the Saltpan Creek region during the early-1800's. Settlers and Aboriginals lived in relative harmony here and along other stretches of the Georges River. There were occasional squabbles, mainly around the use of boundary lines which Aboriginal People did not recognise. It was not part of their culture to own land. They were caretakers of land. This would escalate and lead to, in response, garrisons launched with many soldiers and guns.

One of the most revered encounters occurred when supreme warrior Pemulwuy bought the Dharawal and Bidjigal people together to push back the enormous resistance. Using superior bushcraft with their knowledge of landscape and country, the Dharawal and Bidjigal, under the leadership of Pemulwuy, easily accounted for the European troops. In fact, none were left alive!

Such battles occurred frequently in coastal NSW, Victoria and Queensland but is rarely told.

We would like this year's design to reflect this truth telling account of Bidjigal and Dharawal Peoples battles lead by Pemulwuy. Your design need not be graphic but symbolic in telling about all involved in this epic battle.

Artist to provide brief background on the design. It would be expected that a storyline would accompany the artwork which clearly explains all aspects of the design. This would encapsulate the Dragons spirit, it's commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and ideally grounded in Country.

- Design must be authentic, an original work of the artist submitting the design.
- Artist must be aged 16 or over.
- Entry is limited to one design per artist.





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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Design base colour for the painting must be able to be applied to a black jersey.
- Artist may also supply examples of the design applied onto a jersey.

PROCESS OF SELECTION

- Representatives from Dragons Reconciliation Action Plan committee, playing squad and staff, will review ALL submissions and select the winning design based on relevance to the design brief.

TERMS OF SUBMISSION

All artwork submissions submitted by **TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2022**

- Download the Entry Form
- Entry form must be either emailed to Dragons Community or supplied with design (in person or post)
- Final artwork, if emailed **MUST** be supplied in high resolution pdf or eps file and supplied in a ready to use format





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HOW TO ENTER

Please return your completed entry to St George Illawarra Dragons Community team:

In person: Dragons Office, Steelers Club, Level 1 Burelli St Wollongong NSW 2500

Post: St George Illawarra Dragons PO BOX 900 Wollongong NSW 2500

email: abezzina@dragons.com.au

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

TOWN/SUBURB _____ STATE _____ POSTCODE _____

I AM ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER BOTH

ARTWORK TITLE _____

ATTACHED DESCRIPTION AND MEANING OF YOUR ARTWORK

I AGREE TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS BELOW

- Successful artist/s will receive \$3,000, a collector's edition 2023 Indigenous Jersey signed and framed, an unframed 2023 Indigenous Jersey. In addition, the successful artist will be involved in the indigenous round coin toss*(1).

- The successful artist/s acknowledges and agrees that the winning design will be used across selected products and the artwork may need to be modified for application purpose.

- Submissions will be accepted from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

*(1) Coin Toss will be subject to STGI Dragons having a home game for NRL in Indigenous Round 2023





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CONSENT FORM: ARTIST UNDER 18

i, _____, parent/guardian of _____ hereby give my permission for _____ my son/daughter/ward, born DOB _____ to submit an entry into the St George Illawarra Dragons 2023 Indigenous Jersey design competition. I will accept and abide all Terms and Conditions of the 2023 competition on their behalf

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN/SUBURB _____ STATE _____ POSTCODE _____

I AGREE TO THE ACCOMPANYING TERMS AND CONDITIONS PROVIDED

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

