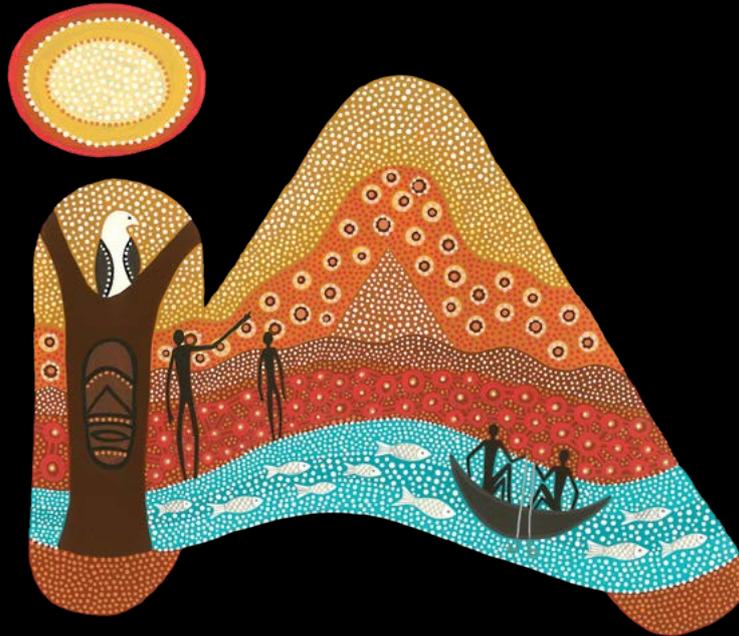


The University of Wollongong is driving change that is locally relevant but with global impact. We are developing research partnerships and collaborations with business and industry to help create the technologies, communities and jobs of tomorrow.

The University of Wollongong's **iAccelerate Centre** — a purpose-built business accelerator and incubator is a key component to the region's innovation ecosystem — facilitating rapid acceleration of new businesses and attracting other businesses to the region. It will give entrepreneurs the chance to see the world as their marketplace while making their home here.



The Artwork

Aboriginal Songlines are essentially knowledge networks that enable the communication of ideas to flow back and forth between two or more locations. The artwork is a visual cue for sharing knowledge with the communities involved in iAccelerate.

iA - The "i" represents the individual. Connected to the community, represented by the "A".

The Sun - Is the mother and giver of all life, it is an important symbol of knowledge & power in Aboriginal dreaming.

The Sacred Network of Mountains - Starting from Geera, also known as Mt Keira. This network spreads all the way along down the south coast and into the highlands from east to west. We are all connected, all us mob are connected up and down the coast, through bloodlines and kinship. The country actually is what makes us all similar because we live between the mountains and the sea.

The Sacred Tree - Was something the Artist had seen on her Grandmothers Country, near the snowy mountains

and is very similar to what is painted here. The sacred tree was a map, when you look at the tree and then look at the landscape, it shows you which way to go through the landscape. On the shield it has a picture of the mountain, a river and a canoe. Indicating you need a canoe to cross the river, towards the mountain. Next to the tree, there is an Elder man pointing towards the mountain, showing the younger man which way to travel.

The White-bellied Sea Eagle - Is a significant animal for coastal communities. The eagle is called Meriga in dreaming stories from Moruya on the south coast. The eagle represents different things, here we are people that live on the land, we rely on Country to feed us but we also have to keep a balance with all other creatures and we have spiritual beliefs that our ancestors are represented through animals and they look after us and guide us.