

Our Reconciliation Commitment

Darkon acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia and recognises their continuing connection to Country, culture, community, land and waters.

As an Australian designer and manufacturer, we believe reconciliation is strengthened through respectful relationships, genuine collaboration and practical action.

Nungurner Private Residence, Victoria

Nungurner: a collaboration in light

At a private residence in Nungurner, Victoria, designer **Dean Phillips** collaborated with Northern Territory Aboriginal weaver and artist **Freida Pettersson** of Kakadu's Murumburr clan to create a unique feature chandelier.

The chandelier incorporates handmade shades created from inverted baskets woven using traditional techniques. Pandanus leaves were collected, prepared and coloured with natural materials, including tree roots, berries and seeds gathered from Freida's homelands in Kakadu.

The completed work brings together traditional cultural knowledge, contemporary lighting design and Australian manufacturing.

Its form reflects elements of the Kakadu landscape, including lightning over the Arnhem Land escarpment, water flowing from the escarpments and dry-season walking tracks.

A collaboration of culture, creativity and Country



Freida Pettersson

Aboriginal weaver and artist
Murumburr clan, Kakadu NT

Freida is a talented weaver whose work carries the knowledge, stories and cultural practices of her Country. The pandanus for this project was collected and prepared on Country using traditional methods passed down through generations.



Dean Phillips

CEO
Darkon

Dean's design brings together cultural story, materiality and light. His collaboration with Freida celebrates the beauty of Country through contemporary design and respectful partnership.

Our commitment in action



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

We build and nurture respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, designers, businesses and communities.



CULTURAL INTEGRITY

We ensure cultural stories, knowledge, designs and artwork are used with consultation, permission and appropriate attribution.



RECOGNITION

We recognise and promote the people behind collaborative works and celebrate their knowledge, creativity and contribution.



AWARENESS

We increase cultural awareness and understanding across our business through learning and engagement.



OPPORTUNITIES

We identify further opportunities for meaningful collaboration and procurement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and suppliers.



CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

We review our actions regularly and look for practical ways to strengthen our contribution to reconciliation.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey.

Through the way we design, manufacture, procure, employ and build relationships, Darkon will continue to listen, learn and take practical action toward a more inclusive and reconciled Australia.